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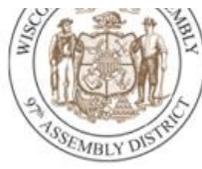
A Note from Rep. Allen

Capitol Happenings

It's time to admit the Government Accountability Board has caused serious problems, including lack of oversight in elections, failure to follow state law and an unconstitutional investigation. Another red flag is no other state has followed it. The [proposed GAB reform](#) is a bipartisan approach which includes two separate commissions to ensure transparency and restore trust in the accountability of Wisconsin's administration.

"The care of human happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only objective of government." -Thomas Jefferson





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REP. ALLEN says AB 387 bill does not go far enough

Madison- Representative Scott Allen (R.-Waukesha) supports the effort to clean up campaign finance law, but cautions that it doesn't do enough to protect free speech.

The need for campaign finance reform is clear. The courts have requested that the legislature clean-up campaign finance law to be consistent with recent court rulings which found in favor of the right to free speech.

While the task is monumental and the efforts by the authors are commendable, unfortunately the resulting bill comes up short.

Court rulings have found in favor of free speech and yet the bill that passed the Assembly continues to stifle the right of the individual to contribute to a political candidate in an amount that they deem appropriate. The action indicates a belief that the legislature knows best how much an individual should be able to contribute to a political candidate.

There are twelve states that allow individuals to contribute to candidates in an unlimited manner; twelve states that allow individuals the ability to express their political beliefs in a manner that they see fit. Yet based on this bill, in Wisconsin we continue to impose arbitrary dollar limits on political contributions from individuals.

Those who support AB387 have suggested that current law encourages contributions to unaccountable, third party actors, and they suggest that the doubling of campaign limits would help reduce that. Interestingly, if the individual campaign contribution limits were adjusted for inflation from when they were first created, an updated limit might be as much as five times the current levels.

In contrast, however, unlimited contributions can be made to legislative campaign committees or to political parties. Unlimited contributions are also permissible from those organizations to candidates.

“I fundamentally believe in free speech. Free speech should not be allowed in some cases and restricted in others,” said Rep. Scott Allen. “As Republicans we should be advocating for individual liberties and not limiting them,” Allen said.

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News You Can Use

2015 Wisconsin Tax Update Seminars

DOR will present important information for the 2016 filing season at [Tax Update Seminars](#) across the state.

These events are free, and include information on:

- Law Changes
- DOR Initiatives
- Tax Processing

The presentation is available [online now](#). A video copy of the seminar will also be available online at the Department of Revenue site by mid-November.

All seminars run from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Find the seminar nearest you:

- Madison - Thursday, October 22 - [Register Online](#)
- Eau Claire - Monday, October 26 - [Register Online](#)
- Stevens Point - Tuesday, October 27 - [Register Online](#)
- Madison - Wednesday, November 4 - [Register Online](#)
- Milwaukee - Tuesday, November 10 - [Register Online](#)



Good News Department

Unemployment rates in Wisconsin dropped to 4.3%, the lowest it has been since April of 2001, and significantly lower than the national average rate of 5.1%. We will continue to work hard to make sure Wisconsin is open for business.

The [2015 Annual Fiscal Report](#) is in with great results. The General Fund has a balanced budget, which means our reforms are working despite opposition. Putting taxpayers first is and always will be a priority.

In 1905, the Civil Service Law was passed. It is time to update its principles while continuing to aid in its original mission of "the best shall serve the state." We want Wisconsin to remain open for business so it is able to maintain high quality work for its taxpayers. This [legislation reform](#) will help do just that.



Dates to Remember

October 23-Grenada Campaign began in 1983

October 27-Navy Day

October 24-United Nations Day

October 31-Halloween

November 1-Daylight Savings

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