

Representative Robert Turner *Reports*



Rep. Turner joins Senator Lehman (L), Mrs. Corinne Owens and Rep. Cory Mason as Mrs. Owens is honored as a Hometown Hero, February 28, 2008.

State Capitol Tours

Wisconsin's State Capitol is a beautiful building of historical significance, dating back to the early 1900's. Construction of the West wing began in 1906, and the legislature's first meeting in the building was in 1909. Recent, major renovations were completed in 2001.

The Capitol is open daily from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and closes at 4 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Tours are free. Make reservations by calling (608) 266-0382, Monday through Friday, for groups of 10 or more. Or, book tours online at: www.wisconsin.gov/state/core/wisconsin_state_capitol_tour.html.

Let me know when you plan a visit, and stop by to say hello.



Re-Register for "Do-Not-Call" List

Most people have been very pleased with the success of Wisconsin's Do-Not-Call List. However, you must sign up **every two years** in order to keep your name on this list.

State residents can sign up for the "Do-Not-Call" list 24 hours a day. Call toll-free 1-866-966-2255, or visit the No Call Website: <https://nocall.wisconsin.gov/web/home.asp>.



Rep. Turner's Website

Please check out my State Assembly website. You will find information about government issues and services that are available through my office. You will also discover helpful links to other resource materials.



Log on to the website at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/asm61/news>

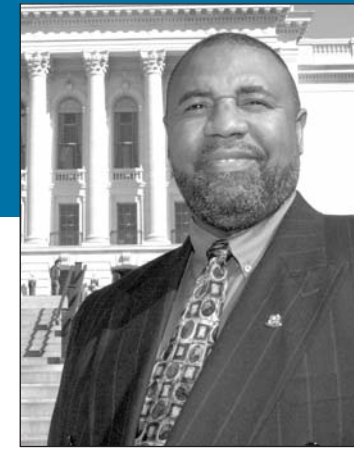
Free Publications

The State of Wisconsin offers free informational and resource materials that are available in limited supply. Contact my office to receive a State of Wisconsin Blue Book or a Wisconsin State Highway map. Please note that distribution is limited.



Helpful Contact Information

BadgerCare & BadgerCare Plus	1-800-362-3002
Consumer Protection	1-800-422-7128
Insurance Complaints	1-800-236-8517
Low Income Housing Loans (WHEDA)	1-800-334-6873
SeniorCare	1-800-657-2038
Sex Offenders Citizen Access Website	http://WIDOCOffenders.org
Veterans Loans & Grants	1-800-947-8387



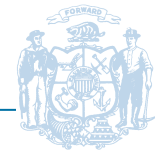
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Dear Friends,

As the State Legislature wraps up its 2007-08 session, I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of the accomplishments that have taken place in the Legislature.

As you may be aware, two very different versions of the State Budget were passed by the Senate and the Assembly. Therefore, a Conference Committee of legislative leaders was appointed to resolve the differences and negotiate a budget that could be supported by both houses of the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Along with most Wisconsinites, I was very discouraged by the delay in our budget process.

The budget that was eventually passed was a compromise and contains some items with which I disagree. In particular, I was very disappointed by the lack of a funding mechanism for the KRM rail project. However, the budget did accomplish a number of goals I have strongly supported in the past. These include health care coverage for all children (BadgerCare Plus), and several tax cuts targeted for middle class families, such as a health insurance premium tax deduction, expansion of the child care tax credit, and tax deductions for college expenses.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve as your State Representative. I appreciate the trust you have placed in me, and I welcome your input on state issues. Please continue to contact me with any concerns or comments you have on state policies or legislation.

Sincerely,

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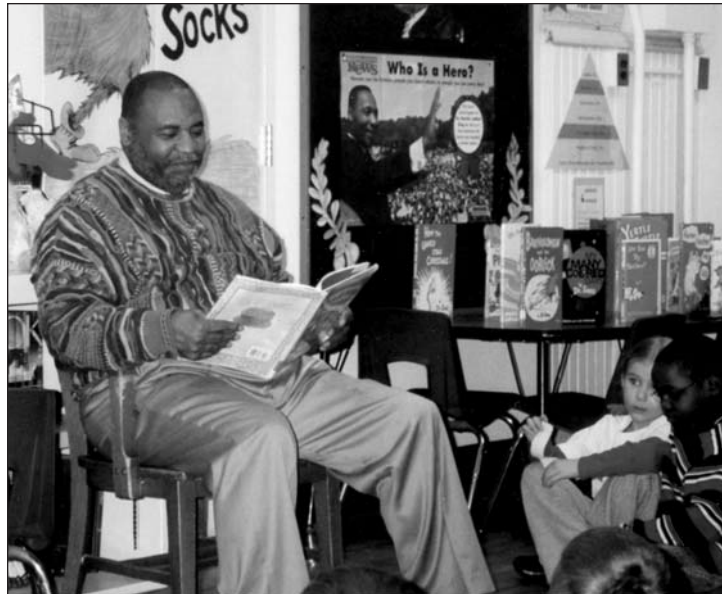
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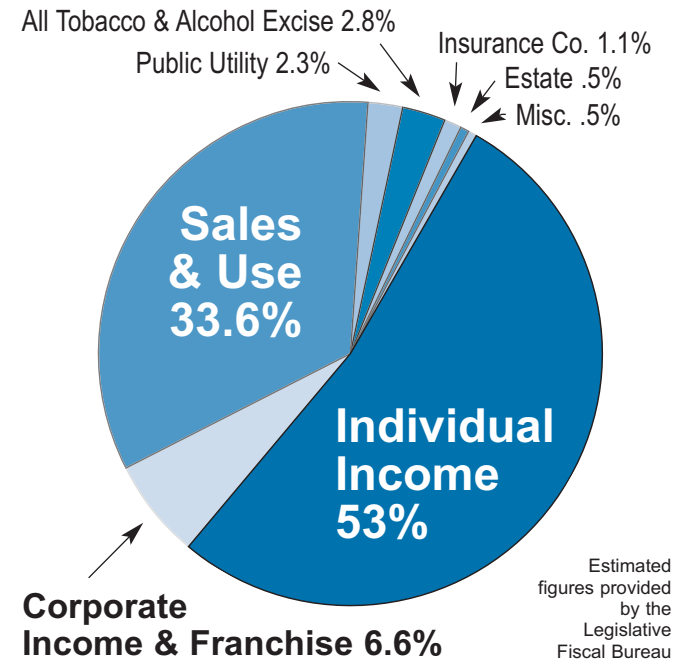


Rep. Turner reads to second grade students at Jefferson Lighthouse School.

2007-08 State Budget Highlights

- Implements BadgerCare Plus to provide health care for all children. Expands Medicaid coverage to childless adults at or below 200 % of the poverty level.
- Expands the state's Family Care program so that seniors and the disabled will receive comprehensive services in the community.
- Provides funds to the City of Racine to reduce infant mortality rates.
- Creates a \$1 per pack increase in the cigarette tax to address tobacco-related illnesses. This generated \$400 million to support the state's Medicaid program.
- Provides \$158 million to fund existing academic programs in the UW System to maintain its role as a leader in cutting-edge research.
- Invests in Southeast Wisconsin by providing \$800,000 for preliminary engineering on KRM.
- Reauthorizes the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program by \$86 million in bonding authority through fiscal year 2019-20.
- Provides an additional \$44,294,300 for the state highway maintenance program.

Sources of 2007-09 General Fund Taxes Taxes from Individuals vs. Corporations



Commercial Driver's Licenses for Military License Holders

authored Assembly Bill 370 at the request of the Past State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). It will streamline the process for military driver's license holders to obtain a Wisconsin Commercial Driver's License (CDL). The bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to treat a military CDL holder's application the same as the application of a CDL holder from another state. A waiver would be allowed for testing of specific vehicles and endorsements previously authorized by the applicant's military license. AB 370 will make it easier for Wisconsin veterans to transition to civilian life and find good jobs. It was the result of collaboration with the WI Departments of Veterans Affairs and Military Affairs, the WI Department of Transportation, and the WI Veterans of Foreign Wars. Governor Doyle signed the bill March 24, 2008.



Rep. Turner shakes hands with Governor Doyle at the signing of the CDL Testing for Military License Holders Bill (AB 370).

2007 Bills Supported by Rep. Turner Status

Bill Number	Description	Status
AB 207	Regulation of cable service providers	Signed into law 12-21-07
AB 377	Require hospitals to provide emergency contraception to sexual assault victims on request	Signed into law 3-13-08
AB 250	Public financing of campaigns for Supreme Court Justices	Remained in Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law, 3-13-08
SB 523	Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact	Passed Senate on 3/6/08 No action in Assembly
SB 178	Health insurance coverage for Autism disorders	Passed Senate on 2-26-08 Laid on table in Assembly
AB 76	Increase recycling fee on solid waste disposal, the program of financial assistance for local recycling programs	Remained in Committee on Natural Resources, 3-13-08
SB 375	Health insurance coverage of nervous and mental disorders, alcoholism, and other drug problems	Passed Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance and Job Creation 1-24-08. No action in Assembly
AB 787	Require psychological evaluations for law enforcement officers	Passed Assembly Committee on Corrections and Courts, 3-13-08
AB 452	Create a homeowner's tax credit and increase the amount of the school property income tax credit	Remained in Assembly Ways & Means Committee, 3-13-08