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State Assembly Approves Rep. Callahan's Bill to Fund Local Roads

Bill package that provides critical investments into statewide priorities passes Assembly

[Madison, WI] – During today's floor session, Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) voted in favor of a package of bills that uses one-time federal stimulus dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to invest in Wisconsin's priorities that have been hit the hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. The State Assembly approved the entire package.

One of the bills that passed was Rep. Callahan's [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 238](#), which directs \$308,519,800 of ARPA funds to be used to provide supplementary grants to local governments for local road and bridge projects. \$2 million would be provided to each county in the state and \$2,000 per road mile to each city, village, and town in the state over the course of the next two years.

"In my time in public office, on the town board, county board, and now in the State Assembly, road funding has been a constant concern for my constituents," stated Rep. Callahan from the Assembly Floor. "...[W]e now have a unique opportunity to be able to provide additional one-time funding for the priorities the people have asked for."

\$3.2 billion is being directed to Wisconsin through ARPA. Some of the other bills in the package brought forward by Assembly Republicans prioritize:

Broadband Expansion: \$500 million in broadband expansion grants

Tourism Assistance: \$50 million for tourism grants and \$25 million for advertising grants for amusement parks

Aid to Households: \$1 billion to provide a 10% payment to all property taxpayers

Small Business Assistance: \$200 million for small business grants

In addition to the bill package, Rep. Callahan also voted to create a summer sales tax holiday and pass a resolution that asks Attorney General Josh Kaul to join the multi-state lawsuit that challenges the Federal Tax Mandate, preventing states from reducing taxes for three years.

"Today's floor session directly addresses the concerns I've been hearing from my constituents in the 35th Assembly District," continued Rep. Callahan. "Now Governor Evers has an opportunity to prove that he also listens to his constituents; not just the folks in Madison and Milwaukee."

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The 35th Assembly District includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.