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### **Rep. Considine Statement on Assembly Session**

**Madison** – Today, the Assembly was brought into session to debate and vote on many different proposals. Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued the following statement on the passage of these bills:

“One of the bills passed today improves and modernizes the farmland preservation tax credit by increasing the amount that can be claimed. Our farmers care about our environment. It is great when we can work with farmers and encourage soil and water conservation practices. This proposal has been introduced over a number of sessions and I am happy to see it finally come to the Assembly for a vote.

“Another bill would allow specialists to testify in certain civil mental health related cases virtually. I believe this bill goes a little too far. On the other hand, this bill would help rural areas that don’t have specialists in their community. It is my hope that this bill can be amended before it becomes law so that it does not apply to cases involving delinquency and the termination of parental rights.

“I was happy to see other mental health related bills passed today. This includes legislation that creates a grant program for the creation and operation of recovery schools. Recovery schools help students that struggle with substance abuse. I think this bill is a positive step forward in making our society more restorative.

“We must continue to build upon these investments in agriculture, mental health, and conservation. It is clear that we can work together in these important areas.”

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