

August 5, 2003

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
93rd General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto and return House Bill 221, entitled "AN ACT in relation to property."

While this bill raises valid concerns regarding the disposition of state property, I feel the parameters set forth in this legislation go too far in restricting the operation of state government. After closely reviewing this bill with related property control agencies, I intend to sign a total veto of this legislation. However, I am confident that the current administration will work the Department of Central Management Services, the Department of Human Services, and local governing bodies to insure that these issues are clearly deliberated in an open forum and to make sure communities are not blindsided by government reorganization in the future.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor