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Reboletti Calls on House to Vote on Special Election for Senate Seat

Addison, IL ... Despite Governor Rod Blagojevich's recent appointment to fill President-elect Barack Obama's Senate seat, State Representative Dennis Reboletti is urging the General Assembly to pass legislation that would allow the voters to choose the next U.S. Senator.

"The people of Illinois deserve equal representation in the U.S. Senate and to have their voices heard on the choice for our next Senator. A special election is the only way to ensure that the position is not tainted by the Blagojevich scandal," said Reboletti.

Despite warnings from U.S. Senate leaders that they would not seat anyone appointed by Governor Blagojevich, he appointed Roland Burris Wednesday. Burris vowed he would fight any attempt to deny him the appointment and asked the Illinois Supreme Court to force Secretary of State Jesse White to certify his appointment.

Reboletti recently co-sponsored House Bill 6733 calling for a special election for Senator Obama's replacement. The legislation calls for a primary to be held in February and the General election to be held April. 7. The legislation would bring consistency as a special election is held for a replacement in the U.S. House.

The Illinois House of Representatives was called into session on Dec. 15 to vote on House Bill 6733, however, Speaker Michael Madigan refused to call the bill stating his caucus could not reach a consensus on the issue.

"Lawmakers were called into session to vote on special election, but the House Democrats flip-flopped on the issue so the vote was not taken. This inaction opened the door for Governor making this appointment," said Reboletti.

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