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**SENATOR MARKLEIN AUTHORS AMENDMENT TO REMOVE OPEN RECORDS
CHANGES FROM THE BUDGET**

MADISON— State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) released the following statement regarding his amendment to remove the Open Records Law changes from the budget:

“I am pleased to report that I have authored an amendment to remove changes to the Open Records law that became part of the state budget last week. This amendment will be presented on the floor the Senate as we take up the full budget for a vote in the Senate.

I had to make a very difficult choice last week. I had to choose whether to abandon all of the good parts of the 999 motion by voting against it – or vote for it and then work to seek an amendment to withdraw this element individually without undoing all of the good things that we accomplished.

This decision did not come easy. I supported many good parts of the overall Motion 999. Several of these items were changes made to correct and clarify action taken by the JFC earlier this spring after we heard from constituents throughout our state.

I believe in open and transparent government and have always responded to Open Records Requests quickly and thoroughly. It was never my intention to change any sort of internal office policy on records that can be requested from my office. I remain committed to transparency in all business that is conducted on behalf of my constituents.”

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