



## News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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### **Reboletti Calls Campaign Finance Bill a Hoax**

Springfield, IL ... During Veto Session, State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) voted against the Democrat-led campaign finance bill and condemned it as misleading to voters of Illinois.

“This measure is bogus! It does very little to change the political climate of Illinois that residents have rightfully grown to mistrust. Instead of limiting the power of Chicago party bosses, this legislation gives them even more power than they have today. If the Democrats really believed in reforms they would have capped everyone across the board, including themselves,” said Reboletti.

For months legislators and reform groups negotiated the plan that eventually passed the House 66-49. Reboletti joined his Republican colleagues and voted it citing numerous loopholes in the bill.

Senate Bill 1466, sponsored by Democrat Speaker Michael Madigan, includes campaign contribution caps for individuals, corporations, unions and political action committees. However, the bill does not limit contributions from a political party to a candidate, leaving parties and legislative leaders free to give unlimited campaign cash to candidates.

The bill only limits the cash flow between legislative leaders during the primary election, instead of the general election when hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent on a single race.

Reboletti also criticized the measure by calling it a “pretend bill” because the “reforms” won’t be implemented until the 2012 and sunset the next year.

The legislation also included reforms that Republicans fought for during the negotiations. The bill creates stricter reporting requirements for campaign contributions and expenditures. Disclosure reports would have to be filed four times a year and contributions of \$1,000 or more would have to be reported more quickly.

House Republicans filed an amendment to the legislation to make limits on party and caucus contributions apply not only for the primary election, but also for the general election. Democrat leaders objected the plan.

“If the Democrats wanted true campaign finance reform, they would have approved a measure that capped contributions across the board. Instead, they crafted a measure that looks good on paper but when you dissect it you see all of the loopholes that allow these party bosses to remain in control,” said Reboletti.

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