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A Note from Rep. Allen

Capitol Happenings

Several bills created to [reduce FoodShare fraud](#) passed through the Assembly last week. Despite opposition that these measures will cost more than the abuses, it is evident FoodShare fraud is an issue, as the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel recorded over **2,000** cases of recipients who lost their FoodShare debit cards *six or more times* in 2010. It has also come to our attention that there has been an issue of people selling FoodShare benefits for cash and hoarding thousands of dollars in unused benefits. In fact, a 2014 audit of the Unemployment Insurance program discovered **67,000** cases of fraudulent payments. The proposed bills will include:

- Limiting the amount of replacement cards (4th: warning, 5th: warning with referral to the Health Services Inspector General, 6th: withhold replacement until the recipient fills out a



state notice explaining what happened)

- Requiring a photo on FoodShare debit cards (I voted against this measure)
- Removing benefits from inactive accounts/accounts that have been unused for one year
- Taking away benefit privileges to someone who misidentifies who they are/falsifies information when applying

FoodShare administers [\\$1.1](#) billion in benefits to its recipients. These bills will help prevent people who indulge in fraudulent activity at the expense of taxpayers and individuals and families who are truly in need of this program.

GAB Reform

The Senate passed the proposed [GAB reforms](#) with the addition of two retired judges added to a commission board. This measure goes back to the Assembly for review in an extraordinary session, which will take place next Monday November 16, 2015.



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**"Peace is not the absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."
-Ronald Reagan**

Representative Bob Kulp and I at the Presidential GOP Debate

Good News Department

Legislation to reform [civil service laws](#) were approved by the Senate. This bill will update the state's hiring process, define "just cause" and replace the civil service exam requirement with a resume-based system. It is a step in the right direction to ensure "the best and the brightest" continue to choose Wisconsin.

Dates to Remember



November 11-Veterans Day

November 21- USS Milwaukee to be commissioned at the lakefront

November 26- Thanksgiving Day



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