

August 28, 2009

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate
96th General Assembly

This legislation created the Budget Implementation Act for the appropriation bills that passed the General Assembly at the end of the spring session. I vetoed two of those bills. The General Assembly subsequently passed a new appropriation bill and a new corresponding Budget Implementation Act. Those actions render this bill unnecessary.

After vetoing the initial budget bills, and after meeting with legislators on both sides of the aisle, we worked together to craft a much improved budget. The state remains in an economic crisis, but I remain committed to working with the General Assembly to find new sources of revenue and to improve the fiscal condition of the state.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto Senate Bill 2218, entitled "AN ACT concerning State government" in its entirety.

Sincerely,

PAT QUINN
Governor