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**Illinois House Sends Message to Governor on Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)**

**Springfield ...** The House, today, sent an overwhelming message to Governor Blagojevich that lawmakers will not allow the Governor to balance his budget on the backs of the working class citizens of Illinois. HR 402 sponsored by House Speaker Michael Madigan (Democrat) and House Minority Leader Tom Cross (Republican) is a non-binding resolution asking members if they support or oppose the Governor's proposed gross receipts tax.

State Representative Franco Coladipietro (Bloomington) stated that HR 402 received **0** votes in support of the Governor's proposed gross receipts tax.

"This is not a partisan issue. The vote today showed that both Democrats and Republicans realize that the gross receipts tax is bad for business, bad for our families, and bad for the economy of this great state," Coladipietro said. "Lawmakers in Illinois are waiting for Governor Blagojevich to come to the table to find a sensible solution to solving problems in this state including funding for education and meeting our current financial obligations."

HR 402 was in response to a Committee of the Whole meeting held yesterday on the gross receipts tax (GRT). Representatives from the business, education, and labor communities joined with economists and policy analysts to provide testimony and take questions from House members.

"Even after 8 hours of testimony in support and opposition to this legislation, the Governor could not convince this legislative body how the largest tax increase this state has ever seen would benefit our constituents," Coladipietro said.

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