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Corzine's sorry economic performance continues

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The state lost nearly 100,000 jobs during the past year alone and, as of February, its unemployment rate stands at 8.2 percent, and increasing. Add in those who no longer qualify for unemployment benefits, and aren't even bothering to look for work, it is closer to 15.7 percent mark.

Over the past seven years state spending has increased 46 percent under Democrat control, state debt stands at \$44.5 billion, with the average property tax averaging around \$7,000. At \$7,045, it remains the highest in the nation, up nearly 20 percent under the Corzine administration and 55 percent since 2002.

Several months back Corzine was talking about closing state parks then rescinded his thoughts on

that. Instead of closing parks he now wants to build one.

Even though the state is saddled with a \$7 billion deficit, with many families losing their jobs and homes, left with no medical benefits, the governor intends to close the \$7 billion gap by saddling middle-class families with \$1 billion in new or increased taxes for 2010.

Is all this new revenue going towards paying down the debt, or to leave us with his future ego legacy of Corzine Park to the tune of \$87 million? Not including overrun costs, which could peak at \$500 million? If this is not enough to rile up the ire of state taxpayers, I don't know what will.

Corzine has not followed through on any of his campaign promises, continuing to spend taxpayer money like a well with no bottom, knowing full well we were heading into a recession, a taxpayer-be-damned attitude. That \$87 million could go a long way in helping ease the pain of the state taxpayers who Corzine proclaims that he knows what they are going through.

If we can take \$4 million from the EMT funds to balance the budget, he can divert the Corporation Business Tax towards that entity also. He isn't using it for its intended purpose anyhow, which was to fund the development and maintenance of parks throughout the state. Corporate Wall Street fiscal management, I think not. New Jersey burns, while fiddles are being played in the Statehouse.

The shell game continues ... the raiding of funds intended for one purpose, to be used for another seems to be the new trend in Trenton. It's easier than working to find a solution. After all isn't that how we got into this mess?

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RobertHartley wrote:

The electorate in this state are like alcoholics. No matter how much money you throw at their programs, projects, handouts, make-work jobs, it's never enough. Not until the alcoholic is in the gutter, sans family, home, money and self-respect, might there be a glimmer of hope for recovery. Not until the toxic money spicket is turned off in Trenton and in the local municipalities, will this state come to its senses.

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holmesbox wrote:

Joseph, as far as I'm concerned, the office for which you are running is the real problem. Yes, your outline of Corzine's sorry performance as governor is right on. But not a Democrat has stepped up and offered ANYTHING common sense in the budget hearings to try to curb spending. Unless you think that cutting municipal funding, borrowing another 2 billion, raising taxes and fees, and cutting programs such as arts funding as common sense. Speaker Roberts continues to be derelict in his duty as speaker and he along with Codey will soon bankrupt this state. They are certainly planning on again funding the 165 million dollar slush fund for Democratic stronghold cities and have not cut ONE paid political appointee position. In fact, they continue to hire!! Face it, the governor is clueless and inept, but even if he wanted to make the necessary draconian cuts, it's doubtful the Assembly and Senate would go along with any of it unless he forced a government shut down. GRIP the Assembly!!

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pelican wrote:

Replying to MiOpin:

But come november, the Unions will get him re elected.

The Unions? What about all the good citizens from the bastions of civility known as Camden, Newark, Trenton, Plainfield, Irvington, Paterson, Jersey City, Asbury Park, Atlantic City, etc. etc. not to mention Mr. Bon Jovi and Springsteen. The shame of it all is that Corzine doesn't have to spend a dime to win reelection in this cess pool in which we have the misfortune to reside. It ain't the politicians that are broken, it's the electorate.

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samsin wrote:

The state workers should be ticked off to no end. If the money can build a park, he can put the money back into their pensions that the state never put into. He told them there is no money and they must take furloughs, but yet he keeps finding money for everything else. Another example of taking money to be used on something else.

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MiOpin wrote:

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