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State Budget 2009-2010

The following is an excerpt from a Press Conference on February 4, 2009 in which AFSCME Council 13 Executive Director Dave Fillman participated subsequent to the governor's budget address along with Kathy Jellison, SEIU L668 President and John Meyerson, Legislative Director of UFCW L1776.

"I'm pleased that the governor has come up with some creative revenue enhancements," said Fillman. "This is what the union wanted all along; to exhaust the many cost saving options out there before coming after workers." Fillman reiterated to the press that we will continue talks with the Governor's Office and that the collective bargaining agreement will **NOT be re-opened**. "The Rainy Day Fund and other surpluses are a result of contract sacrifices our members have made over the past 5 years. We've already shared the pain the governor wants us all to experience -- and we continue to share it every time the budget rolls around." (See page 2 for photo)

President's Message

Brothers and Sisters of Local 972,

Due to the downward spiraling economic environment, Governor Rendell has proposed various cuts in his 2009-2010 budget for the Commonwealth. These cuts, if left unchanged by the Legislature, create the possibility for some furloughs. The proposed budget is now in the hands of the Legislature for their review. It is still too early to determine the effect their version of the budget will have on us.

Currently, I have not been advised of any pending layoffs in either AG or Treasury. We are working hard on your behalf with management to explore avenues to reduce and hopefully eliminate the possibility of furloughs. We welcome any valid cost cutting suggestions you may have. We will post updated information to our website www.afscmelocal972.com as it occurs.

As of January 2009, management agreed to move the Auditor I, II and III pay scales up one level. Currently, further details and explanations are being prepared and will be made available on our website. If you do not have access to our website, please contact an officer to receive further instructions on this change.

Remember, together we are strong, and by working together we can accomplish many things even in these hard times.

In solidarity

Rich Conway