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An Interview with Lou Lang

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Biographical Information/Overview of Interview: Louis (Lou) Lang was born on November 26, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois. Democrat Lou Lang has served on the Illinois House of Representatives since 1987, representing Illinois's 16th District while living in Skokie. He served as an Assistant Majority Leader until 2009, when he became the Deputy Majority Leader.

On December 9, 2008, Governor Rod Blagojevich was arrested on corruption and extortion charges at his Chicago home. Shortly after, in January of 2009, the Illinois House of Representatives impeached the Governor. Lang, recounts the impeachment process, detailing the thoughts of the major players involved. The proceedings focused on conducting a fair and unbiased hearing to serve as a base for future accounts. Following the House's impeachment, the Illinois Senate tried Blagojevich, and removed him from office by a unanimous vote. He was later convicted in a criminal trial and sentenced to fourteen years in federal prison.

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