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Coladipietro Suggests Common Sense to State's Budget Problems

Springfield ... "Common sense is one step to restoring fiscal discipline in this state," said State Representative Franco Coladipietro (R-Bloomington) after expressing his frustration that "pay-as-you-go" legislation was blocked by House Democrats for a vote.

House Bill 3189, otherwise known as "pay-as-you-go" legislation, would require that any new spending or new program be offset with either budget cuts or a tax increase to offset the new spending.

"With the state facing a \$13 billion budget deficit, we desperately need some type of reform to the current budget process," said Rep. Coladipietro. "This legislation was one simple but effective tool to stop the state's irresponsible and out of control spending. If you want a new program or increased spending for an existing one, you have to find a way to pay for it."

Rep. Coladipietro along with his House Republican colleagues today called on Speaker Madigan and the House Democrats to release House Bill 3189 from the Rules Committee to the floor for a vote. They were blocked on their attempt.

"The state can't keep spending money it doesn't have," said Rep. Coladipietro. "I am hopeful that the House Democrats will work with us to restore fiscal discipline to this state."

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