



Donahue To Speak To LABI Members Wednesday

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State Sen. Jack Donahue (R-11) will participate in a panel discussion of the state's financial situation Wednesday at the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI).

Donahue, who spearheaded the creation of the Louisiana Streamlining Commission and chaired the panel last year, will join Rep. Jim Fannin, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and Paul Rainwater, commissioner of the Division of Administration. The three will speak to the LABI membership from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Jan. 12, at the Crowne Plaza on Constitution Avenue in Baton Rouge.

“With an anticipated \$1.6 billion shortfall in the next budget, responsible management of taxpayer dollars has never been more important,” Donahue said. “The Legislature will face difficult decisions in the upcoming Session, and while we do not look forward to the impending budget crisis, I am hopeful that our state can move forward without devastating cuts to vital services.

“I know we can responsibly solve this problem with precise cuts and without raising taxes, but it will require a spirit of cooperation between legislators in both houses and between the Legislature's leaders and the Jindal Administration.”

Donahue, who had an 88 percent rating from LABI in 2010, has been a vocal advocate for streamlined and efficient state government.

