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REP. POPE: BUDGET DISTRACTION BILL PASSES IN THE ASSEMBLY

MADISON – Hours ago, the Assembly passed AB61, also known as the “Right to Work” bill. The measure passed by a vote of 62 to 35 after a 24-hour extraordinary session. Representative Sondy Pope (D – Cross Plains) spoke about the negative effects of the bill immediately following the conclusion.

“While I am disappointed that we could not preserve Wisconsin’s long and proud tradition of union representation, my Democratic colleagues and I proudly fought for and spoke for the hard-working families of our state,” said Rep. Pope. “It is clear that the Republicans have abandoned both reason and the middle class to advance the agenda of Governor Walker.”

The bill prohibits employers from requiring union members to pay their fair share of dues, which are used for training, benefits and fair representation.

“Wisconsin workers have yet again been cheated and misrepresented by the for-sale, Republican-led legislature. In the wake of this crushing blow, businesses, workers and their communities will now have to get by on less,” Pope said. “I’ve always admired the resiliency in the people of our state and know that they will overcome the injustice forced on them today. What saddens me is they shouldn’t have to.”

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