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Moody's Upgrades Connecticut Bond Rating from Aa3 to Aa2

"I am delighted that Moody's has seen fit to upgrade the State's credit rating. This upgrade is a reflection of financial restraint on the spending side of our budget bolstered by today's solid economy," State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier said today, following the announcement that Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the state's credit rating from Aa3 to Aa2.

In testimony before the General Assembly's Appropriations Committee yesterday, Nappier said the proposed state budget does not adequately address the state's unfunded pension liabilities, needs to set real priorities in its bonding program, and should maximize the use of surplus dollars, in what may be the last surplus for some time. Nappier urged legislators to use surplus funds to take advantage of declining interest rates and pay off high interest debt.

"The warnings I issued yesterday are equally valid today. We must work together to bring restraint to our enormous debt burden and fully address our considerable pension underfunding. It will not be easy, but I stand ready to work closely with the administration and the General Assembly to develop a fiscally prudent plan that will secure our economic future," Nappier said.

"We must act now to use the financial resources which remain at our disposal to establish the strong financial foundation which we will need to weather what promises to be a leaner period ahead," Nappier said. "I share the concerns that continue to be raised by Moody's and the other rating agencies, and have submitted legislation that is currently pending. Now is the time to act prudently and carefully to ensure that our credit ratings remain solid and strong."