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Eddy Votes to Impeach Blagojevich

Springfield, IL...Following a unanimous recommendation by the Illinois House Special Investigative Committee, State Representative Roger Eddy (R – Hutsonville) voted to support articles of impeachment against Democratic Governor Rod Blagojevich Friday morning.

“There exists a long record of contempt for the law by Governor Blagojevich. From illegal hiring and firing to the ongoing criminal investigation, the Governor has shown time and again that he has no regard for the legislature or the law,” Eddy said.

“We are a nation of laws, not of men,” he continued, “The people of the state of Illinois deserve a Governor that will be a public servant and not a self-servant. There is no great joy in this vote today, but we had a responsibility to follow the Constitution. Today’s vote reflects strength in the system of democracy and proves that the system works when the law is followed,” Eddy said.

The impeachment committee, made up of 21 Republican and Democrat House members, met throughout December and January to hear testimony on topics ranging from the Governor’s attempts to expand healthcare, audits completed by the Auditor General’s Office, and the illegal hiring and firing of state employees. Committee members also listened to transcripts of conversations taped by FBI officials as part of their investigation that were included in the criminal complaint against Blagojevich.

“The evidence to impeach really was overwhelming,” Eddy said. “Today’s vote by the House is a reflection of how well the Special Investigative Committee did their job,” he said. “The House has now done its job. As of now I am confident that the Senate will do the right thing and remove the Governor from office following his trial in that chamber,” Eddy said.