



News From
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Reboletti Blames Political Games for Budget Crisis

Springfield, IL ... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) blames Democrat political gamesmanship and the inability or unwillingness to govern for the lack of a state budget.

“In January the General Assembly impeached Governor Blagojevich. At the time we thought we had eliminated the problem and state government would improve, unfortunately we were wrong,” said Reboletti. “Instead human service providers are caught in the middle of a Democrat war.”

The legislature was called to Springfield this week to vote on an income tax increase. That bill was never called, however, the House approved legislation to allow Governor Quinn to issue a pension bond that would create roughly \$2.2 billion in revenue to help fill the state’s budget shortfall. Under the legislation, the state would sell a pension bond on behalf of the state public pension systems in order to make the full pension payment for Fiscal Year 2010 and generate \$2.2 billion in revenue. Unfortunately, the bill was defeated twice in the Senate.

“I do not believe this is a perfect solution, however, the bill would have allowed the state to use short-term borrowing at a low-interest rate to fully fund the state pension systems and prevent devastating cuts to human service providers without raising taxes,” he said.

Reboletti has personally expressed his concerns about raising the income tax to Governor Quinn.

“I do not think an income tax hike will solve all of the state’s financial problems. We need a comprehensive financial solution that does not balance the state’s budget on the backs of our most vulnerable. The governor currently has enough money to keep government running at current levels while we make necessary reforms,” said Reboletti.

Reboletti and the House Republican caucus support:

- Medicaid and pension reforms
- Prioritize and streamline spending
- Moratorium on new programs

- Stronger ethics reforms

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