



# Legislative Report

## Legislature still falls short of budget package agreement

Lawmakers returned to Springfield in late May anticipating that enough votes were there for approval of a state budget that included a borrowing plan for public employee pension payments. But the package passed the House of Representatives only to fall short of the votes needed for Senate approval. As a result, the legislature went home without final action in the hope that a couple of more votes would surface in the coming weeks. Most of the rest of the budget plan was passed, with broad authority granted to Governor Pat Quinn to make necessary cuts to fashion somewhat of a balanced spending plan.

On the township front, TOI was successful in defeating a bill (House Bill 2332) that would move the date a township assessor takes office from January to the previous May. The legislation is a response to an assessor in Will County last year who was defeated at the polls and then did several irresponsible acts prior to vacating the office. Nevertheless, the current schedule is by design so that a new, incoming assessor doesn't take over in the middle of the tax cycle. The bill fell just short of approval in the House of Representatives on the final day of session. Sponsors vowed to bring the bill back next year.

Next month's *Perspective* will contain an expansive report on the 2010 spring session.

Here's a rundown of some other legislation TOI has tracked this spring:

### TOI supports:

**Senate Bill 3462** (*Link-Winters*) changes the distribution formula of motor fuel taxes for townships by allowing those that levy a property tax rate of less than .08 cents to receive a proportional share of the proceeds. *Passed both houses.*

**Senate Bill 3430** (*Althoff-Tryon*) clarifies that road commissioners in counties with township form of government have certain powers and duties. *Passed both houses.*

**Senate Bill 3010** (*Crotty-Brady*) authorizes a township to buy or lease a township hall or senior center, without referendum, with funds that are not the proceeds of specified bonds. *Passed both houses.*

### TOI opposes:

**HB 2332** (*Kosel-Crotty*) Amends the Township Code. Provides that, beginning with elections in 2013, the township collectors elected at the township election shall enter upon their duties on the third Monday in May (instead of January 1) following their election and qualification. Provides that, beginning with elections in 2013, the township and multi-township assessors shall enter upon their duties on the third Monday of May (instead of January 1) following their election. Effective immediately. *Defeated on motion to concur in House of Representatives.*

**HB 6112** (*Flider-Haine*) Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that for a laborer, worker, or mechanic engaged in the transportation of aggregate or excavated materials or the operation of equipment to haul aggregate or excavated materials to or from the site of the building or construction job, the Department of Labor shall take into consideration the applicable prevailing wage rate and the Illinois Department of Transportation's current method of establishing equipment rates for trucks on public works projects. *Held in Senate Labor Committee.*

**SB 3282** (*Risinger-Lyons*) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. In a provision authorizing local authorities to enact an ordinance or resolution prohibiting the use of or restricting the maximum weight of vehicles upon any highway under their jurisdiction, for a total period of not to exceed 90 days in any one calendar year, whenever any the highway by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climate conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed, provides for an exception for cargo tank vehicles with two or three permanent axles when delivering propane for heating, if the cargo tank is loaded at no more than 50

percent capacity, and the gross vehicle weight of the vehicle does not exceed 32,000 pounds. Provides that the cargo tank vehicle must have an operating gauge on the cargo tank which indicates the amount of propane as a percent of capacity of the cargo tank and must have the capacity displayed on the cargo tank or documentation of the capacity of the cargo tank in the vehicle. Provides that the exception for cargo tank vehicles in the introduced bill applies to counties and townships but does not apply to municipalities. Provides that the provisions of the introduced bill do not permit cargo tank vehicles to cross bridges with posted weight restrictions if the vehicle exceeds the posted weight limit. Limits such access only in emergency situations and requires notice to the township before a delivery is made. *Amended by Rep. Lyons for TOI; passed both houses.*

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