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IMPORTANT ISSUES NEED TO BE DISCUSSED AFTER “BRAT SUMMIT”

Now that the dust has settled a bit from the recall election last week, Rep. Doyle will be joining Governor Walker and other legislators at the Governor’s Mansion in Madison this afternoon for a social event. “It is my hope to bring up many issues that were left unresolved at the end of the last legislative session,” said Doyle. “Creative thinking on job creation needs to be a priority. I want to encourage the Governor to call a special session on jobs and include the Workforce Advancement Training Grants Bill that I introduced last session which was never voted on in the Legislature,” Doyle said.

Wisconsin’s Workforce Advancement Training Grants promote increased investment in the development of incumbent workers and expand technical college training services to help businesses and industry meet their training needs. “My bill offers an expansion of the WAT grants to help businesses be strong and more competitive in a changing global economy and ultimately will result in job growth,” said Doyle. The focus would enable both emerging and existing companies to diversify their operations, and compete in new markets. “This proposal does not add any additional money to the program; it simply allows new uses for the current grant money, Doyle said. This proposal was initiated by La Crosse economic development professionals and is highly endorsed by the Western Technical College community.

“This is similar to the discussion at lunch today here at the Lunda Center to discuss Wisconsin’s Workforce Paradox. How do we move forward to solve the workforce shortage between manufacturing needs and the lack of qualified people to do the manufacturing jobs available? My bill would be a step in the right direction,” said Doyle.

Another jobs bill that was not resolved is the Mining Bill. “Mining Reform that passed originally threatened to jeopardize flood insurance for La Crosse County and all state residents. In the State Senate a bi-partisan mining proposal known as the Wisconsin Way Mining Reform Act was promising,” said Doyle. “Senators Jauch and Schultz listened to the input from residents concerns with the original mining bill and came up with a compromise which protected the state’s flood insurance,” said Doyle. “I applaud this bi-partisan proposal which would save flood insurance for the state. This version preserves existing environmental policies that protect our natural resources and our way of life in Wisconsin,” said Doyle. This bill was never allowed to come up for a vote.



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“A new spirit of bi-partisanship needs to come from both sides, and these are some good examples of issues that can bring jobs to our state. A special session on jobs would be a good start for both sides to reexamine these issues again, Doyle said.