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**Two Minute Budget Passes the House**

*Rep. Coladipietro Votes NO Against Budget that Burdens Future Generations*

**Springfield** ... Today, the House passed a 2000 page budget where legislators were only given **TWO** minutes to ask questions of the Democrat House sponsor. "Most people can probably brush their teeth in two minutes but how many people do you know can thoroughly discuss and ask questions about even one important issue in a 2000 page, multi-billion dollar budget in **TWO** minutes," said Rep. Coladipietro. "If you want to know what is wrong with the process in Springfield this is a good example. It is absolutely amazing that we have been in session for close to **FIVE** months and our budget experts only get **TWO** minutes worth of time to clarify the complex issues in a 2000 page, multi-billion dollar budget. We should have unlimited time to debate a budget bill of this importance. Considering the fact that the Governor and Democrat leadership have had no substantive meetings regarding the budget in the past five months they might consider just a little more time to explore our ideas and proposals on ways to fix this budget mess. The troublesome part is that they are in such a rush just to get something done and go home as opposed to working on ideas to get us out of our financial mess and to put Illinois on a path towards job growth and recovery."

Rep. Coladipietro added that the Democrat budget which passed would do nothing to solve the current \$13 billion deficit and would allow Governor Quinn to delay payment to vendors for months, steal billions from special purpose funds and give Governor Quinn unprecedented broad emergency budget power.

"I can't really list everything that's inside the 2000 page budget because I, along with staff, am still reviewing it. The question is what is hidden in the budget that Democrat leaders don't want the residents to know," said Rep. Coladipietro. "If you want to know what's wrong with Springfield, the lack of transparency in the budget process is one major piece."

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