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TO: All Senators

DATE: December 21, 2010

FROM: Senator Michael J. Stack *MJS.*

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I will **reintroduce Senate Bill 1125 from the 2009-10 Session**, that would require elected officials and cabinet members to forfeit pay if a budget is not passed by June 30. Specifically, the legislation suspends pay for Legislators, the Governor, and Cabinet Secretaries beginning on July 1 if a budget has not been passed by June 30.

Each day that a budget is late, Legislators, the Governor, and Cabinet Secretaries shall forfeit a proportional amount of their pay. This means that when a budget is passed after June 30 we will not receive back pay. Instead, the pay will be forfeited and returned to the general fund. For example, if the budget is late by two weeks, pay for legislators will be reduced from \$78,312 to \$75,049.

The amount to be forfeited will be calculated by the Chief Clerk or Comptroller of each agency. Then, they will deduct the pay from each elected officials' paycheck.

Previous co-sponsors included Senators Boscola, Browne, Erickson, Fontana, Kasunic, McIlhinney, O'Pake, Orie, Rafferty, and Ward

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please call my office at 7-9608.