

MAJORITY REPORT

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From the desk of the Majority Leader



I would like to share just a few thoughts with you as we all enjoy a well-deserved summer break. We certainly got many things accomplished during the recent legislative session, despite a few bumps in the road along the way. But, in the end Republicans came together to pass legislation that addresses the major goals and objectives that we had agreed upon in January.

Not only did we pass a budget that is balanced, but we did so within existing revenue sources and without relying on false premises. We also brought forth a new education funding plan and important reforms in health insurance, Medicaid and malpractice laws. As a result, several property-poor towns will receive

increases of more than \$1M in state aid. This includes such towns as Claremont, Berlin, Farmington, Franklin, Rochester and Newport. As a result, many moderate and low-income homeowners in our state will receive much needed property tax relief. This funding plan targets money where it is needed most, while avoiding “sticker shock” by easing the reduction in aid that a school district may receive.

We also recognized our continued obligation to provide funding for citizens that receive support through Medicaid programs. This included much needed rate increases to many providers—those outside groups that deliver services to the state’s most needy. This budget increases provider payments for home health care, elderly and adult nursing services, nonresidential care for children and youth, physician services, and services for the developmentally disabled.

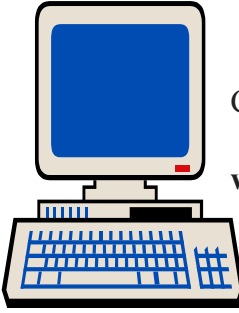
Through the passage of SB125 we were successful in making corrections to previous legislation (SB110) that allowed insurance companies to pass along large increases to those who were more at risk or who lived in the wrong geographical location. We have now successfully eliminated geography and health status as rating factors in setting insurance premiums.

We took \$12.5M that was found in the Department of Health and Human Services budget and used that money to prevent the removal of the Telephone Tax exemption repeal, which would have

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Important Deadlines

- **Monday, Sept. 12, 2005**—First day to file legislation for the 2006 session.
- **Friday, Sept. 23, 2005**—Last day to file legislation for the 2006 session.
- **Friday, Nov. 4, 2005**—Last day (3PM) to sign-off all House Bills for the 2006 session.
- **Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005**—Last day to report retained bills.
- **Wednesday, January 4, 2006**—Last day to introduce House Bills for the 2006 session.



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had a serious financial impact on the elderly and low-income citizens of our state. We also used some of this money to add more than \$1M to mental health programs.

We welcome any input for our members as we proceed with the next half of the legislative session. If there are any bills that you would like the Majority Office to support in the next session, please contact us this summer.

You will also be receiving a survey in the mail asking you to help us formulate our priorities for the next session. The survey also includes questions that will, hopefully, help us to better communicate with our membership in the next session. Please take a moment to complete the survey and return it to the Majority Office.

I look forward to working with you again in the next session. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

FYI:

Bills Killed 2005 Session

- The House defeated (ITL) 327 bills, including 24 bills the Senate passed but the House defeated.
- The Senate defeated (ITL) 91 bills including 37 bills the House passed but the Senate defeated.
- Total of 418 defeated by both chambers.
(These figures include CACRs and HCRs, etc.)