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Senator Kearney Expresses Disappointment In the Senate Version of the Budget Bill

House Bill 153 short on jobs creation and unfairly targets local government

CINCINNATI— State Senator Eric H. Kearney (D-Cincinnati) today expressed his disappointment in the passing of Substitute House Bill 153 out of the Senate without the inclusion of Democratic amendments.

“Over thirty amendments were submitted on the floor by members of the Senate Democratic Caucus; not one was added to the Senate version of the budget. This budget doesn’t include bi-partisan ideas,” stated Senator Kearney.

Earlier in the week and on the Senate floor, Senator Kearney offered an amendment to remove a provision from the State budget that would require casinos to pay the Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) based on gross receipts. It was rejected. Construction on casinos in Cincinnati and Cleveland stopped nearly a month ago, stalling job creation, because of a still unresolved dispute between Rock Gaming and the Kasich administration over tax issues.

“The citizens of Ohio want a budget that will spur job creation and economic growth. They want security in knowing that their concerns are being addressed. This current version of the budget does not reflect that or a true bipartisan effort.”

Senator Eric H. Kearney represents parts of Cincinnati, St. Bernard, Elmwood Place, Cleves, Cheviot, Norwood, Golf Manor, Columbia Township, Deer Park, Silverton, Springfield Township, North Bend and Addyston.