



STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS 2006: PROGRESS AUDIT

Governors in the states have been on the leading edge of reform and innovation on many critical issues. The Reform Institute, a non-partisan, non-profit public policy organization, has played a key role in advancing important issues such as campaign finance reform and government ethics, election and redistricting reform, climate change, homeland security, and immigration at the state and federal level.

This report examines the initiatives that Governors proposed in their 2006 State of the State addresses involving these issues and measures the progress they made toward their goals.

The report is a useful reference highlighting the progress being made in the states on important issues.

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GRADING CRITERIA:

Each governor that mentioned one of the Institute's five major issue areas in his or her 2006 State of the State address has had time to fulfill the promises they made to their citizens. Now, a year later, each governor is receiving a grade based on legislation introduced in the state. The possible grades are:

Excellent- Went above and beyond the promised action in the State of the State address to achieve a comprehensive approach to the issue raised

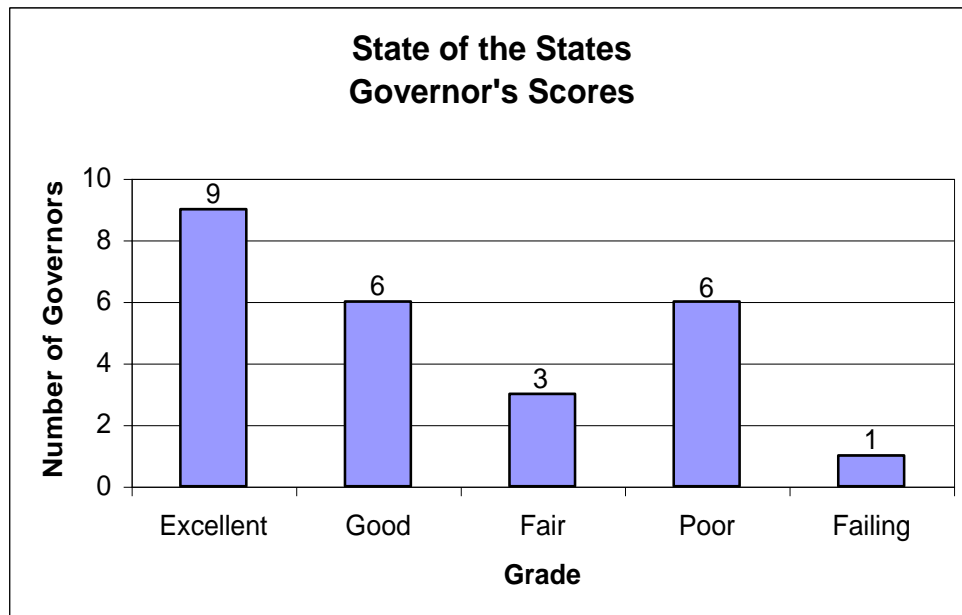
Good- Fulfilled promises presented in the State of the State, but made no extra effort to further solutions to the issue raised, or performed excellently on most of the State of the State proposals while performing poorly in other areas

Fair- Achieved most of the State of the State addressed proposals to a satisfactory level or makes a symbolic effort to work on the issues presented

Poor- Achieved little movement on issues presented in the State of the State address

Failing- Made no progress

Underlined bills have become laws.



Awards for Bipartisan efforts are given to those Governors who achieved an excellent rating while working with a legislature of a different party and still achieving broad and bipartisan support.

State: Alabama

Governor: Bob Riley (R)

Senate: Democratic

General Assembly: Democratic



CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS REFORM

Grade: Excellent

Gov. Riley on Lobbying and Ethics (1-10-06)

“So let’s begin by continuing to pass reforms that give our citizens greater confidence in their government. Tonight, I ask you once again to pass reforms that will reduce the power of special interests.

“Under our current system, lobbyists can spend up to \$250 a day entertaining public officials and never have to report any of it. In a year’s time, that adds up to more than \$91,000. Now, when you consider lobbyists outnumber lawmakers four-to-one, you realize just how outrageous the current system is. The proposal I’m sending you requires full disclosure of how much lobbyists spend. There is no justifiable way to defend the status quo – so join me in changing it.”

Actions taken during the legislative session:

- Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform (Bill#: SB 123)
 - Expands the stand-by-your-ad restrictions to include electioneering communications and all paid political advertisements.
- Campaign Contribution Regulations (Bill#: SB 138)
 - Closes campaign finance loopholes by prohibiting transfer of funds between certain types of political committees
 - “Creating an office of inspector general, which would make sure individuals and companies that receive state contracts do the work they are paid to do. . . Baxley’s proposals are much needed.” – Birmingham News
- Ethics Reform (Bill#: HB 411)
 - Requires that executive branch lobbyists register with the ethics commission and that all lobbyists report their daily expenditures.
 - “‘Until we can restore the people’s trust, we cannot solve the problems we face.’ Baxley said during a news conference”- Birmingham News

Although none of these bills were passed, the governor was true to his word, introducing reforms that went above lobbying reform to include campaign finance reform as well.

State: Arizona

Governor: Janet Napolitano (D)

Senate: Republican

General Assembly: Republican



IMMIGRATION REFORM

Grade: Excellent

Gov. Napolitano on Immigration (1-9-06)

“To make us safer, I will propose a comprehensive, \$100 million border security package that provides state and local law enforcement with the resources they need to uphold the rule of law at our border.”

“We will step up where the federal government has let us down and impose the rule of law at our own border.”

“Today, I am proposing a four part plan that will crack down on illegal immigration. My plan is tough, it’s realistic, and my budget includes \$100 million dollars to fund it. The Legislature should adopt this plan, and, for the first time, approve the funding it takes for the work we need to do.

“First, we are going to come down hard on the criminals that have made human trafficking their business and human suffering their stock in trade. These human traffickers are vicious criminals who exploit misery and prey on fear. We are going to find them, break their criminal syndicates apart, and bring the full weight of the law down on them.

“We’re going to continue our efforts to track and uncover the fraudulent documents that allow people to live illegally in the shadows. We will expand our high-tech approach to intercept stolen vehicles headed to Mexico before they can be used to return to this country carrying loads of illegal immigrants.

“Second, we will strengthen the border patrol with the people and equipment we need to fight crime and increase border security for lawful commerce, tourism, and legal immigration.

“The federal government has promised more border patrol agents for Arizona.

“But, until they are here, I have asked Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld to invoke article 32 of the federal code, which allows the federal government to pay for us to station the National Guard at our border. That financial support would allow the Guard to expand its presence and become even more involved in enforcing the rule of law at the border.

“I also propose that we give the Department of Public Safety the manpower it needs to keep up with the overwhelming enforcement challenge.

“Third, we are going to get real about one of the root causes of this problem – people come here because they want work and employers here are willing to hire them. If we want to stop illegal immigration, we’ve got to stop the demand.

“Last year, I issued an executive order to make clear that the state will not contract with employers who hire people who are here illegally. Now I ask you to expand that effort. Those who continue to intentionally hire illegal immigrants should face substantial fines and penalties.

“Finally, I am not going to let up on the federal government. America’s borders are Washington’s job. Of course, we are going to step up and protect our citizens when the federal government fails them – but this is a federal problem, and we expect the federal government to do its part. It’s time that Arizona taxpayers be relieved of carrying the full burden of Washington’s mistakes.

“Tough and realistic immigration reform, including a guest worker program, must be enacted this year. Our congressional delegation should come together and pass comprehensive immigration reform, work with Mexico to reform their economic systems to end the flow of illegal migration, and get Washington to reimburse us for the costs we bear to hold up a broken system.”

Actions taken during the legislative session:

- Employment Verification of Illegal Aliens (Bill#: HB 2577)
 - Requires that local officials support federal immigration investigations, increases the penalties for hiring illegal immigrants, creates a state law banning illegal immigration, establishes both the Joint Legislative Council on Immigration and The Border Enforcement Security team, and denies public services to illegal immigrants.
 - “the tougher eligibility rules included in the deficit-reduction bill could reduce the burden illegal immigrants place on the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System and other programs” –Arizona Daily Star
- Human Smuggling (Bill#: SB 1182)
 - Increases the severity of human smuggling charges, making it a class 4 felony.
- Immigration Enforcement (Bill#: SB 1158)
 - Appropriates millions for the training of local officer and increased boarder security.
- Immigration Enforcement (Bill#: HB 2582)
 - Creates the Border Security Council and mandates the cooperation and enforcement of federal immigration laws.
- AHCCCS Verification of Eligibility (Bill#: HB 2448)
 - Establishes requirements for tracking the effectiveness of immigration control measures. (Signed 4-24-06)
 - “But a Republican state lawmaker said the tougher eligibility rules included in the deficit-reduction bill could reduce the burden illegal immigrants place on the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System.”- Arizona Daily Star
- Unlawful Employment Practices (Bill#: HB 2823)

- Imposes harsher financial penalties on companies for employing illegal immigrants.
- Serious Felonies and Illegal Aliens (Bill#: HB 2580)
 - Dictates the proper procedure upon the arrest of an illegal immigrant. (Signed 6-28-06)
 - “We’re doing a lot . . . We’re trying to stop illegal workers who are taking jobs away from Americans, and stop employers who compete illegally, immorally and unfairly by hiring illegals and paying them under the table.” Rep. Russell Pearce- Washington Times

Gov. Napolitano went beyond her thorough plan to reduce illegal immigration by encouraging laws that make the federal border patrol’s job easier.

State: California
Governor: Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)
Senate: Democratic
General Assembly: Democratic



DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS

Grade: Good

Gov. Schwarzenegger on the redistricting process (1-5-06)

“ I am already talking to the legislative leaders about how we can move forward with important budget reform, pension reform, redistricting reform and all kinds of other issues.”

Actions during the legislative session:

- Elections and Redistricting (Bill#: SCA 3)
 - Would create an 11-person commission to redistrict the state. Includes restrictions on the candidates for the commission, as well as creates as impartial a board as possible.
 - “Don’t get us wrong: we don’t support the mistreatment of either Rover or Babar. But if lawmakers could move some of these bills along, they certainly could formulate a plan that would untether their conflict of interest in drawing political districts.”- The Merced Sun –Star
 - “Wednesday’s note to surrender redistricting authority was unprecedented in the California Legislature, but voters won’t decide the issue until at least 2008 and the odds are long for such a measure even on that year’s ballot.” – Los Angeles Times
- Elections Omnibus Bill (Bill#: HB 3062)
 - Changes the way candidates are placed on the ballot and regulates availability of voter registration forms to public school students.
- Local Elections; Conforming Changes (Bill#: HB 3059)
 - Standardizes the public notification system for elections.

Gov. Schwarzenegger did not provide specifics in his address, but was able to work for establishing long-term changes in the redistricting process. However, no effort was made

to provide quick fixes to any issues while longer term, more contentious motions moved through the legislature.

State: Colorado

Governor: Bill Owens (R)

Senate: Democratic

General Assembly: Democratic



IMMIGRATION REFORM

Grade: Fair

Gov. Owens on Immigration (1-12-06)

“There is also growing concern across our state - across the nation - about illegal immigration. Here at the Capitol, several bills have emerged from both sides of the aisle to deal with immigration.

“This is an important issue. The number of illegal immigrants in Colorado and the nation has increased exponentially over the years. In fact, one-third of all foreign-born Colorado residents are here illegally, and for every person who moves here from another state, two arrive from other countries, many illegally.

“But we need also to note that regardless of what we do here in Colorado, the ultimate solution lies at the national level. And that solution will have to include strengthening border security and enforcing immigration laws on employers.

“In recent months I have been working with a Colorado-based foundation on a plan that would accomplish these objectives. My plan is simple. First, secure the border . . . with a barrier of technology whatever it takes, because no solution is possible to immigration without a secure border.

“Second, separate those who want to come to the United State into two distinct and different categories, those who want citizenship, and those who are simply here to work. For those who want citizenship, make our requirements tough, and dependent on the skills we need as a country – much as Australia does today.

“And for those who simply want to work, make them pass a rigorous background check, pay all taxes and work only in those jobs that aren’t being filled by Americans.

“I will work with this legislature on Colorado-oriented immigration issues, though the real work must be done at our nation’s Capitol.”

Actions taken during the legislative session:

- Human Smuggling (Bill#: SB 206)
 - Increases the severity of human smuggling, making it a Class 3 felony. (Signed 5-30-06)
- Prohibition on Illegal Immigrant Sanctuaries (Bill#: SB 090)

- Mandates that local officials cooperate with federal immigration investigators. (Signed 5-1-06)
- Proof of Citizenship to Register to Vote (Bill#: SB146)
 - Requires that citizens prove citizenship before they are permitted to vote or access public services.
 - “As for the main legislation - we don’t argue with denying benefits to people who don’t qualify for them, but has anyone ever demonstrated that this has been an overriding problem for Colorado? Owens said it’s the growth trend ‘we’re trying to slow down’”- The Denver Post

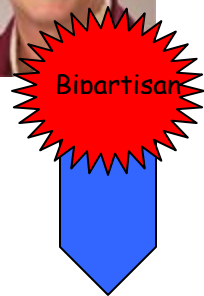
Gov. Owens did not achieve the sweeping reforms promised in his speech, falling short on his promise to work to prevent those in the state from working illegally.

State: Connecticut

Governor: Jodi Rell (R)

Senate: Democratic

General Assembly: Democratic



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Good

Gov. Rell on Energy Reform (2-8-06)

“I am also calling for the creation of a new Department of Energy in order to bring a new emphasis to planning for the state’s energy needs for the 21st century.

“A new department of energy would develop a state-wide energy policy, conduct market analysis, promote energy efficiency and new technologies, participate in proceedings before federal agencies and act as a liaison between state and local governments.”

Actions taken during the legislative session:

- Act Creating a State Department of Energy (Bill#: SB 48)
 - Establishes a Department of Energy and defines its duties.
- Act Concerning Natural Gas and Oil Commission (Bill#: HB 5261)
 - Appropriates funding for the Natural Gas Conservation Program.
- Act Exempts Renewable Energy Products from Sales Tax (Bill#: HB 5256)
 - Provides financial incentives for buying products that use renewable energy.
- Act Establishing the Renewable Energy Development Institution (Bill#: HB 5728)
 - Founds the Renewable Energy Institution, to develop new energy technology, retain in-state experts, and support the use of renewable energy.
- Act Concerning Alternative Fuel and Energy (Bill#: SB 209)
 - Introduces tax incentives for alternate fuels.

Gov. Rell achieved the goals that she set for herself, but did not move beyond that to include more proactive solutions.

State: Hawaii

Governor: Linda Lingle (R)

Senate: Democratic

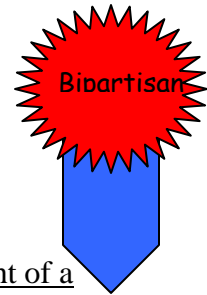
General Assembly: Democratic

CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Excellent

Gov. Lingle on Hydrogen (1-23-06)

“I am proposing a bold new initiative to make Hawaii the center of Americas development of hydrogen as an alternate fuel source.”



Actions during the legislative session:

- Public Utilities Commission; Funding (Bill#: SB 3185)
 - Creates a Public Utilities Commission and charges it with the oversight of a public benefits fund that is to be used for the promotion of development and large-scale usage of renewable fuels to create energy. (Signed 6-2-06)
- Hawaii Energy Policy Forum (Bill#: HB 2848)
 - Funds the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum so that an action plan and standard for progress can be developed to support the increased use of renewable fuels. (Signed 6-2-06)
 - “This is a groundbreaking program that moves us toward energy self-sufficiency, it will preserve job opportunities, reduce air pollution and contribute to the survival of Hawaii sugar.” –Pacific Business News
- Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Alternative Fuel (Bill#: HB 2175)
 - Mandates conservation, recycling, energy efficient product usage, and alternative fuel use in order to reduce the states dependence on petroleum products. (Signed 5-12-06)
 - “new state legislation increases credits for those installing solar equipment in commercial buildings and homes. The bill passed by the Legislature and awaiting Gov. Linda Lingle’s signature also makes tax credits permanent.”-Pacific Business News
- Hawaii Energy Enterprise Zones (Bill#: HB 2032)
 - Designates areas that will be used to develop renewable fuel sources, and encourages their use through an increase in regulatory flexibility and tax credits for businesses that locate in the area.
- Relating to Energy (Bill#: HB 2308)
 - This bill maximizes state energy efficiency and encourages renewable fuel sources to be developed on the island focusing on the development of hydrogen technologies.
- Bill#: HB 3222
 - This bill establishes statewide energy efficiency standards.
- Bill#: SB 3161
 - This bill establishes a hydrogen energy program and mandates preferential treatment be shown to biofuels in government purchasing.

Gov. Lingle went above and beyond the modest proposals in her address, not only encouraging hydrogen energy development but also other alternative fuel usage and overall energy efficiency.

States: Iowa

Governor: Tom Vilsack (D)

Senate: Split

House: Republican

CLIAMTE STWEARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Excellent

Gov. Vilsack on Climate Stewardship (1-10-06)

“A strong community also preserves its natural resources. God has blessed us with rich soil, abundant water, and clean air. Our national leadership position in clean energy production and renewable fuel production and use, together with recent efforts to conserve our soil and to improve our water quality, reflect that preservation ethic. There is more work to be done which is why we propose investing an additional \$50 million from the tobacco settlement in cleaning up our water, our rivers, our streams, and our lakes, because that’s what a strong community should do.”



Actions during the legislative session:

- Renewable Fuel Incentive for Infrastructure (Bill#: HB 2754)
 - Provides income tax incentives for the development of alternative storage and fueling stations (Signed 5-30-06)
 - “The components of House File 2754 establish a partnership between consumers and retailers.”- Des Moines Register
- Soy Based Transformer Tax Benefits (Bill#: SB 2402)
 - Introduces income tax incentives to electric companies who use soy based transformer fluid. (Signed 5-30-06)
 - ““With governor’s signature, Iowa is on the path to be the No. 1 renewable fuels consuming state’ said Shaw ‘Iowa is already the ethanol and bio-diesel production leader””- The Gazette
- Small Wind Tax Credit Extension (Bill#: SB 2399)
 - Creates a renewable energy tax credit for wind power. (Signed 5-30-06)
- Solar Energy Equipment Sales Tax Credit Extension (Bill#: SB 2398)
 - Exempts solar panels from sales tax. (Signed 5-30-06)
 - “Ethanol demand set to eclipse bill’s mandate.”- Des Moines
- Blended Gasoline (Bill#: HB 2548)
 - This bill regulates the formula, sale and taxes that apply to renewable fuels, most notably ethanol (both E10 and E85) and bio-diesel.
- Blended Gasoline (Bill#: HB 2735)
 - This bill regulates the formula, sale and taxes that apply to renewable fuels, most notably ethanol (both E10 and E85) and biodiesel.

- Blended Gasoline (Bill#: SB 2129)
 - This bill regulates the formula, sale and taxes that apply to renewable fuels, most notably ethanol (both E10 and E85) and biodiesel.
- Blended Gasoline (Bill#: SB 2383)
 - This bill regulates the formula, sale and taxes that apply to renewable fuels, most notably ethanol (both E10 and E85) and bio diesel.

“Dubuque County farm Bureau President Gary Lahr thinks legislation that encourages the sale and use of renewable fuels in Iowa is the ‘common sense’ thing to do. ‘We can grow the energy and produce the energy,’ he said. ‘We’re always talking about getting away from foreign fuel’”- Telegraph Herald

Gov. Vilsack moved beyond clean rivers to support clean fuel initiatives such as wind power and biofuels to promote a cleaner future for communities.

State: Massachusetts
Governor: Mitt Romney (R)
Senate: Democrat
General Assembly: Democrat



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM
Grade: Poor

Gov. Romney on Energy Reform (1-18-06)

“We will create a long range state energy plan that includes conservation, renewable generation, and sites for new facilities.”

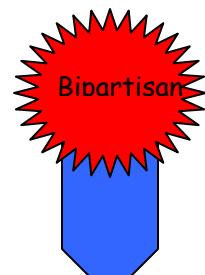
Actions during the legislative session:

- Relating to Ocean Resources and Conservation (Bill#: HD 4337)
 - Establishes the Ocean Use Management Fund in order to finance the state plan for ocean conservation that includes any development and all uses for the ocean allowed in the state.
- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (Bill#: SB 2516)
 - Includes the state in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Gov. Romney made a gesture to work toward most of his proposals, but in the end did not fulfill his promises to the people in full.

State: Maryland
Governor: Bob Ehrlich (R)
Senate: Democrat
General Assembly: Democrat

CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM
Grade: Excellent



Gov. Ehrlich on Clean Power (1-26-06)

“In November, we issued the Maryland Clean Power Rules, the most significant emission-reducing regulation ever issued in our state.”

Actions taken during the legislative session

- Healthy Air Act (Bill#: SB 154)
 - Requires that oxide emission be cut to a state specified amount per year and that the state join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. (Signed 4-25-06)
 - “the Healthy Air Act is the complete solution we need.”- Maryland League of Conservation Voters
 - “‘Together with the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act, today’s announcement makes Maryland an undisputed national leader in air and water quality protection,’ Mr. Ehrlich said in a prepared statement”- The Maryland Gazette
 - “Kim Coble, Maryland director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, called it a great day for Maryland and the environment ‘It is a remarkable piece of legislation in protecting the environment and human health,’ she said.”- The Maryland Gazette
- Maryland Clean Energy Initiative (Bill#: SB 314)
 - Creates a tax credit for renewable energy facilities in Maryland that are established between Jan. 2006 and Jan 2011. (Signed 5-2-06)
- Baltimore County Liquefied Natural Gas Taskforce (Bill#: SB 996)
 - This bill establishes a trial Liquefied Natural Gas Taskforce for Baltimore County. (5-16-06)
 - “‘They’re creating this facility to serve suburban areas but they’re afraid to put them in suburban areas where people don’t want them, so they come back and put them in inner -Beltway areas where they think they can get away with it.’”- Del. Doyle L. Niemann speaking about Natural Gas Facilities- Washington Post
- Healthy Air Act (Bill#: HB 189)
 - Limits the acceptable oxide emissions in the state and requires the establishment of a “Maryland Carbon Reduction Fund” to support lower oxide emissions. (Signed 5-2-06)
 - “The Healthy Air Act is the complete solution we need.” – Maryland League of Conservation Voters
- Clean Power Grant Fund (Bill#: HB 856)
 - This bill establishes the Clean Power Grant Fund that provides funds to electric facilities that cover 40% of the cost of acquiring emission control devices.

Gov. Ehrlich continued his work from the previous session and expanded it to include both local measures as well as regional cooperative solutions.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Grade: Poor

Gov. Ehrlich on emergency management (1-26-06)

“With respect to public safety our accomplishments include: establishing the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security, Creating the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center

(MCAC), the first joint, federal, state and local intelligence data collection and analysis center in the country . . .”

Actions during the legislative session:

- Bill#: HB 770
 - This bill mandates the development of an emergency plan. (Signed 5-16-06)

Gov. Ehrlich did not follow through with his plans for creating these offices and did little to immediately protect the citizens or organize the emergency responder commissions.

State: Maine

Governor: John Baldacci (D)

Senate: Democratic

House: Democratic



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Good

Gov. Baldacci on Energy Reform (1-18-06)

“We are in the forefront of state and regional efforts to reverse global warming through reductions in greenhouse gases”

“I created the Office of Energy Independence and Security. I knew that increasing our independence and efficiency along with tapping into our renewable energy resources would be good for Maine.”

“Over the past three years I have advanced policies and programs to make the entire state more energy independent”

“This year I will be introducing a comprehensive energy bill to expand the use of renewable energy, stabilize electronic costs, and adopt statewide efficiency standards.”

Actions taken during the legislative session:

- Act to Promote Green Power Use at State Buildings (Bill#: HB 632)
 - Requires that all state owned buildings be powered by alternative energy by 2008, placing the Energy Resources Council in charge of achieving this goal.
- Act to Extend the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program (Bill#: SB 447)
 - Encourages wind energy production by improving the permitting and financing process, creating state designated areas for viable wind development, making wind projects eligible for the Pine Tree Development zone, and creating programs to aid wind generation, including access to funds for conservation programs. (Signed 5-30-06)
 - “State House Lights the Way Solar array offers ‘symbolic reminder’ of what all Mainers can do” –Bangor Daily News
- Act to Enhance Maine’s Energy Independence (Bill#: HB 1439)
 - Reduces blended fuel taxes by 20 cents, increases the ability of the Public Utilities Commission to provide energy saving options as standard to customers.

supports an increase in the amount of renewable fuel produced and consumed in the state and the creation of minimum energy efficiency standards in an effort to encourage the use of renewable fuels. (Signed 6-1-06)

Gov. Baldacci achieved his presented objectives.

State: Michigan

Governor: Jennifer Granholm (D)

Senate: Republican

General Assembly: Republican



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Poor

Gov. Granholm on Alternative Energy (1-27-06)

“The Great Lakes State will be the alternative energy epicenter of America.”

Actions taken during the legislative session:

- State Energy Policy (Bill#: HB 5891)
 - This bill encourages alternative energy suppliers by providing financial aid and creating a public service commission to replace the public utilities commission. This act also qualifies residential conservation for federal tax exemption as well as restructuring state energy policy.

Gov. Granholm has not made more than a token movement toward her goals.

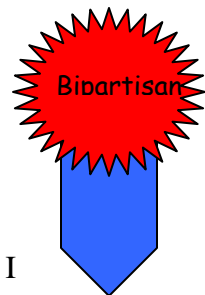
“In order for this to work, you’re going to have to find some way to get investors to make a leap of faith . . . and start producing bio-fuels and promoting bio-fuels. That leap of faith is required, because it may not take off with consumers in Michigan,” said Ari Adler, press secretary to Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema”- Crain’s Detroit Business

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS REFORM

Grade: Excellent

Gov. Granholm on Lobbying and Ethics (1/27/06)

“And while we’re asking corporations to be responsible: Fourth, I urge the legislature to pass strong ethics legislation for politicians and candidates for office. The citizens, our bosses, the ones who hired us - you deserve to know that your interests are being represented by the people you elect. Last month, I introduced a series of ethics reforms that will require public officials to disclose their personal financial information so taxpayers know elected officials are working for the public, not enriching themselves.”



Action taken during the legislative session:

- Campaign Finance Limits (Bill#: HB 5572)
 - Restricts the amount of funds that can be donated by any organization or individual.

- Campaign Finance Contributions (Bill#: HB 5830)
 - Prohibits candidates and candidate committees from soliciting funds from segregated accounts.
- State Employee Financial Disclosure (Bill#: HB 5938)
 - Requires financial reporting and adjusts other campaign laws including fees and the roles of offices in the reporting process.
- Public Employee Ethics Law (Bill#: HB 5937)
 - Creates reporting requirements for contributions made to candidates' legal action funds.
- Public Financial Disclosure (Bill#: HB 5981)
 - Adds reporting requirements to contributors.
- Act to Create an Ethics Law (Bill#: HB 5939)
 - Establishes an ethics board and prescribes it with the power to enforce the ethics regulations.
- Enacts Elected Executive Official Ethics Act (Bill#: HB 5980)
 - Enacts ethics regulation for executive branch employees and places reporting requirements on them. This bill also creates an ethics board to enforce these laws.
- Enacts Legislative Ethics Act (Bill#: HB 5982)
 - Establishes ethics regulation for legislative branch employees and places reporting requirements on them. This bill also creates an ethics board to enforce these laws.
- Elected Executive Official Ethics Act (Bill#: SB 1217)
 - Increases the accountability of executive branch workers, and establishes an ethics code.

Gov. Granholm did not get her specific set of bills passed but congratulation must go out for taking the initiative and working to enact ethics reform far beyond that which was originally requested from a legislature of the opposite party.

State: Missouri

Governor: Matt Blunt (R)

Senate: Republican

General Assembly: Republican



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Fair

Gov. Blunt on Alternative Energy (1-11-06)

“I also call upon this General Assembly to pass an ‘Energy and Green Power Initiative,’ to go beyond full funding for bio-diesel and ethanol initiatives. I ask that we give Missouri’s heartland economy a major boost by requiring that motor fuel sold in Missouri for passenger cars and trucks contain 10 percent ethanol.”

Actions taken during the legislative session

- Targets for Renewable Energy Use (Bill#: SB 915)
 - This bill and HB 1872 work to achieve the same purpose.

- Green Power Initiatives (Bill#: HB 1872)
 - Sets goals for renewable energy production in the state (3% by 2012 and 7% by 2015). In order to achieve these goals the state requires that electric companies report to the Public Service Commission about their plans and activities.
- Missouri Renewable Fuel Standard Act (Bill#: HB 1027)
 - This bill requires that all fuel sold in the state consist of 90% gasoline, and 10% ethanol
 - “It’s nice to see Missouri in the lead on any topic, and of course renewable fuels are the nearest and dearest to farmers in Missouri right now.” –Terry Hildedick (President of Missouri Corn Growers Association)- St. Louis Daily Record
 - “It’s going to be a win for the economy of the state, and its going to be a win for consumers at the pump.” –Rep. Joe Aull – St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Gov. Blunt did not provide any legislation that “goes beyond full funding,” yet he demands that of the legislature.

State: New Hampshire

Governor: John Lynch (D)

Senate: Republican

General Assembly: Republican



CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS REFORM

Grade: Fair

Gov. Lynch on Lobbying and Ethics Reform (1-18-06)

“While scandal dominates the national headlines, we in New Hampshire are working to ensure the highest standards of ethics and integrity in state government. We must come together to enact bipartisan ethics reform this year.”

“And while some are attacking our presidential primary, we are going to fight together to protect our first-in-the-nation tradition.”

Actions during the Legislative Session

- Campaign Finance Administration (Bill#: HB 309)
 - Creates a commission to recodify the campaign finance laws.
- Establishing an Ethics Officer (Bill#: HB 1240)
 - Establishes a state ethics commissioner to enact the ethics code.
- Ethics Reform (Bill#: SB 206)
 - Creates a code of ethics to prevent conflicts of interests in the executive branch, prevents lobbyists from being placed on the ethics board until 6 months after their registration expires and tightens restrictions on lobbyists.(Signed 4-3-06)
 - “I worked to place greater restrictions on myself, my office and the Executive branch because I believe that the people of New Hampshire deserve the highest standards of ethics and integrity in their elected officials,”-Gov. Lynch- The Associated Press

Gov. Lynch achieved his objective of ethics reform, but the effort was in no way bipartisan with votes on signed bills divided strongly down party lines.



State: New Mexico
Governor: Bill Richardson (D)
Senate: Democratic
General Assembly: Democratic

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Grade: Poor

Gov. Richardson on Immigration (1-17-06)

“We cannot have safe communities without secure borders. I’ve said before that border security is and should be a federal issue. But protecting New Mexico citizens is our responsibility.

“Last year, we took a major step forward to secure our borders and curb illegal immigration - declaring a State of Emergency for our border counties and hiring additional law enforcement keep New Mexico citizens safe. We will continue the state’s support for those border communities.”

Actions taken during the Legislative session

- Drivers License Requirements (Bill#: HB 852)
 - Requires proof of citizenship in order to obtain a drivers license.
- Repeal of College Admission for Immigrants (Bill#: HB 853)
 - Allows colleges to reject students based on their immigration status.
- Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law (Bill#: HB 855)
 - Requires that local officials work to enforce the federal immigration laws.
- Local enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws (Bill#: SB 745)
 - Mandates that local officials work to enforce the federal immigration laws.

Gov. Richardson did not provide support for the border communities nor did he succeed in getting any measures passed even with a General Assembly controlled by his party.

State: New York
Governor: George Pataki (R)
Senate: Republican
General Assembly: Democrat

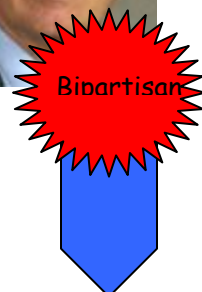


CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Excellent

Gov. Pataki on Renewable Energy (1-5-06)

“Since 1995, we’ve established New York as a national leader in environmental protection, we’ve preserved nearly one million acres of open space, cleaned up rivers and revitalized waterfronts across the states.



“We have made great strides to reduce pollution from power plants by implementing the toughest acid rain regulations in the nation. We enacted the nation’s first green build credit.

“Most recently we led the way as seven Northeast states put in place the first regional based program for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in American history.

“Let’s continue to build on that record of accomplishment by making New York State the leader in reducing dependence on imported energy.

“Let’s make New York the place where that defining question is answered.

“Let’s make New York the worldwide center for clean, renewable, energy research, product development and job creation.”

“ Later this session, I will propose a plan to jumpstart a new era of statewide availability of renewable fuels- ensuring that more of or energy dollars stay right here in New York.

“It begins with an initiative to make renewable fuels available at service stations all across the state, starting with the New York Thruway.

“And then, it goes a step further, by making that renewable fuel tax-free throughout the State of New York.

“This plan will also provide for the establishment of refineries that make ethanol out of agricultural products from our farms and wood products from our northern forests.

“It will create shovel-ready sites and help finance advanced clean coal power plants that burn our most abundant fuel without the pollution of yesterday’s dirty plants.

“It will spur the development of efficient hybrid vehicles that can actually be plugged in or alternatively run on renewable bio-fuels

“This comprehensive strategy to reduce dependence on foreign oil, will allow us to see the future today and create the clean energy technologies that can be exported around the world tomorrow.”

Actions during the legislative session:

- Wind Energy Income Tax Credit (Bill#: HB 397)
 - Provides up to a \$7500 income tax credit on wind energy equipment.
- Clean Energy Production Credit (Bill#: HB 1905)
 - Establishes a tax credit for the production of clean energy.
- Electric Company Development of Clean Energy Technology (Bill#: HB 5179)
 - Requires that electric companies phase in clean energy starting from 0.5% and doubling each year.
- Expands the Products which may be purchased for public use (Bill#: HB 6571)

- Expands the energy products that may be purchased commercially to include renewable products.
- Tax Credit (Bill#: HB 9422)
 - Establishes a tax credit for the construction of fueling stations and holding tanks to store alternative fuels.
- Home Grown Energy Act (Bill#: HB 11644)
 - Provides tax credits and assistance to farmers in the dairy energy management program to help them establish renewable fuel systems. This bill also encourages the use of clean fuels and energy conservation by state agencies.
- Energy Plan (Bill#: SB 6722)
 - Creates a state energy board and requires the development of an energy plan.
- Alternative Energy Tax Credit (Bill#: SB 7862)
 - Enacts an alternative energy tax credit.

Gov. Pataki went beyond his initial program to support the development of renewable energy on farms.

State: Ohio

Governor: Bob Taft (R)

Senate: Democrat

General Energy: Democrat

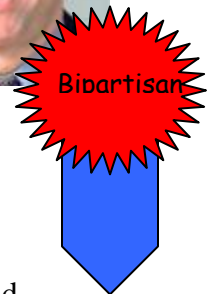


CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Excellent

Gov. Taft on Clean Energy (1-25-06)

“Soon, I’ll submit to you a plan to continue investing Clean Ohio dollars for the benefit of our families.”



Actions during the Legislative Session

- Revise Definition of Air Quality (Bill#: HB 440)
 - Includes clean coal facilities in the definition of an air quality facility and creates a FutureGen initiative fund to support clean firing coal facilities.(Signed 7-6-06)
 - ““One of these sites ultimately will become known worldwide as the place where a new generation of zero-emission energy plants made its debut,’ Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said recently after the 12 candidate sites were announced.”- The Associated Press
- Regarding the State Energy Policy (Bill#: SB 247)
 - Creates an energy policy requiring electric companies to phase in the use of renewable resources over time in increments and report to the Public Utilities Commission about their progress.
- Regarding use of Alternative Fuels in State Vehicles (Bill#: HB 245)
 - Establishes the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant and other funds to encourage and support the use of clean fuels and alternative energy.(Signed 4-4-06)
- Regarding the Oil and Gas Commission (Bill#: HB 288)

- Allows the Oil and Gas Commission Chairperson to appoint temporary members to the Technical Advisory Council when a quorum cannot be reached. (Signed 3-28-06)
- An Act to Create the Council on Sustainable Energy Development (Bill#: HB 398)
 - Creates the Council on Sustainable Energy Development and defines its basic purpose and the parameters under which it operates.
- Provides for a State Energy Policy (Bill#: SB 298)
 - Establishes the Ohio energy policy, which supports the use of clean coal, affordable natural gas, and an increased use of renewable fuels.

Gov. Taft went beyond investing in clean energy to supporting research and the use of clean fuels in the state.

State: Oregon

Governor: Ted Kulongoski (D)

Senate: Democrat

General Assembly: Republican



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Failing

Gov. Kulongoski on Renewable Energy (2-24-06)

“I have made restoring the Willamette River my number one priority for the environment. I directed the state motor pool to increase their use of bio-diesel and ethanol, and to purchase more hybrid vehicles. I demanded new restrictions on tailpipe emissions.”

“My message to the federal administration is this: You’re wrong on salmon recovery. You’re wrong on roadless areas. You’re wrong on the sale of public land. You’re wrong on global warming. You’re wrong on offshore drilling on the outer continental shelf. And - for good measure - you’re wrong that conservation is nothing more than a ‘personal virtue.’”

“We need alternative renewable energy, tougher fuel-efficiency standards, and an ocean conservation strategy that protects and preserves Oregon’s outer continental shelf.”

Actions during the legislative session

No legislative action was taken to address energy standards or conservation during the last session.

Gov. Kulongoski failed to back up his words with actions and work with the legislature.

State: Rhode Island

Governor: Don Carcieri (R)

Senate: Democratic

General Assembly: Democratic



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Fair

Gov. Carcieri on his Energy Plan (1-25-06)

“Energy costs also impact our quality of life and our economy. Rhode Island can be a national leader in energy policy. Earlier this month, I appointed a Chief Energy Advisor and announced a five-point energy policy to make us that leader. My plan will:

1. Promote conservation;
2. Increase LNG supplies without building in populated areas;
3. Provide assistance to the most vulnerable;
4. Reform the unfair electricity pricing system in New England. At present, the producers of oil and natural gas are reaping enormous windfall profits. That leaves every consumer holding the bag! That’s wrong and we need to change it.
5. Finally, we will vigorously pursue renewable sources of energy.

“At present, Rhode Island has no major source of energy. We produce no oil or natural gas. My goal is to use wind power to produce 15% of Rhode Island’s energy needs.”

Action taken during the legislative session

- Affordable Energy Act (Bill#: HB 6933)
 - Creates a program to assist low-income residents in paying the cost of electricity and natural gas, which draws money from electric company fees and adding a consumer rate charge. These funds would help low-income families pay heating costs.
- Act Relating to Public Utilities (Bill#: HB 7002)
 - Provides for the creation of a new state energy office, an energy affordability fund and other funds designed to assist residents with their energy costs.
- Rhode Island State Energy Office (Bill#: HB 7809)
 - Establishes a state energy office and commissioner of energy
- Act Relating to Renewable Energy (Bill#: HB 8093)
 - Founds the Rhode Island Home Energy Assistance Program to help those making 150% or less than the federal poverty level pay for their utilities.
- An Act relating to Renewable Energy (Bill#: SB 2904)
 - Sets guidelines for locating renewable resources and for the procurement of natural resources.
- An Act Relating to Affordable Energy (Bill#: SB 2906)
 - Creates an executive branch office of energy with the funding and authority to assist with the implementation of the affordable energy act.
- An Act Relating to Renewable Energy (Bill#: SB 2498)
 - Adds bio-diesel to the definition of alternative fuel and allows the state to provide grants to any individual or organization that opens a plant in Rhode Island. (Signed 6-30-06)
- Act Relating to Energy Assistance (Bill#: HB 7894)
 - Assists families less than 150% above the federal poverty level in paying for their energy needs and mandates competitive bidding for state heating oil contracts.

- Act Relating to the Department of Environmental Management (Bill#: HB 2502)
 - The role and responsibilities of the director of environmental management is expanded to support environmental conservation.
 - Effective without Governors signature on 7-4-06

Gov. Carcieri achieved many of his stated goals but failed to reform the energy pricing system and did little to enact his proposal for liquefied natural gas production increases.

State: South Dakota

Governor: Mike Rounds (R)

Senate: Republican

General Assembly: Republican



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Good

Gov. Rounds on pollution

“I will introduce a bill to provide incentives for pollution control equipment.”

Actions during Legislative Session

- Pollution Control and Property Tax Exemption (Bill#: HB 1227)
 - Provides a property tax exemption for coal plants that upgrade to emission controlling technology (Signed on 2-24-06)
 - “Changing the tax law to give individuals an economic benefit for investing in wind energy would go a long way toward helping people see the benefits and appreciate a wind turbine’s aesthetics.”- Waste News

Gov. Rounds fulfilled his promise to the people and passed a bill to provide tax credits for pollution control equipment, which is exactly what he promised to achieve.

State: Utah

Governor: Jon Huntsman Jr. (R)

Senate: Republican

General Assembly: Republican



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Poor

Gov. Huntsman on the environment

“I have a message for the nuclear waste folks who want to use our pristine State as a dumping ground: We do not produce spent nuclear fuel, we do not benefit from it, and we will not store this deadly material in Utah!

“As we look toward enhancing our environment, we are mindful of our needs for the future. Southern Utah is one of the fastest growing areas in the United States and we must secure the needs of our citizens there. My budget calls for lifting the current caps on water-project funding, which will allow us to expedite critical projects like the Lake Powell pipeline.

“As your Governor, I am committed to responsible development of our energy resources and having an energy policy that meets our economic development objectives. The advent of new and exciting technologies means that we are poised to enter a new era of energy development and growth.”

Actions taken during the legislative session

- **Renewable Energy Tax Credit (Bill#: HB 42)**
 - Extends the renewable energy tax credit until 2011 and includes energy from geothermal sources in tax credits.
- **Energy Policy (Bill#: HB 46)**
 - Establishes the position of Governor’s Energy Advisor and establishes a state energy policy.(Signed 3-15-06)
 - “We wanted something durable. Legislators come and go. Governors come and go,”- Kathy van Dame (Wasatch Clean Air Coalition Spokeswomen)
- **Bill#: HB 80**
 - Reorganizes the energy agency, placing the state energy conservation procedure under the division of Facilities Construction and Management, charging them with the creation of energy saving policy. (Signed 3-17-06)
- **Bill#: HB 93**
 - Creates the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund and expands the authority of the Air Quality Board to increase conservation and expand the use of renewable fuels.(Signed 3-13-06)

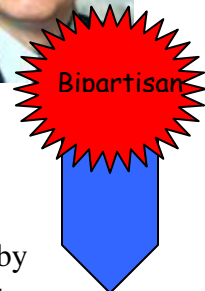
Gov. Huntsman did not provide for water project funding nor did he enact tangible change, instead he created an agency that will eventually plan for those actions to be taken.

State: Vermont

Governor: Gov. Douglas (R)

Senate: Democratic

General Assembly: Democratic



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Excellent

Gov. Douglas on reliable energy

“A central issue in the affordability of Vermont is the need for economical and reliable sources of energy.”

“Maintaining an affordable power supply requires a long-term strategic vision. Where we can, we must employ renewable energy sources and reduce demand by conserving more and promoting efficiency. The State has taken the lead on this by revamping our fleet system and instituting a plan to make state buildings environmentally friendly, and I have appointed a blue ribbon commission to recommend how we can extend these initiatives to the private sector.”

“In the coming years we will foster an affordable energy supply rich in renewables, from both in-state and our neighbors in Canada.”

Action taken during the legislative session

- Energy Security and Reliability Act (Bill#: HB 859)
 - Encourages electric companies to utilize renewable fuels by financing the upgrades needed to make the energy derived from renewable fuel available to the general public. (Signed 5-30-06)
 - “All of the work that we have been doing on a variety of different bills is to help Vermont become more energy independent”-Rep. Robert Dostis- The Associated Press
- Agricultural Energy and Fuel Production (Bill#: HB 602)
 - Establishes a grant program that supports farmers who want to begin growing bio-fuel materials and producing bio-fuels. (Signed 5-30-06)
- Establishing a Universal Thermal Energy Efficiency Program (Bill#: HB 722)
 - Mandates that electric companies make efficiency improvements over the course of several years in order to reduce heating costs for customers.
- Encouraging the use of Alternative fuels by Municipalities (Bill#: HB 804)
 - This bill establishes a grant program to help municipalities convert trucks and buses to alternative fuel.
- An Act Relating to Vermont Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (Bill#: HB 860)
 - Includes Vermont in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which establishes a cap on greenhouse gas emissions but allows greenhouse gas credits to be traded between the states. (Signed 5-2-06)
 - “After a marked lack of national action on climate change, the State of Vermont has taken the initiative to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions with the

Governor's signing of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)."-
Vermont Natural Resources Council

"All of the work that we have been doing on a variety of different bills is to help Vermont become more energy independent," Rep. Robert Dostis- Associated Press

Gov. Douglas went beyond his original vision and supported the expansion of bio-fuels to the rural market and encourages farmers wishing to make the transition to producing bio-fuels.

State: Wisconsin

Governor: Jim Doyle (D)

Senate: Republican

General Assembly: Republican



CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AND ENERGY REFORM

Grade: Poor

Gov. Doyle on Renewable Energy (1-17-06)

"Senator Cowles and Representative Montgomery are working to pass the recommendations of the Task Force on Renewable Energy - including getting 10% of our energy from renewable sources by 2015.

"It's an ambitious goal . . . but it's the right goal and we should settle for nothing less. I urge you to pass the bill without watering it down and without delay.

"Finally, I'm calling for the ethanol bill authored by Senator Harsdorf and Representative Gronemus. Ethanol is clean, it's renewable, it's less expensive, it helps Wisconsin farmers and it reduces the demand for foreign oil. Let's pass this bill, because America ought to be more dependent on the Midwest, and not the Mideast."

Actions taken during the legislative session

- Bio-diesel regulations (Bill#: HB 72)
 - Expands the definition of bio-fuel to include products made from both plant and animal products and limits the advertisement and sale of bio-fuel to those products that meet specific regulations.
- Utilities renewable Energy Requirements (Bill#: SB 459)
 - Updates an older bill that encourages energy conservation and efficiency as well as low-income assistance. It also begins a review of the energy conservation code. (Approved 3-30-06)
 - "The renewable energy bill poised to pass the Legislature this week is a victory for Wisconsin in the way that the completion of a blueprint is a victory for a home builder"- Wisconsin State Journal
- Utilities Renewable Energy Requirements (Bill#: HB 841)
 - Grants more freedoms to the electric companies to administer their own public benefits program; it also moves back previously created deadlines for the

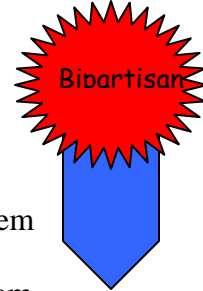
inclusion of renewable fuels in the energy process and also details the reporting of company-run public benefits programs to their customers.

Gov. Doyle made no steps toward increasing the use of renewable energy by the state.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS REFORM

Grade: Good

**Gov. Doyle on Lobbying, Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform
(1-17-06)**



“Last April, I unveiled sweeping election reforms to modernize the system and correct the problems of 2004 . . . including better training for poll workers, merging the elections and ethics boards and stopping felons from voting illegally.

“Two weeks ago, I offered up significant and bipartisan ethics reforms - including a ban on all fundraising during the budget process and putting the brakes on former officials who want to turn around and lobby the government they helped run. These reforms make common sense, they’ll make a difference, and tonight I ask you to make them law.

“Two years ago, Senators Ellis and Erpenbach offered a blueprint for comprehensive campaign finance reform. It would end phony issue ads, and includes strong public financing. It is bipartisan, major reform, and it is time the legislature passed it.”

Actions taken during the legislative session

- State Board to Administer (Bill#: HB 1059)
 - Appropriates funds to the elections committee that was created, as well as defining the duties of the elections committee.
- Lobbying Regulation (Bill#: SB 538)
 - Adds restrictions to the campaign finance system to prevent certain finance practices and increases funding and adjusts the requirements for the public funding and matching funds system.

Gov. Doyle stood by his word and supported campaign finance legislation.

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