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### **Schultz Calls on Gov to Drop the “Illusion”**

(Madison) Senate Majority Leader Dale Schultz (R-Richland Center) complimented Governor Jim Doyle on his theme to move Wisconsin forward, but he said he had serious questions about how the Governor planned to pay for his ideas.

“By my count the Governor laid out close to 25 new ways to spend taxpayer’s money but very few ideas on how he plans to pay for them,” Schultz said. “A lot of the ideas were great window dressing, but there’s nothing in the store.”

Schultz said Senate Republicans are willing to work with Doyle on the areas of healthcare, education, and jobs, however their top priorities are getting rid of the state’s over \$1.6 billion dollar deficit and lowering the tax burden for property taxpayers.

“Republican Senators are committed to real property tax relief,” Schultz said. “In doing so, we’ll work with local officials as our partners to make sure they have the tools to achieve greater government efficiencies.”

“Perhaps the Governor put together his budget ideas while visiting Appleton because they’re an illusion worthy of Houdini,” Schultz said. “We can’t balance our budget on reserves that aren’t there. Senators were hoping to see a vision based on real numbers.”

Schultz said he looks forward to working with Assembly Speaker John Gard in crafting real solutions for Wisconsin’s working families.