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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

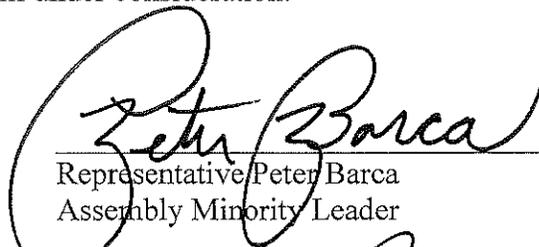
This Memorandum of Understanding has been set forth by the leaders of the 101st Wisconsin State Assembly in order to provide greater transparency of the legislative process to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin. This document has been arrived at through hours of civil discussions between the two party leaders and hopefully, will set a new bipartisan tone for the 2013-2014 session. We, the Assembly leaders, believe that this signed document will establish the structure for a more productive debate. The beneficiaries of this memorandum are the people of Wisconsin. These changes will allow representatives to better serve their constituents and will provide for greater public participation in the legislative process.

- Our goal this session is to finish debate at a reasonable time.
- The Rules Committee will meet to set goals for the structure and timing of debate, including the division of the time on final passage for both parties.
- The Majority Leader and Minority Leader will make an effort to minimize the number of contentious bills on any session day.
- The Majority Leader and Minority Leader will consult before the Rules notice is distributed regarding the time frame for debate on each bill.
- The time frame for debate on a bill will be defined by the point at which the Assembly Chief Clerk reads the bill to the point at which there is a vote on final passage.
- Amendments submitted to the Assembly Chief Clerk by 9 a.m. on a session day will receive priority consideration and shall be considered by each caucus.
- Bipartisan Leadership Meetings will be held on a regular basis.
- The floor rules will be strictly enforced; including time limits. There will be objections to breaking for caucus, except under extenuating circumstances, and extending time limits for debate.
- There will be a minimum of 30 minutes set aside for debate on final passage of each bill, unless agreed to by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader.
- The session start time published on the Rules notice will be strictly followed.
- When the agreed upon time frame for debate has expired on a bill, the Majority Leader may make a motion to dispense of all remaining amendments. Every effort will be made to consider all amendments.

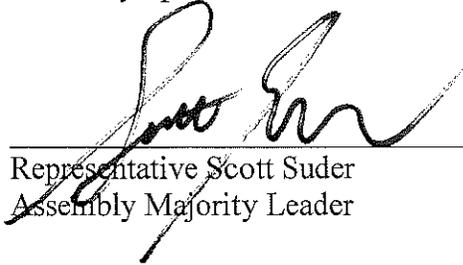
- If a Rules Committee meeting needs to be convened, any such break for the meeting will not count against the agreed upon time for debate on the bill under consideration.



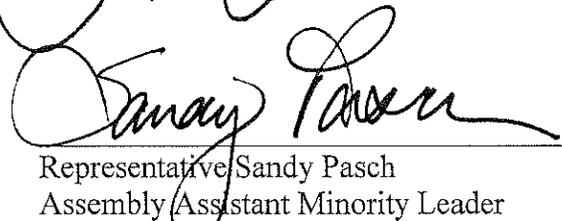
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Assembly Speaker



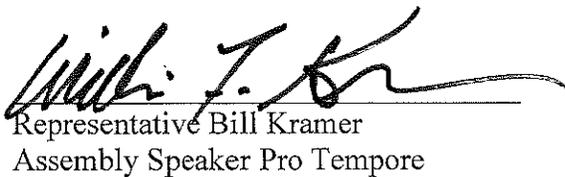
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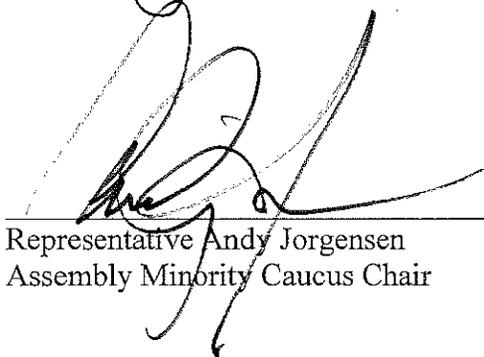
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Assembly Majority Leader



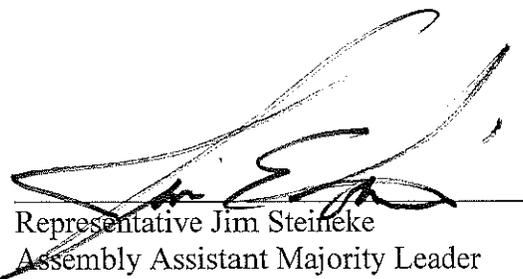
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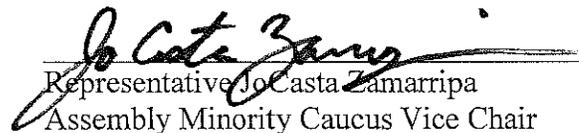
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Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore



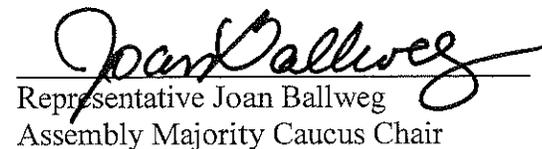
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Assembly Minority Caucus Chair



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Assembly Assistant Majority Leader



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