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Beiser Urges Governor, Legislators to Work Together, Pass Budget

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – State Rep. Dan Beiser, D-Alton, released the following statement on May 31, which was scheduled to be the close of the spring legislative session:

“I am disappointed that more progress was not made to fully resolve the current budget impasse, and it’s clear that we still have a lot of work to do. It is long past time for Governor Rauner to put aside his demands that will only help big businesses and billionaire CEOs, and work with Democrats to enact real reforms that will help the middle class.

“I remain ready to work in a bipartisan manner to put in place a budget that protects vital services for our seniors, children and families. There are areas where compromise can be reached, but we have to ensure that while we work to get the state back on the right track, we do not leave our most vulnerable citizens and middle-class families behind.

“While the governor has talked about freezing property taxes, I have passed reforms that would cut property taxes. When it comes to areas like workers’ compensation, we have worked to pass reforms that would help small businesses see the savings that are being held by big insurance companies. House Democrats introduced and passed our own reforms that cut taxes and fees on small businesses and help working families keep more of what they earn.”

“We have worked to find common ground with the governor on non-budgetary items so that we can get down to the work of passing a balanced budget. We will continue to work throughout the summer to help solve this impasse and close the Rauner budget deficit, but in order to do so, Governor Rauner needs to come back to the table to talk with us.”

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