

Illinois Community College Trustees Association **Action Alert**

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The Illinois General Assembly adjourned last Friday after concluding its fall 2007 veto session. Neither the House nor the Senate are scheduled to return to Springfield for the remainder of this calendar year. Gov. Rod Blagojevich, however, has demanded that legislators return to Springfield and pass a version of Cook County property tax assessment cap legislation that he prefers. The Governor has said that if the legislature ignores his demands, he "intends to call them into special session sometime by mid-December to get it done." Legislative leaders have not scheduled the next time for the General Assembly to meet.

Although lawmakers overrode many of the Governor's vetoes, FY 08 budget vetoes were not among them. The House did override the Governor's vetoes and attempted to restore funding that was reduced. The Senate, however, did not override most of the Governor's budget vetoes, thus leaving most of the vetoes intact. The Senate indicated the possibility of proposing an additional supplemental appropriation to fund the vetoed items later in the fiscal year.

During the fall 2007 veto session, several issues of interest **did not occur**:

- \$10 million vetoed from community college funding was not restored
- No capital appropriation bill was approved or advanced
- No funding source for capital appropriations was developed. Gaming positions and new casino licenses were not approved.

ICCTA will keep you informed about legislative developments as they occur.

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