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Rep. Considine Statement on Passage of 2015-2017 Budget

Madison – Today, the State Assembly passed Senate Bill 21, the highly controversial 2015-2017 state budget. State Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued the following statement in response:

“Since Governor Walker introduced this budget in February, I have listened to questions and concerns from hundreds of friends, neighbors, and voters in the 81st District. On both sides of the aisle, their message was clear: this budget does not reflect their values or priorities.

“As I noted in my speeches on the Assembly floor tonight, this budget should have been about supporting our public schools and our children with unique educational needs – not depriving public education of adequate funding for the third budget in a row. It should have been about working together to build a sustainable transportation infrastructure, not increasing our debt and shifting the burden onto our children and grandchildren. My colleagues and I should have been debating the best ways to stand up for our local governments and small businesses, not pointing out a litany of unnecessary policy items that were slipped in without notice and had nothing to do with our state’s finances.

“I am disappointed in the budget that was passed tonight. However, our work is absolutely not over, and I look forward to continuing to advocate for the best interests of the citizens of the 81st District and across Wisconsin.”

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