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Rep. Eddy hopes new era of government will emerge following impeachment

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Salem – Following Rod Blagojevich’s conviction and removal from office by the Illinois Senate today, Rep. Roger Eddy (R – Hutsonville) said he hopes a new era of state government will emerge.

“I am thankful that the people of Illinois are getting a new start today,” Eddy said. “Hopefully this ugly era of self service over public service in Illinois government has come to a permanent end,” he said.

The week-long Senate Impeachment Tribunal afforded the public the first opportunity to hear Blagojevich discussing campaign contribution procurement on FBI recorded telephone conversations. “The Governor did this to himself. He had every opportunity to work for the people of the state and instead he took advantage of the public’s trust and worked only for his own personal and political benefit,” Eddy said.

“Today’s vote to convict the Governor and remove him from office for abusing his power is an example of Democracy at work. The Constitution provides the Legislature with a vehicle to remove from public office those that do not honor the oath of their office, and in this case the process worked,” Eddy said.

Eddy served as a member of the Illinois House Special Investigative Committee on impeachment formed shortly after the Governor’s arrest on Dec. 9th.

The Committee unanimously recommended that Articles of Impeachment be sent to the House for a full vote. Eddy then supported the impeachment measure on the House floor, as the Impeachment Resolution passed overwhelmingly. Eddy again voted for impeachment following the seating of the new General Assembly on January 14th.

The Senate voted (59 - 0) to remove Blagojevich from office. Following the vote to determine whether or not to remove him from office, the Illinois Senate passed another measure that bars Blagojevich from ever holding public office in Illinois again.

“We have a lot of work to do to right the ship in this state,” Eddy said. “Illinois has a huge budget deficit and a backlog of unpaid bills to health care providers because of the gridlock between the



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Governor's office and the legislature for the last 6 years. The problems we face are too serious for partisan politics. It is time to get to work and solve these problems," Eddy said.

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