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Legislators pan Quinn's state of the state address

Gov. Pat Quinn's plans for the state, outlined in Wednesday's State of the State address, are receiving tepid reviews from local legislators.

Reviewing the three years since he took office, Quinn told his audience that Illinois was "off course and adrift, lacking leadership, and weighed down by a culture of corruption. On the day I became Governor...I promised to restore integrity to Illinois government. And we have."

Quinn touted new ethics laws, campaign finance reform, the ability to recall a governor, legalizing civil unions, raising nursing home standards, abolishing the

death penalty, export growth, the largest public works construction program in state history and "solid gains" in education as things that make Illinois a better state.

Looking to the future, Quinn said Medicaid and public pension programs must be reformed in the coming year, and pushed modest tax relief, more college grant spending and ending the state's natural gas tax, but offered few details on how to accomplish those goals.

His remarks got no support from local legislators.

As with previous "State of the State" addresses, expectations were low and were certainly met by Governor Pat Quinn, according to State Sen. Shane Cultra (R-Onarga).

"The Governor needs to get serious," Cultra said. "With the exception of the discussion on policies for veterans, Quinn's speech falls on deaf ears. We needed more substance and direction from the state's Chief Executive. Quinn keeps floating plans then retracting them under media pressure. Will he ever get serious and legitimately lead, I am not very optimistic."

Rep. Jason Barickman (R-Champaign) was a little kinder in his response. "I am pleased to see that the Governor has finally come to the realization that our top

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priority and the key to solving our fiscal problems is job creation. However, I think we have fundamental disagreements on how to achieve this goal."

"The Governor showed total disregard for the problems facing our state. Illinois has a backlog of unpaid bills that reaches eight billion dollars and the largest deficit in the country. The Governor did not even discuss these issues, let alone lay out his plans to address them. Most of today's address discussed new programs and new spending as the best path toward economic

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growth. I believe that if we want to bring employers and jobs back to Illinois, we need to lower our tax rates, enact meaningful workers' compensation reform, and fundamentally reform our regulatory environment. We face tough choices on how to best pay down our bills, reform our Medicaid and pension systems, and make Illinois a competitive place to do business. The Governor could have shown leadership on these issues, but instead he chose to ignore them."

Police News



A 63-year-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that someone stole money from his home in the 600 block of East Main on January 30.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 52. Tonight, rain. Low 37. Tomorrow, rain. High 44, low 36. Sunday, mostly cloudy. High 44, low 30.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

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Briefly

Sweetheart Banquet

Hoopeston Area High School Student Council is sponsoring the 21st annual Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet on Tuesday, Feb. 14, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Hoopeston Area or Rossville senior citizens planning to attend should call 283-6668 and leave their names and number in their party by February 3.

Name the new nursing home

Hoopeston Regional Health Center is reaching out to the community to find a new name for the new nursing home. Ideas may be submitted to Tanya McVicker, Tanya.mcvicker@hoopestoncmh.org or (217) 283-5531, ext. 255, until the end of February. The winner will receive public recognition for his/her suggestion.

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