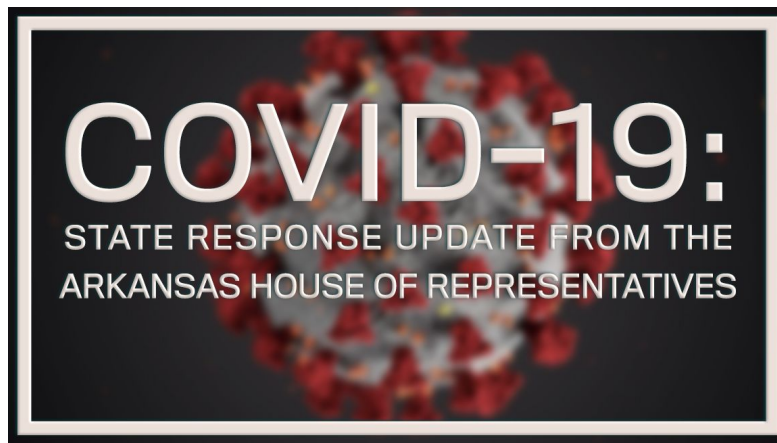




Arkansas House Newsletter

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Covid-19 Response Update for April 8, 2020

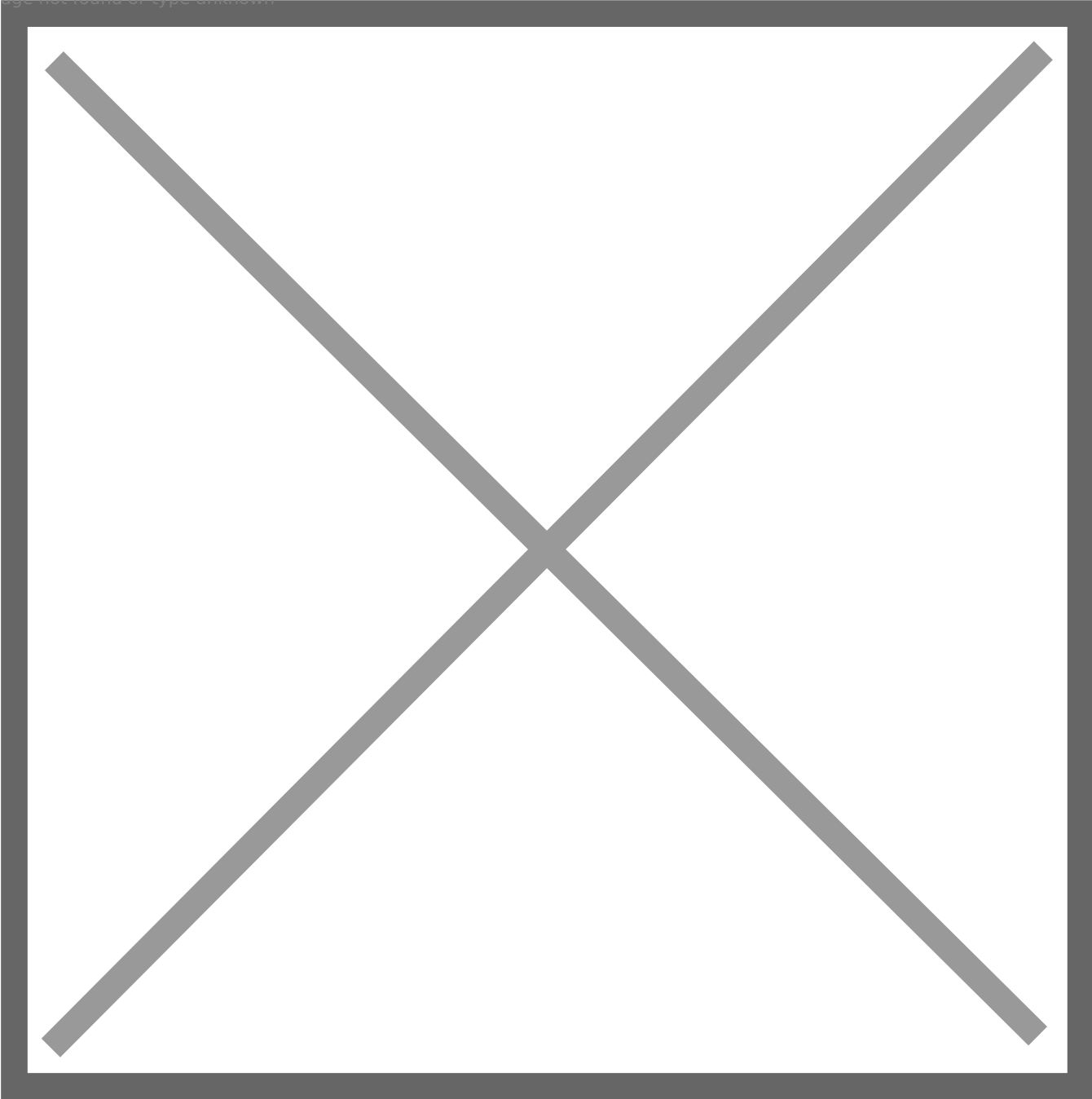


- The 2020 Fiscal Session began at noon today.
- As we did in the recent special session, the House met at the Jack Stephens Arena at UALR to provide enough space for social distancing.
- The House passed two resolutions allowing the introduction of the Revenue Stabilization Act.
- The Governor told the General Assembly our state's economy is not slowing down, but rather on pause out of necessity.
- Governor is asking to cut \$205 million from the balanced budget proposal presented before the pandemic.
- More than 110,000 unemployment applications in Arkansas have been processed.

- Economic Development Commission has distributed \$3M for short term bridge loans for small businesses. Governor is allocating another \$1M for the program from Quick Action Closing Fund.

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- Joint Budget Committee meets tomorrow at 9:30. The House convenes again on April 15.