



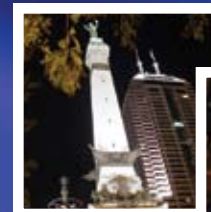
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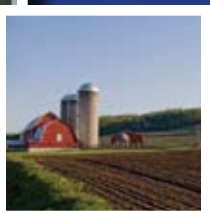
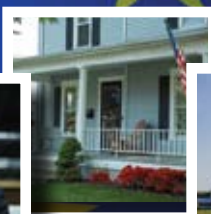
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Taxpayers are Winners in New State Budget

I believe the new state budget, based on solid common-sense principles, is a success for Hoosier taxpayers and public education.

Although the budget is a bipartisan compromise, with all 48 House Republicans voting for it, House Republican principles remained an important influence. It is a success, I believe, because:

- It contains no general tax increases.
- It maintains at least \$1 billion in state reserves.
- It uses one-time federal stimulus money responsibly, including statewide infrastructure and university construction projects.
- It does not deplete trust funds or other dedicated money for operating expenses.

Gov. Mitch Daniels, along with House and Senate Republicans, outlined those standards early in the process and did not waver. While many states are cutting overall education spending, raising taxes or both, this budget does neither. It even promises more support for education through additional funding. The "education trigger" would also allot 50 percent of state revenue to education when income exceeds revenue projections.

Statewide public education receives what I believe is solid support:

- K-12 education gained an average increase of 1.1 percent in calendar year 2010 and 0.3 percent in calendar year 2011.
- The budget fully funds K-12 anticipated enrollment increases at growing public schools.
- The Ivy Tech Community College network was given enhanced support, and bonding is authorized to fund 38 university capital projects throughout the state, including Indiana University Southeast, Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
- The state's higher education scholarship grants program receives increases of 6 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 3 percent in fiscal year 2011.

I believe this is the right budget for Indiana right now, and that's why I voted for it.



Rep. Davis meeting with Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman.



Golf Carts on Roadways

Throughout the year, I have received many messages urging legislation allowing golf carts on local roadways. Several towns and cities in District 33 already had golf cart ordinances, but they conflicted with state law. With help from some of my House colleagues, I was able to provide you with a new law allowing local officials the option to allow golf carts on municipal roadways.

Renewable Energy Resources

Indiana has struggled to find more sources of renewable energy. For that reason, several legislators and I co-authored a bill that requires the State Utility Forecasting Group and the state Department of Agriculture to explore the use of livestock waste-treatment systems as a potential source of renewable energy and to evaluate other forms of renewable energy.

Honoring Our Veterans

This legislation honors Hoosier heroes who have sacrificed so much for us. Senate Enrolled Act 39 grants all Hoosier Purple Heart recipients free tuition to state colleges and universities. Previously, the law provided tuition to those who received the Purple Heart after Sept. 10, 2001, and the children of all Purple Heart recipients.

Helping Military Families

This session, access to the Military Family Relief Fund was expanded to provide education and employment assistance to all active-duty personnel and not just those in the National Guard or reserves. This law should give military families peace of mind during a stressful time, when family members are serving overseas.



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