

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Rep. Billings Statement on Assembly Floor Session

MADISON – This afternoon, the State Assembly voted on a package of bills to direct Governor Evers how to spend billions in federal funding allocated to Wisconsin in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), even though the Governor has already started to announce plans for these funds. Following today's floor session, Representative Jill Billings (D- La Crosse) released the following statement:

"Republican Legislators' continued efforts to politicize the pandemic, including their rushed, half-baked plans for federal COVID-19 relief funds is beyond disappointing. It is clear that Legislative Republicans aren't taking this seriously, as non-partisan analysis and federal guidelines show that the state can't allocate much of the funds in the ways they propose. This is simply political theatre and people in Wisconsin elected us to do better than what occurred on the floor of the Assembly today."

"I support the Governor's efforts to prioritize the industries hit the hardest and to help move Wisconsin forward. We should all be working together in the bi-partisan manner that Wisconsinites expect. I would hope that my Republican colleagues would put politics aside and do what's right for communities across the State of Wisconsin, so that we can come out of this pandemic and move forward together."

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