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01/01/17 **Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the corruption case for Auditor General Frank Mautino and more. (28:00)**

Illinois Policy's Joe Kaiser and Eric Kohn talk to state Rep. Mark Batinick, R-Plainfield, about the legislative stalemate in 2016 and what's to come in 2017. They also discuss the new Census Bureau data that show Illinois lost nearly 38,000 people this past year.

01/08/17 **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, talk to economist Daniel Mitchell from the Cato Institute about what he calls Illinois' "death spiral." They also talk to Wirepoints.com's Mark Glennon about the urgency for a statewide property tax freeze, and they discuss the upcoming vote for Illinois House Speaker.

01/15/17 **Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the corruption case for Auditor General Frank Mautino and more. (28:00)**

Dan Proft and Eric Kohn, marketing manager for the Illinois Policy Institute, discuss Kentucky's passage of Right-to-Work legislation, which has left Illinois nearly surrounded by Right-to-Work states. They also talk about how the state's pension mess is severely hurting one Cook County village, and they explain how the Senate's budget "compromise" is a bad deal for Illinois taxpayers.

01/22/17 **Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the corruption case for Auditor General Frank Mautino and more. (28:00)**

Pat Hughes and Kathleen Murphy, both of the Illinois Opportunity Project, discuss the potential for an AFSCME strike with Mailee Smith, labor attorney with the Illinois Policy Institute. They also talk to Faisal Khan, CEO of government watchdog group Project Six, about how to change Chicago and Illinois' culture of corruption, and they discuss the Illinois Senate's budget deal, which is riddled with more tax hikes and borrowing.

01/29/17 **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, talk with the Illinois Radio Network's Greg Bishop about Gov. Bruce Rauner's State of the State Address and ongoing budget negotiations in the Senate. They also talk to an Indiana state senator who is proposing a balanced budget amendment for his state, which could provide even more competition to Illinois. And they break down new out-migration numbers that show just how badly people want to flee Illinois.

02/05/17 **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, talk about Chicago Public Schools' lawsuit against Gov. Bruce Rauner and how the district's demands for a bailout are bad for state taxpayers. They also talk about how decisions made at the federal Department of Labor could impact Illinois, and the possible reemergence of tax hike proposals in the General Assembly.

02/12/17 **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, react to the halt of the Senate's "grand bargain," which included multibillion dollar tax hikes, and they explain why lawmakers should take a different approach. They also talk to an economist who describes the growing divide between downstate and urban economies. And they get analysis from inside Missouri, which just passed Right to Work legislation, making Illinois now surrounded by Right-to-Work states.

02/19/17 **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, talk to a black parent of a suburban Chicago school outraged by the school's mandatory seminar on race. They also analyze Gov. Bruce Rauner's budget address and what his tone means for reforms moving forward.

02/26/17 **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.

03/05/17 **Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes analyze the the impact of a potential AFSCME strike and discuss the fallout from the revival of the Senate's "grand bargain." (28:00)**

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, analyze the the impact of a potential AFSCME strike with Illinois Policy Labor Attorney Mailee Smith and California Policy Center's Ed Ring. They also discuss the fallout from the revival of the Senate's "grand bargain," which once again failed to gain enough support

03/12/17 **Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes discuss the fallout from the spat between Gov. Bruce Rauner and Chance the Rapper, and more. (28:00)**

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, discuss the fallout from the spat between Gov. Bruce Rauner and Chance the Rapper with Bob Bowdon, executive director of ChoiceMedia.tv. They also discuss new poll results that show Illinoisans don't want tax increases in any budget deal – despite the fact that that's what lawmakers are proposing.

03/19/17 **Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk about minimum-wage hike proposals and more on this week's Illinois Rising. (28:00)**

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk to economist Don Boudreaux who explains why minimum-wage hike proposals in the Illinois General Assembly are misguided. They also talk to a mayoral candidate in the state's second largest city, and they shine light on a Chicago politician who is criticizing Illinoisans fleeing for Indiana.

03/26/17 **Illinois Rising- Dan Proft and Pat Hughes talk to a northwest Illinois homebuilder about the differences between Illinois and Indiana, and more. (28:00)**

Dan Proft and Pat Hughes, co-founder of the Illinois Opportunity Project, talk to a northwest Illinois homebuilder who is starting to notice the significant financial differences between building homes in border states versus in Illinois. They also talk to a suburban mayoral candidate pledging reform for his town, and they explain why legislation in Springfield aimed at eliminating donor privacy is bad news.