

250 NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE LAID OFF

Governor John Lynch has announced that 250 New Hampshire state employees will be laid off in order to save the state \$25 million. State workers were offered an option between 19 furlough days (which would amount to a 3.5% pay cut) or to tough their way through mass layoffs. With a 59% margin, the workers chose to endure the layoffs. "I think it was a very fair contract... and I'm disappointed that's not the contract going forward," said the governor regarding the furloughs deal. As a result of the failing economy, need for state services has raised significantly. Governor Lynch is optimistic that the services will maintain a similar capacity.

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