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Quinn calls lawmakers back to Springfield

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gov. Pat Quinn warned Monday that 52,000 people could become unemployed due to shutdowns in road, bridge and other projects if lawmakers don't return to work in Springfield and approve spending for the state's ongoing capital construction program.

Quinn said he would talk to legis-

lative leaders about a date to return to the state Capitol. Lawmakers adjourned their spring session last week without approving an appropriations bill so the state could continue to spend money on construction projects. There was a disagreement between the House and the Senate over tacking on to the legislation \$430 million in education and social services spending.

Unless lawmakers authorize spend-

ing for the construction program, Quinn said starting June 17 he would have to begin the process of suspending a host of projects, including road and bridge projects and major construction work at the state's universities.

"It's a very serious job crisis," Quinn said at the site of a road project in downtown Chicago, one of the projects he said would have to stop.

Illinois Senate President John Cul-

lerton agreed with Quinn that lawmakers still had work to do.

"Without sufficient funding to education and human services, President Cullerton believes that the budget is incomplete," Cullerton spokesman Rikeesha Phelon said in a statement "He looks forward to meeting with the leaders to chart a way forward on the budget and capital construction program."

Ill. officials want to extradite Fla. man

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CHICAGO — The scion of a prominent Illinois family who avoided prison time in Florida after pleading guilty in a crash there in 2009 that left two British businessmen dead may be coming back home to spend time behind bars.

The Chicago Tribune reported that the Illinois Department of Corrections is trying to have Ryan LeVin extradited back to the state for a parole violation because the agency said he violated his parole last year when he traveled without court permission to Florida to answer felony vehicular manslaughter charges. Cara Smith of the department said it wasn't clear how much time the 36-year-old would have to spend in custody if the parole board does rule he violated his parole but that it would likely be less than six months.

Last week, LeVin, whose parents founded a multimillion dollar suburban Chicago direct-sales company, was ordered to serve two years of house arrest after he agreed to immediately pay an undisclosed settlement in a wrongful death lawsuit. Prosecutors in Florida had been seeking a 10-year prison sentence.

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The biomass boilers will first use two-inch virgin hardwood chips for energy. After the plant is operational, there are plans to test burn other bio-fuels.

Reed said that once the new plant is operating, the old plant would then begin its transformation into a new Student Services Center.

"We will then place the old steam plant in a standby mode, and maintain that status until next summer. During the summer of 2012, it is planned to demolish a large portion of the old plant's exterior equipment,

leaving mainly the red brick structure," Reed said. "Eventually, the campus Master Plan calls for us to repurpose the old structure into a new Student Services Center."

Other renovation projects are taking place on campus, but mostly in and around Taylor Hall, according to Stephen Shrake, Associate Director of Design and Construction.

Workers are installing fire sprinklers in Taylor Hall and Central Receiving to comply with government regulations.

Shrake's crews are also renovating

some shower facilities in the north side of Taylor Hall. Rooms on some of the floors in Taylor are also being renovated. Windows are also being replaced in Taylor and Lawson Halls.

Booth Library will undergo masonry tuckpointing, a process that corrects defects and imperfections in the masonry.

Certain floors of Stevenson Hall will receive new carpeting, Shrake said.

The west side of the University Housing complex will undergo some paving work, as well, Shrake said.

And all around campus, certain sidewalks will be repaired or replaced. Senior applied engineering technology major Mike Dammer was happy with the work being done around campus.

"There are some sidewalks that I would avoid riding my bike on because they were so bad," Dammer said. "Now, I won't have to worry about it."

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Charleston is expected to pay for a designated portion of the Health Department's labor and supplies, Inyart said.

"They used to have a fog truck, but it's not very effective and not very healthy for our employees to work in," Inyart said.

Inyart said there is a unified effort and the council is pleased to share the cost with the Coles County Health Department.

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However, the amendment was turned down in the Illinois General Assembly.

Righter said that although his duties will not be affected, the district he represents will have some changes.

State Representative Chapin Rose could not be reached to comment on the issue.

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