

Representative Robert Turner *Reports*

State Capitol Tours

Wisconsin's State Capitol is a beautiful building of historical significance, dating back to the early 1900's. The Capitol is located on 13.5 acres in Madison's downtown. Construction of the West wing began in 1906, and the most 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. No reservation is needed for groups of less than 10 people. You can make reservations by calling (608) 266-0382, Monday through Friday. Your tour can also be booked over the internet at:

www.wisconsin.gov/state/core/wisconsin_state_capitol_tour.html

I welcome you to contact my office when you plan a visit and stop by to say hello.

Online Vehicle Registration

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds us that vehicle registration renewal can be done online. This is more convenient and less expensive than coming into a DMV customer service center. Online vehicle registration can be done at any time and has a fee of just one dollar. There is a \$3 counter service fee at the local service center.



Log on at:
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/renew/online.htm

Registration can also be renewed by mail for the cost of a stamp.



Rep. Turner joins McGruff at National Night Out, August 4, 2009.

Rep. Turner's Website

Please visit 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.



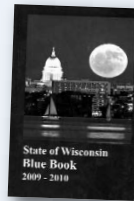
Log on to the website at:
www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/asm61/news/

Helpful Contact Information

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| BadgerCare & BadgerCare+ | 1-800-362-3002 |
| BadgerCare+ Core Plan (adults w/no children) | 1-800-291-2002 |
| 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 |

Free Publications

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

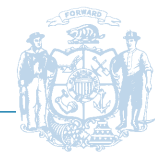


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Dear Friends,

As the State Legislature wraps up its 2009-10 session, I am sending you this biennial report to highlight some of the achievements made and challenges faced by your State Legislature.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you in the 61st Assembly District. I have been working on ways to improve our community and address the issues that are most important to my constituents.

During these difficult economic times, I want to make sure that I am doing what I can to meet the needs of the people I represent. I appreciate your comments and feedback and I will continue to share your ideas and concerns with my colleagues in Madison.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve as your State Representative. I value the trust you have placed in me, and I welcome your input on legislation and other state policies. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you in dealing with state government issues.

Sincerely,

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- Housing
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Senate Bill 190 - Renewals and Extensions of Business Contracts

I authored Senate Bill 190 to protect Wisconsin small businesses from hidden automatic renewal clauses in equipment and service contracts, such as those for credit card processing, waste hauling and telephone services. Small business owners often get trapped into renewing a contract they might have wanted to cancel.

The bill requires the service provider to disclose the renewal terms in either a notice separate from the contract or by having the business read and initial the renewal terms in the contract. More importantly, when the non-renewal date is approaching, the provider of the service *must notify* the business owner in a timely manner.

Too many small business owners have been victimized by sellers who use automatic renewal of contracts to take advantage of them. When these contracts are used wrongfully, small businesses can lose thousands of dollars. When small business loses, we all lose. Senate Bill 190 was signed into law on April 21, 2010.



Rep. Turner and local businessman Steve Rovik at SB 190 press event, March 4, 2010.

2009-2011 State Budget

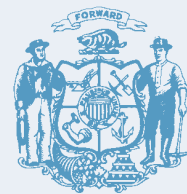
The 2009-2011 State Budget includes more than \$3.2 billion in spending cuts – the largest and deepest in Wisconsin history. Along with 6.1% across-the-board agency spending cuts, in solidarity with state employees facing financial forced furloughs, I have agreed to return 16 days' worth of pay over 2 years. Additionally, my colleagues and I have rescinded our future scheduled pay increases, effectively freezing our salaries.

The current global economic recession has had a devastating impact on our economy. Wisconsin state revenues have dropped sharply, threatening our government's ability to fund basic services, schools, and tax relief. Wisconsin was one of 47 states struggling with increased demand

for unemployment benefits, health insurance, education and job training programs, as it faced significant budget shortfalls.

I realize that not everyone is happy with the final outcome of the state budget. However, in some ways that confirms that we did our job. Cuts were necessary and we made them. No one got everything they wanted and everyone had to make some concessions.

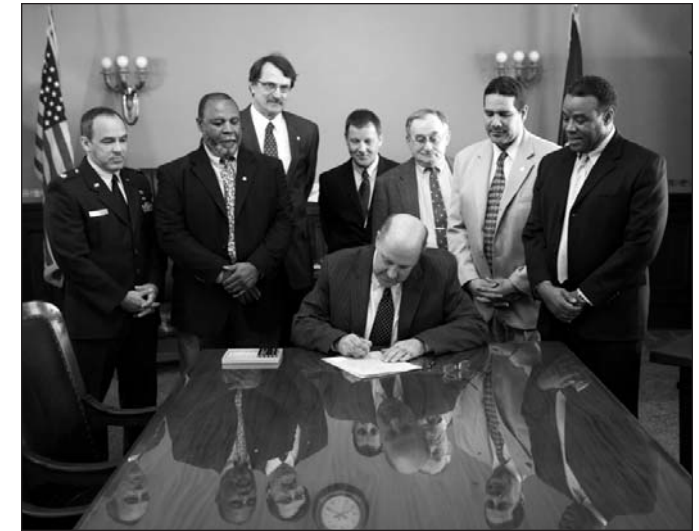
However, the Wisconsin Legislature delivered a balanced budget, on time, that spares working and middle class families from burdensome tax increases.



Theft of Veterans' Cemetery Markers

I introduced Assembly Bill 376 to help eliminate the growing problem of the theft of veterans' bronze cemetery markers. The bill requires that a person who is convicted of the theft of a veterans' cemetery marker must reimburse the cost to replace the markers. Stealing from the grave of one of our veterans is extremely disrespectful. With this legislation, anyone convicted of this crime would at least have to pay to replace the marker. The bill was supported by the WI Departments of Veterans Affairs and Military Affairs, the WI Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the WI Cemetery and Cremation Association. Governor Doyle signed the bill February 5, 2010.

Signing of AB 376, theft of veterans' cemetery markers. Left to right: Lt. Col. Dziobkowski, Rep. Turner, Sen. Lehman, Bill Hoffman, Gov. Doyle, Michael Furgal, José León Jr., DVA Secretary Black.



2009 Bills Supported by Rep. Turner *Status*

| Bill Number | Description | Status |
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| AB 1 | American Jobs Act, requiring at least 20% of all state spending to be directed to WI businesses | Passed Assembly 1/27/09 Died in Senate Small Business Comt. |
| AB 2 | Requires all state contracts go to American companies | Signed into law 3-3-10 |
| SB 66 | Operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant and providing a penalty | Signed into law 12-22-09 |
| SB 181 | Prohibiting smoking in indoor areas, in sports arenas, in public conveyances and at certain outdoor locations | Signed into law 5-18-09 |
| AB 614 | Health care providers required to disclose medical charges to consumers upon request | Signed into law 3-9-10 |
| AB 496 | Prohibiting electronic text messaging while driving | Passed Assembly 1-19-10 Passed Senate 4-13-10 |
| SB 40 | Public financing of campaigns for justice of the supreme court | Signed into law 12-1-09 |
| SB 331 | Child care provider accountability for WI Shares child care provider program | Signed into law 11-13-09 |
| AB 75 | Health insurance coverage of treatments for autism | Signed into law 6-29-09 |
| SB 27 | Health insurance coverage of cochlear implants for deaf children | Signed into law 5-21-09 |
| AB 549 | Requiring psychological evaluations for law enforcement officers | Passed Assembly 2-23-10 Passed Senate Committee 3-4-10 |
| AB 138 | Appointment of the Secretary of Natural Resources by the Natural Resources Board | Failed veto override attempt on 2/23/10 |