



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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60<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



**March 30, 2015**

## **A Note from Rep. Brooks**

Thank you to all of the constituents from Wisconsin's 60th Assembly District who showed up in Milwaukee and Reedsburg for the Joint Finance Committee's budget listening sessions. I very much enjoyed listening to your concerns regarding Governor Walker's 2015-2017 biennial budget proposal. Your comments and concerns provided myself and Joint Finance Committee members with a better understanding of which issues are most important to Wisconsinites.

It was an honor to serve as chairman for part of the Joint Finance Committee hearing in Milwaukee, last week. Your comments, concerns and feedback were very much appreciated. As this budget session unfolds, I look forward to your input and suggestions for growing our economy, creating jobs and continuing to move Wisconsin forward.

As a reminder, I will be participating in two listening sessions **tomorrow**, Tuesday, March 31, 2015 with United States Representative Jim Sensenbrenner.

The first listening session will be held at the **Newburg Village Hall, 614 Main Street, Newburg, from 9:00-9:30 A.M.**

The second will be held at the **Jackson Village Hall, N168W20733 Main Street, Jackson, from 1:00-1:30 P.M.**

As always, please contact my office regarding your concerns or questions. I value the input of every constituent.

Have a great week.



**Conferring with one of my colleagues prior to our vote increase the speed limit.**

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## **This week in Madison**

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Last week, I joined seventy-six of my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, in voting to increase the speed limit on Wisconsin freeways and highways from sixty-five to seventy miles per hour. Currently, Wisconsin is the only state between Pennsylvania and Washington that does not have a speed limit of seventy miles per hour. This legislation has been sent to the Wisconsin State Senate and a vote is expected early next month.

SeniorCare and IRIS are two of the issues of greatest concern to Wisconsin voters, especially residents of the 60th district. I have met with innumerable constituents on this issue and received countless emails, letters and phone calls urging me to preserve these important programs. You will be please to know that last week, Representative John Nygren,

Co-Chairman of the Joint Finance Committee, signaled his support for preserving SeniorCare. I issued the following statement upon Representative Nygren's announcing that he planned to preserve this important and much-needed program:

"I am beyond elated that Representative John Nygren announced his support for preserving SeniorCare. The program has been beneficial for Wisconsin seniors since its inception in 2001. Today, more than eighty-thousand Wisconsin seniors are enrolled in this program. SeniorCare is unique to Wisconsin and we are fortunate to have this program for our seniors. It allows enrollees to purchase supplemental prescription coverage to help with medications that might not be covered by Medicare."

Your letters, phone calls, emails and conversations with lawmakers were the driving force behind our decision to preserve this consequential program. Please continue to contact my office with your concerns, comments and recommendations.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, this week, released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary state employment and unemployment estimates for January 2015, showing a decline in Wisconsin's unemployment rate to 5.0 percent, its lowest since August 2008. Wisconsin added an estimated 40,800 jobs from January 2014 to January 2015, for a total of 139,000 private sector jobs added since December 2010.

Reggie Newsome, Wisconsin's Secretary of Workforce Development, issued the following statement with regards to the latest jobs report:

"The number released today shows that Wisconsin's economy continues to add good-paying, middle-class jobs. It is evident that the investments we are making to develop the workforce and grow the state's economy are creating opportunities and moving our state in the right direction."

As your voice in Madison, I will continue to support policies and legislation designed to grow our economy and create jobs.



**Meeting with a constituent from the 60th district who visited Madison.**

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## **This week in the 60th District**

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This week, I had the opportunity to meet with a number of constituents to discuss SeniorCare, IRIS, the University of Wisconsin System's budget and stewardship. These conversations were productive, educational and enjoyable. I very much value your input and look forward to hearing your views on the most important issues facing our state.

In addition to meeting with constituents, I participated in the "Bagging for Bucks" initiative at Olsen's Piggly Wiggly. The purpose of the program is to raise money for the Cedarburg Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all who attended and helped make a positive impact in our community.

It was very nice to see tremendous community support at Port Washington High School for the ceremony honoring the life of Sergeant Kerry Kemp. Sergeant Kemp gave his life serving the country he loved and preserving the freedoms we have

come to cherish. He is a true American hero who commands our respect and admiration. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.





**Participating in the "Bagging for Bucks" program to raise money for the Cedarburg Scholarship Fund.**

Have a great week,

As always, if you have any comments or thoughts regarding the subject of this E-update, please feel free to contact me.

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