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The governor's plan calls for \$295 million in labor concessions, and would eliminate 400 state jobs currently filled along with 448 vacant posts that have been temporarily frozen.

Livingston called Rell's budget "a series of attacks on working families in this state."

When asked if they were confident that givebacks ultimately would be achieved, Democratic leaders' reactions were mixed.

Donovan said, "If the past is any indication, the state employees have always been willing to help, and I believe they will again."

Williams declined to predict whether concessions would be realized. "I hope folks will recognize a budget resolution requires shared sacrifices," he said.

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