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A Note from Rep. Allen

Still Going on in the Budget Process: Executive Sessions

The continuing steps in the state budget process are the Joint Finance Committee's (JFC) executive sessions. This is when each individual issue in the budget proposal is discussed and voted on by the committee. These JFC executive sessions have begun in earnest. Just concluded were K-12 Education where the JFC restored funding of \$150 per pupil in the first year of the biennium and \$100 per pupil in the second year. That's an investment of over \$200 million over the biennium. This will ensure Wisconsin students have access to quality education. The funding for the UW System is a different story.

Watch my video presentation on the UW System, click the link below.

https://youtu.be/dCq5IT-n_tk

Next up on the docket are the following: Government Accountability Board, Financial Institutions and Professional Standards, Safety and Professional Services, Forward Wisconsin Development Authority, WEDC and WHEDA

"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them"--Thomas Jefferson

Want to be heard? . . .Rep. Allen Announces Upcoming Listening Session



I am open to hear what folks have to say concerning the proposed state budget or other issues that pertain to constituents as I come to this listening session with an open mind. I have been doing my homework and I want to do what's best for the residents of the 97th Assembly District as well as the people of Wisconsin.

The next Listening Session is scheduled for Wednesday June 3rd at the Town of Genesee Town Hall from 5:30-6:30pm.

2015 Spring Survey is Out

Most of the residents of the 97th Assembly District are receiving in the mail their 2015 Spring Survey on issues that matter to them.

Please take the time to fill it out and mail it back to me. I want to know what state issues matter to you and your family.

For those wanting to save a stamp we have an electronic version of the survey available on my website: www.repallen.com



Dates to Remember

May 22- National Maritime Day May 25- Memorial Day June 6th- D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe 1944

June 14- Flag Day

June 21- Father's Day

June 21- First day of Summer

Free Concerts in downtown Waukesha at the Les Paul Performance Center sponsored by the Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry Dept. On June 23, the Liam Ford band kicks things off with a tribute to Johnny Cash. On July 14th the Britains will be performing their tribute to the Beatles. Wrapping things up on August 11 will be the Bluz Brothers. Each of the concerts will feature a barbeque with Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly. Music will run from 7-9pm.

Good News Department

1) John Doe Reform Bill received a Public Hearing. The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on AB 68, legislation making changes to the Doe proceedings. The bill's author, Rep. Dave Craig said during his testimony that he is confident the bill will pass out of committee and there are enough votes to pass the full Assembly. He said it is also likely that the bill will gain support from Democrats.

2) As early as this summer, many Wisconsin highways will have a 70 mph speed limit. Governor Walker signed the bill passed by the Assembly and Senate. The new speed will not go into effect until the signs are posted on the roadways.

3) Long Term Care will change from the governors proposal. In removing the changes to FamilyCare and IRIS, the legislators proposed giving the Dept. of Health Services (DHS) limited authority to negotiate with the Federal Government on potential changes to FamilyCare to integrate long term and medical care, with the following requirements:

- * Require public and stakeholder input before changes are made.
- * Require self-directed care with budget authority, to be defined in statute.
- * Require a regional model with multiple Integrated Health Agencies (IHA) per region.
- * Require an independent actuarial study to set rates.
- * Require the acceptance of "any willing provider" for a multi-year transition.
- * Preserve ADRC services
- * Require final approval of any waiver application by the Joint Finance Committee before submission to the

Federal

Government.

This plan requires public input, includes a self-directed option, and gives patients choice between competing providers. Integration of care provides better care for customers and doctors, as well as a better value for taxpayers.

4) April homes sales strongest since 2010. The median price in state rises to \$154,900. According to a report from the Wisconsin Association of Realtors, existing home sales are up 16.8% from a year ago with the market showing consistent strength.

**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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