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VAN ROY: SOCIAL SECURITY TAX EXEMPTION TO BE LAW

Applauds Governor for keeping the Republican tax exemption in the budget

HOWARD – State Representative Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) is applauding Governor Doyle for agreeing to sign the Republican proposal that will exempt social security income from taxation. Republicans in the legislature have fought for years to remove Wisconsin from the short list of only 15 states that still tax Social Security income.

“Today is great day for Wisconsin’s seniors,” said Van Roy. “Eliminating the tax on social security income is one of the most important things that we can do for the seniors in Green Bay and Howard.”

Once the proposal becomes law, it will begin providing a 100% tax exemption in 2008. Rep. Van Roy says that he will continue working to see that Wisconsin becomes a better place to retire.

“Bloomberg rated us the single worst state to retire in this year because of our high taxes,” said Van Roy. “This is the first step toward making our state more affordable for retirees.”

Van Roy says that the next step for the legislature will be tackling escalating property taxes. Governor Doyle has said that he will sign the biennial budget, including the exemption this coming Monday.

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