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expanded. He mentioned a proposal to sell the facility to the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey as one means of expanding flights.

One of the few areas where the two seemed most to disagree was on the issue of reviving the Barnegat Bay. While both said Christie's veto of plans to tax Ocean County residents -- but not the rest of the state -- to pay for the bay's oversight, Ryan said the governor's other actions, such as limiting fertilizer applications, "are not nearly enough. The bay is dying."

Ryan approved of changes made by the governor to pensions and healthcare for public employees, not a typical position for a Democrat. Connors applauded her position and said the state system would have "been bust" in eight years without reforms.

In the assembly debate, which came last, Billhimer staked out the more traditional position for a Democrat, say the changes "imposed" by Christie should have been negotiated, not ordered.

Gove said it was an "emotional issue," but she supported reforms made by Christie.

Much of the assembly debate mirrored both the the questions -- and the answers -- made during the senate debate.

The one area where Gove, a former teacher, broke with state Republican leadership was on the issue raised by Christie to eliminate tenure for teachers. She said that should have been negotiated, a point made by her challenger, Kearney.

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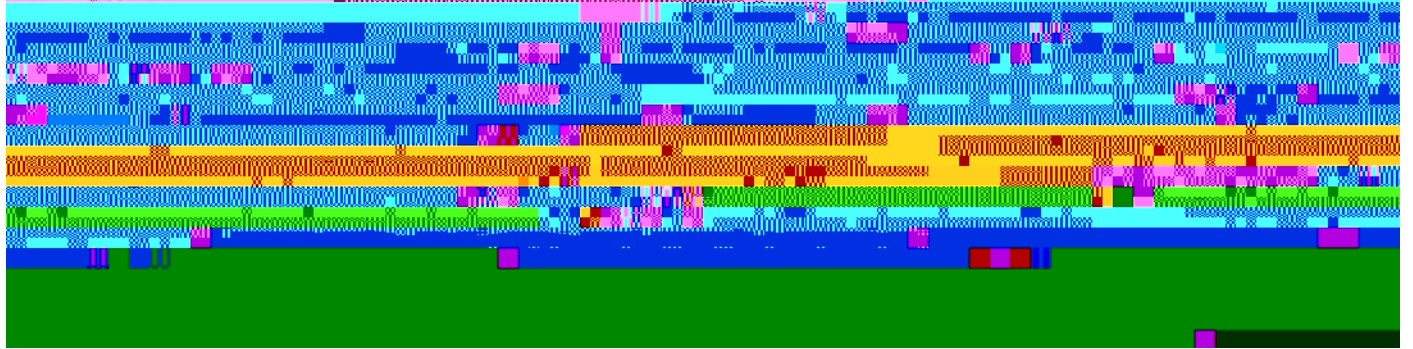
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