

le ground in partisan politics

force county agencies to push for tax hikes to pick up the slack.

"My vote today is the first salvo to all of you that there are no more sacred cows in Ohio state government," Dolan, of Russell Township, said before his vote. "No longer can we hide behind partisan walls so we are protected in a future election."

And when the time came to vote, Dolan and Rep. Ross McGregor, a Dayton-area Republican, both joined the House Democrats to pass the measure.

Dolan won't get many props in his own party for what he said Wednesday. In fact, the floor debate was still raging when Sen. Tim Grendell, a Chester Township Republican, blasted him in a news release. But as the tax cut rollback now heads to the Senate, it's worth noting that partisan politics doesn't have to rule the day.

There can be something in between, and Dolan's speech made it clear that at least one person can see it.

Key legislation

Here's how the Northeast Ohio delegation in the state legislature voted on key legislation this week:

Tax cut rollback: The House voted 55-44 to suspend the income tax cut for two years. The bill also included a 5 percent pay cut for lawmakers, beginning in 2013.

House members voting yes:

Robin Belcher, D-Cleveland; Barbara Boyd, D-Cleveland Heights; Speaker Armond Budish, D-Beachwood; Kathleen Chandler, D-Kent; Michael DeBose, D-Cleveland; Timothy DeGeeter, D-Parma; Matthew

Dolan, R-Russell Township; Stephen Dyer, D-Green; Lorraine Fende, D-Willowick; Mike Foley, D-Cleveland; Joseph Koziura, D-Lorain; Matt Lundy, D-Elyria; Mike Moran, D-Hudson; John Otterman, D-Akron; Matt Patten, D-Strongsville; Mark Schneider, D-Mentor; Michael Skindell, D-Lakewood; Vernon Sykes, D-Akron; Brian Williams, D-Akron; Sandra Williams, D-Cleveland; Kenny Yuko, D-Richmond Heights.

House members voting no: Ron Amstutz, R-Wooster; Nan Baker, R-Westlake; William Batchelder, R-Medina; Terry Boose, R-Huron County; Dave Hall, R-Holmes County; Josh Mandel, R-Lyndhurst.

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Pro Bono Week events to offer free legal advice

Free legal advice is being offered at a series of local events starting today for the first national Pro Bono Week.

Local events are sponsored by the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. If an appointment is needed, call 216-687-1900.

First-come, first-served advice and referral clinics are today from 9:45 a.m. to noon at Fatima Family Center, 6600 Lexington Ave., Cleveland, and Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at East Tech High School, 2439 East 55th St., Cleve-

land.

People who are homeless or at risk can get help at clinics from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the West Side Catholic Center, 3135 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, and on Wednesday at the May Dugan Center, 4115 Bridge Ave., Cleveland.

Appointments are required for two events from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday: an elder-law clinic at the Avon Senior Center, 36786 Detroit Ave., Avon; and a session on unemployment issues at the Legal Aid Society, 1223 West Sixth St., Cleveland.

A bankruptcy by-pass clinic will

be Wednesday, by appointment, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Legal Aid Society.

Clinics for people representing themselves in divorce actions will be scheduled on Friday by appointment at three locations: the bar association office in the Galleria downtown, 1301 East Ninth St.; the Legal Aid Society's Lake/Geauga office, 8 North State St., Painesville; and Legal Aid's Ashtabula office, 121 East Walnut St., Jefferson.

For more information: lasclev.org/probonoweb.html and clemetrobar.org.

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Attorneys blast

about the corruption scandal. They concluded that there was only one case involving the 23 people on the list that involved a large reduction, and that case appeared appropriate.

Bricker & Eckler was retained in the summer.

Spellacy represents Joseph O'Malley, an assistant city prosecutor in North Royalton. FBI agents sought documents about O'Malley, including his personnel