

## **Governor Beebe Issues Line-Item Veto**

LITTLE ROCK - Governor Mike Beebe has invoked the line-item veto for Section 16 of House Bill 1048, the appropriation bill for the Revenue Services Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

Section 16 adds a new category of items exempted from the State's gross receipts tax without following the constitutional steps of doing so during a fiscal session. Beebe's veto letter concludes with the following:

Substantive changes to Arkansas law that have no relation to appropriations, such as Section 16 of HB 1048, should rarely be considered during fiscal sessions. If they are to be considered at all, it should be done through the process the people established in our Constitution, and not through "special language" amendments to unrelated appropriation bills.

This is only the third line-item veto during Beebe's tenure as governor.