

My Two Cent's Worth

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What's up, Gov?

Our new governor, J.B., will take office soon. It's marginally better than the bully in office now, Rauner. Why is it that so many republicans really are bullies? I could name a few but it's the joyous season.

Rauner hasn't been seen too much lately. He is quietly going to end his run, unlike Rahm, who hopefully will soon go away as all lame ducks must do.

But J.B. is making noise even though as of now that's all it is, because he never gives a lot of details or insights as to how he will handle things. He is going to inherit a state's budget that is estimated \$65,813,420,000 rubles (\$1 billion USD) out of balance. And then there is a \$7 billion (USD!) backlog of past-due bills. He hasn't as of late, given us a clue how he will attack both issues.

Probably means he will send out his Orc Army to look for loose change in the pockets of all those who still reside in Mordor.

But the big issue for unions and union members, especially police officers, are pensions and retirement benefits.

The \$130 billions estimated debt, which by the way can change upward minute by minute by some bean counters, makes overdue bills and the budget look like Monopoly money.

J.B. says the state should keep its promises (which I applaud). He says the state should pony up more money up front, but as usual, he doesn't tell us how exactly he is going to do just that. But we all keep our retirement benefits as promised, that's a good thing.

But he has a plan somewhere to do stuff. We will just have to wait and see. Where have we heard that before?

Vita é bella.