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care equipment that could not be purchased under the rules governing contingency budgets.

Other areas in the transportation budget also reflected the need to replace equipment.

Jeff Delorme, the district's assistant superintendent for administrative services, said the personnel and record management budget should stay flat at \$108,473.

Superintendent Mike Ginalski said the superintendent/board of education budget actually showed a slight decrease, from \$176,618 budgeted last year to \$175,685.

Much of that decrease was due to lowering the cost of printing the district newsletter.

The district was forced to adopt a contingency budget when voters twice rejected the 2007-08 budget approved by the school board.

District officials will continue budget presentations through the winter. The school board should vote on its final budget in spring.

The board also voted to approve Ginalski's contract. Ginalski was named superintendent in December, after taking over for retired Superintendent Judith Staples on an interim basis in August.

Ginalski will earn \$150,000 a year. His contract runs through June 30, 2011.

FUNDING

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Several other local trails, parks and golf courses will also receive state funding for various projects in the 2008-09 fiscal year under Spitzer's budget proposal.

The Catherine Valley Trail – a 12-mile rails-to-trails project currently under construction between Horseheads and Watkins Glen – will receive \$900,000 toward construction of a bridge that crosses a creek, public restrooms, and work on the trail itself.

Soaring Eagles Golf Course, a state-owned facility in Horseheads, will get \$685,000 toward ongoing projects in the clubhouse and parking area, and for the design of improvements to the course's irrigation system.

Watkins Glen State Park will get \$300,000 for the design of a major reconstruction of the main park entrance, along with a new park office and police station.

OVERRIDE

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The legislation that Bush vetoed would have increased enrollment in the children's health program from 6 million to 10 million over the coming five years. The revenue needed for that enrollment increase would come from a 61-cent increase in the federal excise tax on a pack of cigarettes, as well as comparable tax increases on other tobacco products.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said President Bush strongly supports reauthorizing the program, but that long-term extension has to put poor children first.

"He is pleased the House of Representatives voted today to sustain his veto of misguided legislation that would have expanded SCHIP to higher income households while increasing taxes," Perino said.

The president's second veto occurred in December. He said the bill encouraged too many families to replace private insurance with government-subsidized health coverage. He vetoed a similar bill in October. Democratic leaders then fell 13 votes short in their attempt to override that particular veto, so they actually lost ground Wednesday.

The children's health program serves families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to afford private insurance.

Several Democrats cited the economy in arguing for the override, which was a new tack from previous SCHIP debates.

"The issue comes down to what is happening in America's households today. Unemployment is up, housing starts are down. The price of gasoline and food and health care is up, the stock market is down," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Pelosi said those indicators required Congress to take a new direction.

METH

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Millport, who was already in custody after a previous methamphetamine arrest earlier this month.

■ Keith Nichols, 25, Swartwood Road, Cayuta.

■ Shawn P. Matthews, 36, Yale Street, Elmira.

■ David J. Swezey, 38, of Chambers Road, Horseheads. He was booked on a state felony charge.

All nine arrested on federal charges allegedly violated the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005, which limits the amount of legal drugs an individual can purchase. Those suspects face varying degrees of charges depending on their criminal backgrounds.

Those arrested Monday allegedly purchased more pseudoephedrine than allowed by federal law – 9 grams, which is approximately 300 to 800 pills, depending on the mass of the tablet.

Pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine are all used to manufacture methamphetamines.

Chemung County Sheriff Christopher Moss said the arrests came after authorities studied pharmacy logs, which document sales.

"Those are the people we focused in on," Moss said. "There would be no other reason to purchase that much (pseudoephedrine) other than to (produce methamphetamine)."

David Zon, an agent with the DEA's Rochester office, said authorities will continue to track meth producers by working with pharmacies. He added that those buying cold medicine shouldn't worry. "Those (who buy hundreds of

STIMULUS

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urgency of the effort.

Lawmakers learned during the day that the government's deficit already would swell to \$250 billion this year because of falling corporate tax revenues – then they signaled they were willing to balloon it higher by more than \$100 billion with a stimulus package.

As they met behind closed doors, Wall Street defined volatility, dropping again for most of the day before soaring to a big gain just before closing. The Dow Jones industrials ended the day up just under 300 points.

The federal deficit, which has been dropping in recent years, could reach \$379 billion for 2008 – more than twice last year's red ink – once the costs of the economic rescue measures are factored in, said House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt Jr., D-S.C.

"We should act, and act now, to strengthen the economy ... mindful, however, of the long-term budget challenges, the structural deficits that we face unless we act and act seriously," Spratt said.

President Bush expressed optimism about quick action.

"I'm confident that we can get something done," Bush said in brief comments to reporters. "There's a spirit that says we need to take a fundamentally strong economy and help it."

tablets) are the folks that need to worry about it," Zon said.

Moss would not say what, if anything, was seized during the morning sweep. He said the warrants executed Wednesday were arrest orders and not search permits.

The arrests were made as part of a yearlong investigation headed by Chemung County's Operation Rid Area of Meth initiative.

Four other people were arrested on federal charges last month after Operation RAM investigations.

They were:

■ Jason C. Bates, 28, of Grand Central Avenue, Horseheads.

■ Robert M. Bates Jr., 30, of Breesport Road, Erin.

■ William D. Weed, 39, of Marsh Road, Erin.

■ Anthony Washanko, 30, of Lauren Hill Road, Erin.

The investigation is ongoing.

SCHIP

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override. A total of 42 Republicans voted with the Democrats on the override, but ultimately the bill failed 260-152.

"My political opponent voted against (SCHIP) on several occasions, stating various reasons, all of which have been very succinctly addressed in this new bill," said Massa, a Corning resident who ran unsuccessfully against Kuhl in 2006 and is running again this year.

In a written statement, Kuhl called Massa's support of the SCHIP program "ill-informed".

"I invite Mr. Massa to actually examine the flawed SCHIP bill and then take a stance," Kuhl said. "I refuse to vote for any SCHIP legislation that includes the most regressive tax increase in American history, enables coverage for illegal aliens, higher-income children and adults, and spends billions of dollars to substitute private health insurance coverage with government-run health care coverage."

The bill would have expanded coverage to 4 million additional children - 10 million total, over five years. The additional coverage would be paid for by a 61-cent tax on a pack of cigarettes and tax increases on other tobacco products.

The revised bill would also prohibit illegal aliens from participating in the program. Kuhl, however, said the bill did not do enough to prevent illegal aliens from applying.

The bill would have required those applying for the SCHIP program to provide a name and Social Security number.

"This provision does not require that the individual presenting the name and Social Security number to document in any way that he or she is actually the person he or she is claiming to be," Kuhl said. "This is an open door to fraud and abuse."

Massa countered that Kuhl is playing politics with children's health care.

"Health care should not be a partisan issue," Massa said. "It shouldn't have to revolve around what George W. Bush dictates. I'm calling on Congressman Kuhl for once, maybe for the only time, to show some measure of independence from his political bosses."

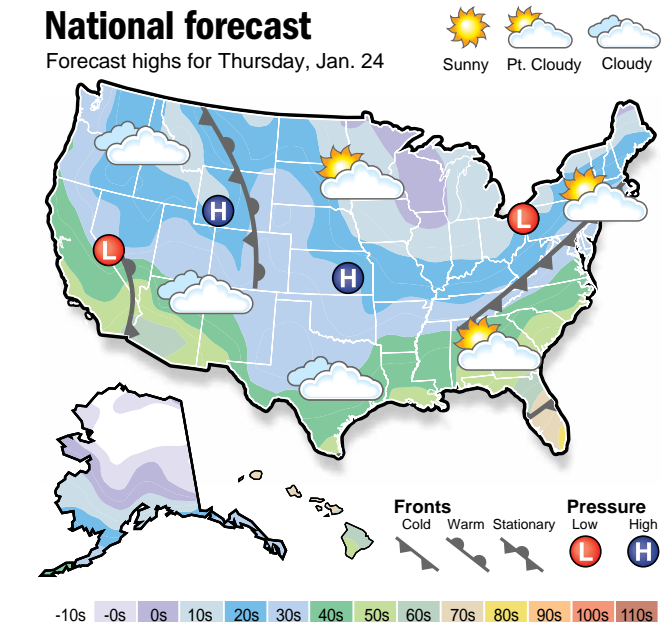
Republicans say it's the Democrats who are politicizing the issue by bringing the veto override vote up only a week before the president's State of the Union address.

Congress did set aside enough funds to ensure SCHIP will continue in its current form through March 2009.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

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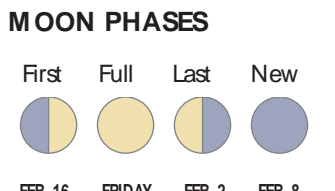
Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
M. cloudy, midday snow showers	P. cloudy	M. cloudy, light snow showers	P. cloudy, iso. flurries	P. sunny	Wintry mix turns to showers	P. sunny, flurries
High 27 Low 12	High 28 Low 8	High 32 Low 12	High 36 Low 19	High 38 Low 18	High 40 Low 26	High 33 Low 29



	YESTERDAY			TODAY			TOMORROW		
	H	Lo	Prc	H	Lo	Otk	H	Lo	Otk
Albany	32	20		26	18	Cldy	28	12	PCldy
Boston	37	31		29	23	Cldy	28	13	Cir
Buffalo	22	18		22	14	Snow	26	13	PCldy
Chicago	14	5	.04	9	-3	Cir	24	0	PCldy
Cincinnati	30	7		19	13	Cir	29	7	PCldy
Cleveland	22	12		24	16	Snow	28	12	PCldy
Columbia, S.C.	49	45	.09	55	37	PCldy	47	22	Cir
Denver	26	12		40	7	PCldy	42	17	PCldy
Detroit	20	11		19	13	Snow	25	6	Cir
Honolulu	79	73		80	69	Cir	80	70	Cir
Houston	47	43	.18	45	42	Rain	46	37	Rain
Los Angeles	60	47	.09	62	45	PCldy	59	47	Rain
Midland-Odessa	50	27		34	29	Cldy	53	30	Cldy
Milwaukee	12	3	.01	11	-4	Cir	25	2	PCldy
New Orleans	58	53		52	47	Rain	54	37	Cldy
New York City	40	32		36	24	Snow	33	19	Cir
Orlando	78	63	2.38	74	58	PCldy	67	46	Cir
Philadelphia	41	32		35	22	Snow	36	19	Cir
Phoenix	66	44		62	45	PCldy	65	45	Cldy
Pittsburgh	14	01		26	16	Snow	29	12	Cir
Portland, Ore.	41	29		36	21	Cldy	40	26	PCldy
Providence	39	31		34	19	Cldy	30	16	Cir
St. Louis	39	16		20	9	Cir	33	9	Cldy
St. Petersburg	77	63	1.10	70	63	Cldy	65	53	Cir
Salt Lake City	19	2		29	10	Snow	34	24	Cldy
San Antonio	45	39		42	42	Cir	46	39	Cldy
San Diego	61	46		55	48	Rain	55	49	Rain
San Francisco	47	43	.07	48	40	Rain	54	43	Rain
Santa Fe	47	20		39	19	Cldy	43	25	PCldy
Seattle	44	27		43	27	Cldy	42	29	Cldy
Shreveport	42	34		46	32	PCldy	45	28	Rain
Spokane	6	-1	.02	14	-14	Cir	26	7	Cldy
Syracuse	27	18		24	13	Cldy	27	10	PCldy
Tampa	76	64	.74	72	62	Cir	65	48	Cir
Topeka	35	7		27	1	Cir	37	17	Rain
Tucson	66	39		63	43	Cldy	64	42	PCldy

NEW YORK
Today, snow showers are likely, with highs in the mid-20s.
Tonight will be partly cloudy with a chance of snow showers and lows 5 to 10.
Friday will be partly sunny with highs in the upper 20s.
Friday night will be partly cloudy with lows near 10.

WEATHER HISTORY
 In 1916, the temperature at Browning, Mont., plunged 100 degrees in just 24 hours, from 44 degrees above zero to 56 degrees below. It was a record 24-hour temperature drop in the U.S.



SUNRISE | SUNSET

Sunrise today	7:29
Sunset today	5:12
Sunrise Friday	7:29
Sunset Friday	5:13

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