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Rep. Callahan Tours the 35th with Senator Ron Johnson

[Antigo, WI] – On September 15th, State Representative Calvin Callahan (R – Tomahawk) welcomed United States Senator Ron Johnson (R – Wisconsin) to Antigo. Their visit began at Schroeder Farms, which is one of 18 certified seed potato growers in the 35th Assembly District out of the 24 total in the state. Wisconsin is the third largest potato producer in the United States, and most of this production occurs in the Antigo area.

“I wanted to make sure that Senator Johnson saw a potato farm while he was in the area,” Representative Callahan said. “We’re proud of the role that potato farms play in the 35th, both in terms of food production and job creation.”

Representative Callahan and Senator Johnson next visited Kretz Lumber. They toured the facility there, including the wood pulp production plant and the training forest.

“Lumber is such a huge aspect of Wisconsin’s economy, especially here in the northern part of the state,” Representative Callahan continued. “Be it construction, pulp for the paper industry, or something else, the economy of the Northwoods rests on the lumber industry. I was also glad to learn about the ways that Kretz and other companies are working to sustain forests. It is important that we have healthy forests for the lumber industry going forward, as well as the tourists and outdoorsmen who utilize this resource.”

Finally, Representative Callahan and Senator Johnson sat down with a reporter from Channel 9 News from Wausau to discuss their visits during the day. Representative Callahan and Senator Johnson emphasized how the Northwoods are often overlooked.

“Madison and Washington consistently forget about the folks living in rural areas throughout the state and country,” Representative Callahan stated. “An important part of my job down in Madison is getting my colleagues to understand what life is like up here in Antigo and the rest of the 35th and what the needs of my constituents are. I’m proud of the policies that I’ve promoted while in the Assembly, and Wisconsinites are lucky to have Ron Johnson representing them in the Senate.”

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