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Capitol Update

The past couple of weeks have been jam-packed with committee hearings discussing many diverse topics. I have sat on committees discussing anything from an informational hearing on timber to a public hearing on the adoption process to a public hearing on health services in our summer camps across the state.

As I sat in on an informational hearing on timber, it was interesting to learn more about forestry and the availability through various studies that have been conducted. For example, did you know that there is a Forestry Practices Study conducted in order to better understand forestry in Wisconsin to ensure that our forestry products remain competitive in the market as well as the benefits that it provides to our state? Mass timber is critically important to our state as the majority of new construction homes structures are constructed of wood.

This last week the Assembly Committee on Family Law heard a great number of bills in regard to adoption. These eight bills are a result of the Speaker's Task Force on Adoption where the task force has come up with ways to streamline and change adoption processes for the better of both the children and the families involved. It is great to see that the Speaker's Task Force on Adoption, which is comprised of members of the Assembly from both sides of the aisle, has been able to produce these pieces of legislation after hosting meetings across our state listening to these very topics from the public.

In addition, there was a Joint Committee public hearing held between the Assembly and the Senate to discuss summer camp healthcare in the rural parts of our state. I was fascinated by the discussion as my colleagues and I heard from the authors of the bills, directors and other employees of summer camps, and members of the public as well on how these bills will benefit the campers tremendously.

I look forward to the next couple of weeks and to hunting season. Stay safe and warm out there!

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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