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4/02/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk to state Sen. Dan McConchie about the grand bargain and more on this week's Illinois Rising. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk to state Sen. Dan McConchie, R-Hawthorne Woods, about his legislation to move lawmaker pay to the back of the line of state spending priorities. McConchie also gives his thoughts on the Senate's "grand bargain," and Proft and Hughes analyze political journalism in the state and how the 2018 gubernatorial race is developing.

4/09/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Illinois Policy CEO John Tillman talk municipal elections and more on this week's Illinois Rising. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Illinois Policy CEO John Tillman recap municipal elections that took place April 4 and what they mean for taxpayers. They also talk to two victorious candidates who had to overcome obstacles en route to Election Day wins.

4/16/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk to Mark Glennon of Wirepoints.com about the competing budget proposals in the Illinois General Assembly and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk to Mark Glennon of Wirepoints.com about the competing budget proposals in the Illinois General Assembly. They also talk to a newly-elected township trustee in northern Illinois whose main focus is to consolidate or eliminate the township entirely, and they break down some new spending data from the state's largest government-worker union, AFSCME.

4/23/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes break down Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's new idea for mandating post-graduation plans for Chicago Public Schools' high school students and more. (28:00)

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4/30/17 Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the corruption case for Auditor General Frank Mautino and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, discuss House Bill 40, which expanded taxpayer funding for abortions, with state Rep. Tom Morrison, R-Palatine. They also analyze, with Project 6 CEO Faisal Khan, the corruption case for Auditor General Frank Mautino and the new report detailing patronage jobs in former Gov. Pat Quinn's administration.

5/7/17 Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss a busy week in Springfield with state Reps Mark Batinick, and more. (28:00)

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5/14/17 Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss a busy week in Springfield with state Reps Mark Batinick, and more. (28:00)

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5/21/17 Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk about Illinois potentially falling to junk-rated status with CNBC analyst Jim Iuorio, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk about Illinois potentially falling to junk-rated status with CNBC analyst Jim Iuorio. They also respond to Mike Madigan's rare interview with WGN Radio in Chicago, and they talk to state Rep. Jeanne Ives, R-Wheaton, about getting property tax reform passed in Illinois.

5/28/17 Pat Hughes and Joe Kaiser breakdown updates in Springfield budget negotiations with just days left in this legislative session, and more (28:00)

Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, and Joe Kaiser, writer for the Illinois Policy Institute, breakdown updates in Springfield budget negotiations with just days left in this legislative session. They also talk about the crisis in higher ed funding with a policy expert from the Manhattan Institute, and they discuss how J.B. Pritzker and Chris Kennedy, the two leading candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 2018, are cheating the property tax system in Illinois.

6/04/17 Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the lack of a budget, minimum wages, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, discuss the Illinois General Assembly's failure to pass a balanced budget before legislative session ended May 31. They also talk to economist Walter Williams about how Illinois' minimum wage hike – which just passed the House – would hurt poor and minority communities in the state. And they discuss the fallout from the news that Democratic gubernatorial frontrunner J.B. Pritzker once lobbied Rod Blagojevich for a political appointment.

06/11/17 Dan Proft and Pat Hughes break down Illinois' new credit rating, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, break down Illinois' new credit rating – which is now the lowest of any state in U.S. history. They also analyze with state Sen. Dan McConchie, R-Hawthorn Woods, Democrats' proposal to change the education funding formula to give more money to Chicago Public Schools. And they discuss a case the Supreme Court is considering that could make Right to Work national law.

06/18/17 Trey Meyer with WNSV spoke with Joyce Fikri from the St. Louis District Dairy Council (27:50)

During this interview, Joyce spoke with me about how the month of June is Dairy Month and different ways we can stay on top of consumption of dairy and different events happening in the area.

06/25/17 Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the beginning of the special legislative session in Springfield, and more. (28:00)

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, discuss the beginning of the special legislative session in Springfield, in which both Republicans and Democrats are pushing multibillion-dollar tax hikes. They also talk to a downstate taxpayer who is fighting back against massive property tax hikes in court.