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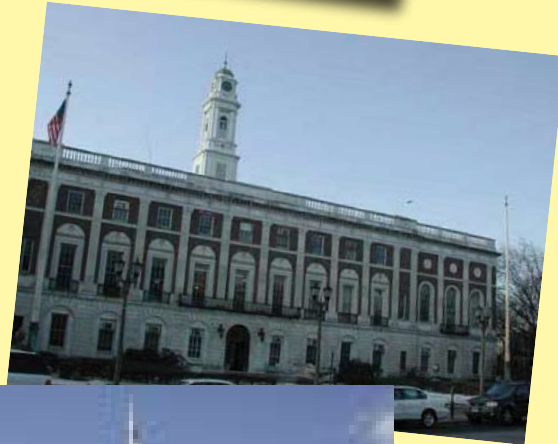
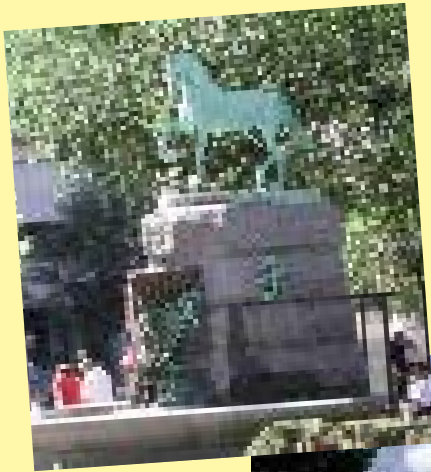
Thank you for taking the time to read my annual end of session newsletter. It is a privilege for me to represent you in Hartford at the State Capitol.

Inside you will find information on legislation passed during the 2008 legislative session that I thought might be of particular interest to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if you need assistance.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Butler



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CAPITOL UPDATE 2008

BRINGING THE MONEY HOME

Grants 2008-09	FY 2008-09
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$4,319,559
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$8,170,951
Town Aid Roads	\$541,597
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$1,268,890
Pequot/Mohegan Aid	\$4,778,662
Adult Education	\$2,066,503
School Transportation	\$2,740,487
Educational Cost Sharing	\$113,617,182
Total State Aid	\$137,503,831

An increase of \$4,576,950 over the 2007-2008 budget.



Rep. Butler at work at his desk in the House Chamber.

RESPONSIBLE LENDING AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

With the number of foreclosures on the rise in Connecticut, the General Assembly has acted to protect the rights of homeowners, keeping families in their homes without discouraging responsible lending.

HB 5577 includes a comprehensive set of reforms that will provide mediation and financial assistance to individuals and families whose homes are at risk of foreclosure. The bill creates stricter regulations and greater penalties on lenders and brokers when writing loans for people with limited income and high debt.

For more information contact The Department of Banking's Foreclosure Assistance Hotline at 877-472-8313 or the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority at 860-571-3500.



MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

Money Follows the Person Project was the centerpiece of my legislative activity this session. Money Follows the Person is a five year program that permits states to move individuals out of nursing homes or other institutional settings and into less restrictive community environments. Effective July 1, the number of individuals participating in the program will be increased from 700 to 5,000. PA 08-180

HOME CARE FOR THE DISABLED

This act increases the asset limits in the state funded, pilot home and community based services program for adults under age 65 who have disabilities. The increases for 2008 are \$20,880 to \$31,320 for a single person and \$31,320 to \$41,760 for a married couple. PA 08-88



Rep. Butler confers on the House Floor with Rep. Staples, co-chair of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.



Rep. Butler, with Joe Stango and Bob Veillette and other legislators, as Gov. Rell signs the Money Follows the Person bill into law.

Questions or concerns? Call Rep. Larry B. Butler (800) 842-8267 or e-mail larry.butler@cga.ct.gov