

A Few Minutes with the Boss

It's over!

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Yeah, finally. The cheap political attacks by both parties in the Illinois governor's race have come to an end.

Much garbage spewed out of the mouths of these candidates and their respective campaigns. It seems that no longer do they tell you what they are going to do to improve our lives, but rather infer and imply only the nasty things they can find or dream up about their opponent.

So a lesser of two evils it was. Evil A Bruce Rauner won. Evil B Pat Quinn bites the bullet. Who will be better for us as we go forward?

Darned if I know.

But Bruce is now the guy. He is going to fix Illinois — unbreak it. Take out corruption, balance the budget, cut spending, get our mojo, and bond rating working again.

Maybe not raise taxes, either. But maybe Quinn will do that in the veto session as a lame duck governor and Rauner will have something to blame on Quinn. Sort of like Obama blaming Bush, only on a lesser scale.

Rauner would probably be happy if Quinn actually does this because then he doesn't take ownership. But I hear that Madigan and Cullerton will make Rauner stew over where the money is going to come from as it does not appear they will approve Quinn's tax hike in the veto session.

But what of us little guys? The cops and firemen and other state workers? Originally Rauner sounded like he was going to be worse than Quinn on retirement benefits. But lo and behold, he has come off that and recently stated he was going to make changes for new employees but leave us old retired folks alone, allowing us to keep our benefits. Not sure if new employees also means current ones.

Hmm — one can only hope he is telling the truth and will further modify his plans. Time will tell, I guess, but we will try to get more information and pass it along as we can.

Congrats to the new governor and especially to all of you who had to sit through this race.

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