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# **GOLDEN: Budget battle, followed by election war**

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For all the folks who missed Gov. Chris Christie's line-item budget vetoes, not to worry. Around mid- to late September, campaign mailers and commercials will be accusing the governor and Republican legislators of throwing poor people, kids, college students and property taxpayers onto the scrap heap while protecting the wealthy.

In a sweeping exercise of his veto power, Christie cut \$900 million in proposed spending from the budget and eliminated much legislative language directing how funds were to be allocated.

The vetoes unleashed an expletive-filled tirade from Senate President Stephen Sweeney, who tore into the governor, using language normally heard in the

