

OMAHA, Neb. -- Rep. Lee Terry met with constituents on Saturday, hearing stories of frustration about the ongoing problems with the nation's economy.

Terry said his monthly "Coffee with Lee" meetings have become more popular recently, and many of the issues brought up have been money-related.

"Rather than hearing it over the TV, I wanted to hear it face-to-face," said constituent Jeanne Kulm. "(I wanted to) hear what he has to say and hear what other people are saying."

She was one of more than 50 people who came to Big Mama's Kitchen and Catering on Saturday to hear Terry's thoughts on the economy.

"I'm toward the ending years of my life, and I don't want to be the one that sits back and says, 'I'm almost done. I don't have to worry about it. Go ahead, spend it.' That's not what I'm thinking," Kulm said.

Mary Kay saleswoman Joann Floyd, 44, said she had similar worries while her husband goes through tough times.

"We've cut back quite a bit, actually," she said. "My husband actually lost his full-time job in January, so we've had to do some major cutbacks. We're trying to help our son with college, and we're also paying for a private high school education."

Terry said he learns a lot over a cup of coffee.

"People are worried. People want answers, and as you saw here, they were really looking for answers today," he said. "They just want to know what the heck are you guys really doing?"

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