



2012 Legislative Session Preview

This past year Connecticut turned a corner on the road to economic recovery. The economic growth and fiscal challenges we faced were significant and we took action to create jobs and balance the budget.

There are many other important issues being considered this legislative session. I remain committed to working toward a leaner and more efficient government while ensuring the protection of our most vulnerable citizens and keeping essential services properly funded.

I am convinced that with your input and support, we can address the most pressing needs of our community. Thank you for the honor of serving you.

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Health Insurance For Small Business

It is estimated that 500,000 Connecticut residents work for small businesses. I was honored to chair the Speaker's Working Group on Small Business Health Care. We have been studying and seeking to overcome the obstacles that small business owners face in seeking to purchase health insurance coverage for employees and their families.

Small businesses consistently tell us that the high cost of health insurance is an impediment to expansion and job growth. We can help businesses control health care costs and in doing so will strengthen and stimulate our economy, while helping Connecticut citizens obtain affordable health insurance.



Hurricane Deductibles

We can agree that last year's storms affected all of us. The Insurance & Real Estate Committee approved legislation (H.B. 5230) that will protect homeowners and business owners by preventing property insurers from applying large "hurricane deductibles" when a hurricane becomes a tropical storm when it enters Connecticut. This bill also protect homeowners and business owners from price gouging by dishonest vendors who overcharge for snow removal from roofs and boarding up damaged homes and businesses.

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Notification Of Sewage Spill

With Long Island Sound as New Haven's backyard I feel it is important to preserve the beauty of the shoreline. I strongly support legislation (S.B. 88) that will establish a process by which the public can be properly informed about sewage spills. This is an important step toward protecting our families and children. Especially since our district has both a facility which processes sewage and beaches from which our residents swim and fish.

Crime Prevention

Several efforts are underway to make our communities safer. We are working on legislation to make eyewitness identification in police lineups more effective, thereby ensuring that more of those who are guilty get caught. We need to do what we can to ensure that no innocent people are sent to prison. In addition, we are looking to improve law enforcement's response to family violence, and we are reviewing the state's sentencing policies for fairness and effectiveness. We also are planning to address the state police crime lab's large backlog of forensic DNA testing requests that impact trials, convictions and release of innocent inmates.