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# Veto Session Wrap-Up

## Total Bill Actions for 2011 (unofficial)

|       | Introduced | Passed Both | Public Acts | Total Veto | Amend. Veto | Item Veto | Reduct. Veto | I & R Veto |
|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| HBs   | 3,792      | 407         | 389         | 3          | 10          | 3         | 1            | 1          |
| SBs   | 2,486      | 233         | 221         | 5          | 6*          | 0         | 0            | 0          |
| Total | 6,278      | 640         | 610         | 8          | 16          | 3         | 1            | 1          |

(\*SB 1 - amendatorily vetoed -- dead from inaction during spring session, leaving only 6 SBs with AVs during veto session)

During a seven-day veto session, the Illinois General Assembly tackled numerous issues, but forestalled final action on several, including pension reform, gambling expansion, the state's overall budget, and a relief package for Sears and Chicago's Board of Trade and Mercantile Exchange.

Here are some of the more notable bills lawmakers passed :

### Regional School Superintendents

Since July 1, many regional school superintendents have worked without pay after Governor Pat Quinn eliminated funding for them in the current state budget. The governor reasoned that these are local positions and should be funded with local property tax monies.

During veto session, lawmakers passed Senate Bill 2147 which requires that the superintendents and Regional Offices of Education be paid for with the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax Fund through June 30. Superintendents will also receive back pay. After June 30, the State Board of Education must pay for them with a combination of property tax monies and General Revenue Funds.

This bill also establishes a Streamlining Illinois' Regional Offices of Education Commission that must report to the General Assembly by August 1, 2012. Governor Quinn approved this legislation on November 14.

### State Facilities

In September, citing inadequate state monies,

the governor proposed closing seven state facilities. The move would have eliminated 1,900 jobs. In response, the legislature passed SB 2412 (spending bill) and SB 1311 (revenue bill) to prevent closures for this fiscal year. Both bills will be sent to the governor.

### Unemployment Insurance

In order to restore the state's depleted Unemployment Insurance Fund and pay for interest on federal loans used to supplement it, the legislature approved Senate Bill 72 to authorize the State to sell bonds. A compromise between labor and management groups, it resolves the issue until 2019 and reduces taxes for employers with no history of layoffs. The bill became law and took effect on November 18.

### Governor's Budget Address

Lawmakers passed Senate Bill 1609 to allow the governor to present his address no later than the fourth Wednesday of February in 2012, instead of the third Wednesday of that month. Both the House and Senate are scheduled to be in session the week of February 22, but will not be in session the week of February 15. The bill will be sent to the governor.

### Automated Speed Enforcement

Lawmakers passed legislation (Senate Bill 965) to allow cities with populations exceeding one million to install "automated speed enforcement systems," to detect speeders during certain times in specially defined "safety zones," which include school and park areas. Speeders can be fined up to \$100 for each violation under the bill, which is waiting for the governor to act on it.

**COVER:** Photo courtesy of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

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### CME, Sears and Tax Relief

During the veto session, the legislature considered, but failed to pass bills to help Sears and CME Group (CME), the company that runs the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. After the 96th General Assembly passed major income tax increases last January, CME challenged the apportionment of tax on its transactions and threatened to leave Illinois. At the same time, Sears requested the state extend tax benefits for its current Economic Development Area.

The state's leaders vacillated between their desire to keep these companies in Illinois and concern over granting tax benefits to multi-billion dollar corporations without providing tax relief to others. Lawmakers failed to agree on a compromise during the regular veto session and a special one-day session called to address an omnibus tax relief package.

Both the House and Senate adjourned to the call of their chairs. After a compromise was reached on a tax relief package, the House met and passed it on December 12 and the Senate passed it on December 13. The legislation now goes to the governor.



## Transitions

On December 15, **Richard Calica** became the director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Formerly, he was executive director of the Chicago-based Juvenile Protective Association.

**Scott E. Penny** has filled the Illinois House of Representatives seat formerly occupied by Democrat **Tom Holbrook**, who was appointed chairman of the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Penny represents the 113<sup>th</sup> District, Illinois' metro east region.

On October 24, **Governor Pat Quinn** appointed **Ann Schneider** as secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, previously she was its acting secretary. On the same day, the governor appointed **John Holton** as director of the Illinois Department on Aging. Prior to his appointment, Holton was associate director of the Division of Mental Health at the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Also on October 24, the governor named **Jim Larkin** as acting director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, **Andrew Stolfi** as acting director of the Illinois Department of Insurance, and **John Kim** as interim director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Larkin is a Towanda farmer who had been bureau chief of Agricultural Products Inspection for the Department of Agriculture. Stolfi was chief of staff and special counsel for policy and legislative affairs at the Illinois Department of Insurance. Kim had served as chief legal counsel and ethics officer at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.





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## 97<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly - 2012 Calendar

*ALL session dates and deadlines are subject to change at ANY time!*

### January

- 1 – *New Year's Day\**
- 10 – House perfunctory
- 11 – House & Senate perfunctory
- 16 – *Martin Luther King Jr. Day\**
- 18 – House & Senate perfunctory
- 25 – House & Senate perfunctory
- 26 – **House LRB request deadline**
- 30 – House perfunctory
- 31 – Both Session; **Senate LRB request deadline**

### February

- 1 – Both Session; **Governor's State of State**
- 2 – Both Session
- 3 – House perfunctory
- 6 – House perfunctory
- 7 – Both Session
- 8 – Both Session
- 9 – Both Session
- 10 – Senate perfunctory; **Senate Intro deadline (SBs)**
- 13 – *Lincoln's Birthday\**
- 15 – House & Senate perfunctory
- 16 – House perfunctory; **House Intro deadline (HBs)**
- 20 – *President's Day\**
- 21 – House Session
- 22 – Both Session; **Governor's Budget Address**
- 23 – Both Session
- 24 – Senate Session
- 27 – Senate PM Session
- 28 – Both Session
- 29 – Both Session

### March

- 1 – Both Session
- 2 – Both Session
- 6 – Both Session
- 7 – Both Session
- 8 – Both Session
- 9 – Both Session; **House Committee deadline (HBs)**  
**Senate Committee deadline (SBs)**
- 20 – Primary Election
- 21 – Both Session
- 22 – Both Session
- 23 – Both Session

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### March cont...

- 26 – Both Session
- 27 – Both Session
- 28 – Both Session
- 29 – Both Session
- 30 – Both Session; **House 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading deadline (HBs)**  
**Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading deadline (SBs)**

### April

- 6 – *Passover*
- 8 – *Easter*
- 17 – Both Session
- 18 – Both Session
- 19 – Both Session
- 24 – Both Session
- 25 – Both Session
- 26 – Both Session

### May

- 1 – Both Session
- 2 – Both Session
- 3 – Both Session
- 4 – Both Session; **House Committee deadline (SBs)**  
**Senate Committee deadline (HBs)**
- 8 – Both Session
- 9 – Both Session
- 10 – Both Session
- 11 – Both Session
- 14 – Both Session
- 15 – Both Session
- 16 – Both Session
- 17 – Both Session
- 18 – Both Session
- 20 – Senate PM Session
- 21 – Both Session
- 22 – Both Session
- 23 – Both Session
- 24 – Both Session
- 25 – Both Session; **House 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading deadline (SBs)**  
**Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading deadline (HBs)**
- 26 – Both Session
- 27 – Both Session
- 28 – Both Session (*Memorial Day\**)
- 29 – Both Session
- 30 – Both Session
- 31 – Both Session; **Tentative Adjournment**

*\* State Holiday All House & Senate deadline dates are for substantive (non-appropriation) bills only.*



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