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Big 3's biggest booster: Kit Bond

But a partisan divide persists as Democrats toss the issue back to the White House.

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WASHINGTON • Missouri Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond is spearheading a last-ditch effort to provide emergency loans to the struggling auto industry by diverting \$25 billion approved earlier to promote fuel efficiency in American-made vehicles. But despite support from the White House, Bond's plan has failed to bridge a partisan

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Team Obama aims to jolt economy

message • "Not a minute to waste."
plan • Add 2.5 million jobs in 2 years.
STLtoday.com • Obama is expected to speak today on the deficit and budget cuts.

BY MICHAEL KRANISH • The Boston Globe

WASHINGTON • Sounding as though he were already assuming the reins of power 57 days from his inauguration, President-elect Barack Obama Monday introduced his top economic aides with a promise to use a massive stimulus program to "jolt" back on track the nation's foundering economy. Obama said he had instructed his new economic team to craft a

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