



## BOB ZIEGELBAUER

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### **Ziegelbauer named Chair of Ways and Means Committee**

State Representative Bob Ziegelbauer (D-Manitowoc) has been named Chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee for the 2009 Session of the Legislature by Assembly Speaker Mike Sheridan.

The Ways and Means Committee deals with issues related to tax policy in Wisconsin statutes. Proposed bills dealing with those issues are referred to the Committee for consideration, prior to recommendations on passage to the entire State Assembly.

In response to the appointment Rep. Ziegelbauer, a long time member of the committee, thanked the Speaker for his vote of confidence and looked forward to the Session ahead.

“I appreciate Speaker Mike Sheridan’s confidence in me in this appointment and look forward to advocating for the people of Wisconsin on these important issues. Taxes affect all of us, and although there are huge challenges, current economic conditions present us with a unique opportunity to make Wisconsin a better place for people to live, invest, and create business for the future.”

Ziegelbauer added, “We’ll focus on trying to simplify the confusing and expensive process that people deal with when trying to work through that maze we call the tax code. I also hope to make the Committee an important voice in the discussion of how to help our State attract and build business, and grow quality jobs. We’ll advocate cutting the tax burden for everyone and continue the progress we just made as we recently exempted some income of retirees from being taxed.

I will look for opportunities for proposals & policies that will send a strong signal to the rest of the country that Wisconsin is a great place to invest and do business, and that we are looking forward to a future filled with prosperity for all the people in our State. Tax cuts aimed at encouraging savings and long term private sector investment are an important way to reinvigorate our economy for the long haul. After too many years relying on debt and consumption, it’s time for us to make Wisconsin a magnet for investment, great jobs, and savings.”

Representative Ziegelbauer has also been appointed to the Insurance Committee, the Urban and Local Affairs Committee, and the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems. “Each of these assignments fits my background in business and local government. I look forward to this opportunity to put some of that experience to work for the people of Wisconsin”, he added.

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