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Kasich talks budget and SB5 in North Ridgeville

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NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Gov. John Kasich said his policies to spark job growth and promote business are working.

Kasich spoke about the state budget and Senate Bill 5 to more than 200 people gathered yesterday at Kalt Manufacturing, 36700 Sugar Ridge Road, North Ridgeville.

“I don’t practice politics as usual,” Kasich said.

In the last 10 years, Ohio lost more jobs than every state but Michigan and California, Kasich said. Young people and families are leaving the state, which stands to lose two congressional seats based on the 2010 Census, he said.

However, Ohio’s changing policies will keep some businesses that had considered leaving the state, Kasich said. He cited the examples of American Greetings, Diebold, Bob Evans restaurants and Goodyear.

With a backdrop of a 20-ton lift and the new 16,000-square-foot expansion at Kalt Manufacturing, Kasich emphasized the jobs at that factory and other manufacturers are good jobs.

Ohio’s state government agencies needs to handle their budgets like Ohio’s families do, Kasich said.

“If you’ve got less money you’ve got to figure out what your priorities are,” Kasich said.

Young people should consider vocational education and Ohio needs to do a better job connecting workers and employers, Kasich said. He touted **ohiomeansjobs.com**, a state website that aims to match employers and job seekers.

The crowd chuckled when Kasich asserted he is from the Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young school of business development.

“Love the One You’re With,” Kasich said, repeating the title of the folk song by Stephen Stills. Ohio first must promote growth among its existing businesses before trying to attract new employers from elsewhere, he said.

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