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HOUSE REPUBLICANS REFUSE FEDERAL MONEY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

TALLAHASSEE, FL --- State Representative Kevin J. G. Rader (D-Delray Beach) today presented an amendment that would have helped Florida obtain \$444 million in economic recovery stimulus money for the state's Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

Florida House Republican leaders refused to hear the amendment.

"Had this amendment been given a fair hearing, and had it been adopted, it would have saved Florida's businesses approximately \$105-million in unemployment insurance payments next year and a similar amount in 2011," said Representative Rader.

"I'm dumbfounded that House Republicans have failed to bring this relief to the business community, as well as to the growing number of unemployed Floridians," said Representative Rader. "This would have provided a tremendous boost to our state's flagging economy.

"As a result of this purely partisan decision, Florida's business owners will have to be taxed in order to make up for these funds that Florida was clearly entitled to," said Representative Rader.

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