

Patrick/Murray Administration

Revenues

- Initiated corporate tax reform – which closed many corporate tax loopholes. Changed law brought in \$500 million. Patrick's proposal would have increased revenues more if it had not been scaled back by the Legislature.
- Proposed a number of local tax revenues which were either blocked or scaled back by the Legislature including meals, hotels and poles taxes.
- Has discussed the need to change the tax code and increase the income tax in order to invest money in education and infrastructure. Knows that this realistically can't be done now.
- Proposed increasing the gas tax to help pay for and expand transportation – rejected by Legislature which increased the sales tax.
- Supports resort style casino gambling in order to raise revenues and create jobs. Was initially blocked by the Legislature.
- Past two years faced \$9 billion budget deficit. Dealt with deficit in part by advocating raising revenues, using federal stimulus monies and making tough budget cuts.
- Made difficult choices in order to protect education, local aid and health care.

Education

- Created a Secretary of Education in order to elevate education to a Cabinet level position.
- In the past two years, in the three rounds of 9C cuts, he did not cut Chapter 70 funds even though he had the power to do so in two cases. Last round of 9C cuts did not cut higher education or Chapter 70.
- Brought other Governors together to lobby the Obama Administration and Congress to provide federal stimulus funds to protect education (ARRA).
- Used state and stimulus monies to minimize the cuts and layoffs to public education pre-K – higher education. Saved 8,500 educator jobs in MA. Choose to use most of the discretionary federal stimulus monies to fund higher education.
- Used the bully-pulpit to focus attention on closing the achievement gap. While MTA had issues with some of the Administration's proposals, the Administration targeted limited resources to expanding programs to low-income students such as including wrap-around services in under-performing schools. As the Education bill moved through the process, the Administration and the Legislature made a number of changes as a result of MTA's advocacy. During the Senate and House consideration of the Education Reform bill, the governor supported efforts to ensure collective bargaining and fair dismissal procedures were included in bill.

Labor

- Supported and signed Commonwealth's Employee Free Choice Act.
- Only state which increased union membership over the last two years.
- Invested \$56 million in worker training for over 70,000 workers.
- Established task force on underground economy to counter attempts to bypass workforce rules. Recovered \$3 million and restitution to workers unfairly denied workers compensation.

- Appointed union members to boards and agencies including Joanne Goldstein as Sec. of Labor and Workforce Development; Paul Toner to GIC and Ira Fader to Advisory Council of Department of Labor Relations.

Clean Energy

- Massachusetts joined the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative which Romney had refused to do.
- Advanced bio-fuels legislation to help consumers develop comprehensive energy bill.
- Worked with Legislature to develop comprehensive energy bill.
- Signed into law the first in the nation ocean planning bill.
- Supports Cape Wind project.
- Invested \$2 billion in over three years for ramped-up energy efficiency programs – saving consumers \$6.5 billion.

Health Care Reform

- Worked to implement health care reform – 97% of Massachusetts residents are insured including 99% of the elderly and 98% of children.
- Over 400,000 more residents now covered than before reform implemented.
- Proposed legislation to limit cost of health insurance premiums to small businesses and working families.

Economic Development

- 45,000 new jobs in past four months.
- Established new public-private partnerships in life sciences and clean energy sectors.
- Streamlined the permitting process.
- Crafted legislation to help biotech industry and create international stem-cell bank.
- As a result of budget management, Massachusetts has AAA bond rating – one of the few states to maintain rating during recession.

Civil Rights

- Extended buffer zones at reproductive health clinics.
- Rejected federal abstinence-only funding.
- Overturned Romney's stem-cell regulations.
- Created Advisory Council on Veterans Services and Office of the Child Advocate.
- Led the fight to keep discrimination out of the Constitution by helping to defeat Constitutional Amendment which would have overturned SJC's decision on gay marriage.

Automobile Insurance Reform

- Reformed auto insurance to make it more competitive and lower rates.
- Reduced auto premiums by up to 10%.

Foreclosure

- Established best practices in the nation to deal with the foreclosure crisis – including 90 day cooling off period to help residents stay in their homes