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Reboletti Votes to Impeach Governor Blagojevich

Springfield ... For the first time in Illinois' history, the House of Representatives along with State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) voted to impeach a sitting Governor. The articles of impeachment will now be tried in the Senate where a 2/3 majority is needed to remove Democrat Governor Blagojevich from office.

"This is not a proud moment for the state of Illinois. Instead of the legislature working on solutions to high unemployment, a tumbling economy, home foreclosures and making sure that doctors and agencies who care for some of our most vulnerable citizens are paid in a timely fashion, we had to dedicate precious time and resources to investigate and impeach our Governor," said State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst). "After being charged by the US Attorney Fitzgerald, the Governor should have done the right thing and immediately resigned from office."

After the Governor was charged by US Attorney Fitzgerald, the House of Representatives formed a Special Investigative Committee, on which Rep. Reboletti served as an alternate and special counsel, has met since mid-December to thoroughly investigate and propose a comprehensive article of impeachment to the full House.

The committee investigated a long list of impeachable offenses including; the selling of President-elect Obama's Senate seat for personal gain, the Governor's abuse of power in trying to blackmail the Tribune company, the expansion of health care programs without legislative approval, the Governor's unethical hiring practices and his attempt to collect campaign contributions in return for state favors and contracts.

"I am hopeful that Senate will ensure a deliberate but efficient trial so that the state of Illinois can move past this sad chapter in its history and look towards solving the problems plaguing this state," said Rep. Reboletti.

Today's vote means the articles of impeachment will now be tried in the Senate where a vote for the Governor's removal from office is expected in the upcoming weeks.

Additional questions can be directed to Reboletti's office at (630) 530-2730.

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