

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced she has vetoed House Bill 7101, *An Act Concerning the Estate and Gift Tax*, and Senate Bill 2101, *An Act Concerning a Deficit Mitigation Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010*, calling both bills further examples of the Democrat-controlled Legislature's refusal to confront the reality of the state's financial crisis by cutting spending. Because the majority party in the Legislature is unable to make the needed cuts, Governor Rell said she is submitting legislation expanding the authority of Governors to make rescissions.

“Called into special session to deal with a budget deficit estimated between \$337 million and \$550 million, the Democrats in the Legislature managed to trim state spending by a feeble \$12.4 million,” Governor Rell said. “It is a repeat of the same pattern we have seen time and again this year: Regrettably, it is an outright refusal to admit that state spending has far exceeded the ability of state taxpayers – any state taxpayers – to pay for it.”

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