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**Area residents share opinions at Bennett town hall meeting**

State Rep. Tom Bennett asked for opinions from residents at a town hall meeting Monday. He didn't go away empty handed.

On everything from spending to legalizing marijuana, a small group of citizens shared their thoughts with the Republican representative.

"We have a lot of things that aren't working," Bennett said, kicking off the meeting. He mentioned some town halls that become "rambunctious" but said he knew that would not happen here. "We're all respectful," he said. "We're all Americans."

"I need to know what you think," said Bennett, who



Il. Rep. Tom Bennett, (R-106) speaks Monday in Hoopeston. then tried to keep up as residents peppered him with their thoughts.

One revenue-generating idea is legalizing and taxing marijuana, providing new revenue for Illinois, which has the worst credit rating in the nation.

Emory Zimmerman said no to legalization, saying there are too many drunks on the road and Illinois doesn't need

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**Briefly**

**Bake sale fundraiser**  
 Three local girls will hold a bake sale Saturday to raise money for furry friends.  
 Amelia and Linnea Chase and Emily Ray will hold the bake sale from 8-11 a.m. Saturday at Treasured Roots Flower Shop, 702 W. Main, Hoopeston. All proceeds will be donated to the Hoopeston animal shelter.

**Hydrant testing, flushing**  
 • Hoopeston Fire Department will test hydrants during the evening hours of June 12 and 26. This may cause rust in water for some residents.  
 • City workers will flush hydrants on Fridays throughout the summer, weather permitting.

**Basketball camp set**  
 Coach Matt Colston and the high boys basketball team will host a summer basketball camp for anyone interested in improving their game and becoming a better basketball player.  
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**Bennett continued from other side**

more impaired drivers on the roads.  
 Valarie Hinkle wondered whether marijuana is a gateway to harder drugs. "That's what I've always heard," Bennett said, briefly touching on the pervasive use of heroin, methamphetamine and other drugs.

In fact, residents don't like many proposals coming out of Springfield, like increasing the state income tax, a \$15 minimum wage and the lack of a balanced budget.

Residents blamed Democrat Speaker Mike Madigan for many of the state's woes. Zimmerman called him "the bottleneck of everything in the state of Illinois."


Citizens do favor spending cuts including a work program for able bodied welfare recipients, pension reform and not using state funds on programs that ensure continued Democrat domination.

Those who attended Monday's meeting were given a survey covering the top issues facing the state. For those unable to attend but who would like to provide input for Bennett, the survey is available at [www.repbennett.com/](http://www.repbennett.com/).

**Weather**

Mostly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 61. Tomorrow, sunny. High 88, low 66. Sunday, sunny. High 92, low 68.

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