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Rep. Considine on AB 149

Madison – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly convened and took action on several bills. Rep. Considine (D-Baraboo) spoke on Assembly Bill (AB) 149. Rep. Considine issued the following statement following the vote:

“Legislation is a slow and cumbersome process and that’s how it was designed. However, the federal government allowed Governors across the country to disperse COVID-19 funds unilaterally because they knew that these funds were time-sensitive.”

“While the Legislature barely met during the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Evers funneled billions of federally appropriated dollars into our businesses, communities, and families. I am grateful we had Governor Evers leading so theatre owners would have a chance to survive, so the tourism industry would have a chance to make it to next season, and so our hurting neighbors could pay their rent. If these CARES Act funds hadn’t been sent out so efficiently more farms would have permanently closed, more people would have had their homes foreclosed upon, and more people would have died.

“I am voting no on this bill today because Governor Evers showed that he can effectively and efficiently distribute federal COVID-19 relief money to those in need. This bill would only micromanage this distribution and would slow down this process when Wisconsinites cannot afford it.”

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