



News from
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House Keeps Government Operating for an Additional 30 Days

Springfield ... With a government shut down rapidly approaching, legislative leaders came to an agreement on a 30 day emergency budget. State Representative Franco Coladipietro (R-Bloomington) stated that this temporary budget would keep state services operating at FY07 levels. In addition, the House Republicans were able to score a major victory in suspending \$77 million for pork projects that the Democrat leadership wanted.

“I’m pleased to see that some agreement was reached to ensure that residents will have access to vital state services and employees will still receive their paycheck,” Coladipietro said. “However, we still have a lot of work in front of us to produce a fiscally responsible budget for the remainder of the year. I can’t say this enough - Governor Blagojevich and the Democrat leadership in this state need to step up to the plate and show real leadership.”

Rep. Coladipietro stated that the state legislature has until July 1st to pass a budget before state services cease. The legislature has been in session since January and the Governor has met with the Senate President and Speaker only a handful of times before the end of session which was May 31st. The Republican leaders from both the House and Senate were not invited to the initial meetings.

The overtime session meetings have included Republican leaders from the Senate and House. However, the Governor has wasted time in these meetings on other topics such as TIF districts

“Governor Blagojevich and the Democratic leadership in this state need to straighten out their priorities. Politics and egos should be second to the needs of the families in this state. The residents in this state are counting on our elected leaders to produce a budget that will ensure our local school districts receive education dollars, earmarked road projects will move forward, caregivers for the sick, the elderly and the disabled will receive funding for their service and we meet our obligation for every promised dollar including the pension system,” Coladipietro said.

Rep. Coladipietro also noted that back in May the House Republicans had proposed a “NO Tax Increase” budget. This budget would include a \$5 billion capitol program to meet the state’s current pension obligation, create new jobs and invest in education, roads, and mass transit. Funding for this capitol program would come from increased slots in existing gaming operations and a projected \$750 million in projected new revenue.

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