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FELZKOWSKI FLYER



WISCONSIN'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

**"EVERS SIGNS THE GOP PLAN"
- WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL**

Yesterday, Governor Evers took action on the state budget bill by signing it into law.

When the Governor gave his budget proposal this spring it included \$1 billion in tax increases and tons of divisive policy items that had nothing to do with the state's finances.

In comparison, the GOP plan that he signed yesterday included a \$3.4 billion **TAX CUT**, provided two-thirds funding for K-12 education, assisted local governments, put \$100 million into local roads, invested in broadband expansion, and met the maintenance of effort (MOE) for school funding that will draw down \$2.5 billion in ARPA funds.

On the Assembly and Senate floor, our plan received support on both sides of the aisle, including the Senate Minority Leader - making it the first bipartisan budget since 2007.



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LINE-ITEM VETOES THAT HURT NORTHERN WISCONSIN

The Governor of Wisconsin has one of the most powerful veto pens in the entire country. When we send him the budget bill, he has a few different options to proceed with:

- Pass the entire bill
- Veto the entire bill
- Line-item veto portions of the bill he doesn't like

50 line-item veto changes were made.

While the Governor signed the \$3.4 billion **TAX CUT** he made one significant change. He removed one provision that would have provided relief in every paycheck – instead you will see that money through your refunds during tax season.

While I'd rather see this return of over-collected dollars come back to the people in every single paycheck, I'd be remiss if I didn't applaud the Governor for returning these funds back to the people who deserve them.

Another veto by the Governor was one-time funding intended for Lakeland STAR Academy, a school in Minocqua that specializes in providing students with autism and special needs with an education centered around teaching them self-reliance, independence, and confidence in their abilities.

When Governor Evers vetoes education funding for children with autism, it is easy to forget that he was in charge of supporting all of Wisconsin's children for years as State Superintendent.

GOVERNOR VETOES MORE LEGISLATION

Following his press conference in White Fish Bay, the Governor continued the day by taking action on a number of other bills that were on his desk.

He vetoed the following three bills that would have been extremely beneficial to the people of Wisconsin:

- AB367 - Sought to finance loans using federal ARPA dollars to ensure that the Verso paper mill in Wisconsin Rapids and the Park Falls mill would continue production, ensuring the state that our \$24 billion forestry products industry would remain strong.
- AB191 - Would have repealed the state personal property tax that businesses pay on equipment and furnishings - giving our business community much needed relief from an archaic tax that is no longer needed.
- AB383 - After a nightmare of a school year, the future of students and their athletic careers has been up in the air. This bill would have protected any student who transfers schools from having to sit out a year for sports.

**BUDGET
VETOES**

NORTHERN WISCONSIN GOALS

~~**SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL**~~
~~**MORE \$\$ IN YOUR PAYCHECK**~~

**LEAVING NORTHERN
WISCONSIN BEHIND**



TWO FELZKOWSKI BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

In better news, when taking action on legislation yesterday, the Governor signed two of my bills into law.

SB187 creates a statutory provision that authorizes a member of a village board to receive an hourly wage, not exceeding \$15,000 each year, as a village employee.

In a village within the 12 Senate District a crossing guard position opened up, and the only person who wanted to apply for the position was a retired individual who served as a village board member. Unfortunately, due to current state law which prohibits village officers from working for the same village they represent, the crossing guard position was not filled for quite a while.

This bill puts villages on the same level as towns when it comes to the hiring of board members, as a statutory provision already exists which allows town board members to receive a similar hourly wage as a town employee.

SB269 raises the maximum weight for a UTV in Wisconsin from 2,000 pounds to 3,000 pounds.

Many current UTV models on the market are above the current weight limit. This will bring Wisconsin law up to speed with the reality of today's UTVs.

UTVs have become especially popular amongst our elderly population, as they provide greater accessibility to our natural resources. It is not uncommon to find a UTV today that has a cab, air conditioning, heating, and other accommodations that provide comfort for less mobile individuals. These modern additions are in high demand, and manufacturers have responded to this - by building heavier machines to accommodate new features. This bill will help Wisconsin's elderly and disabled population continue to have easy access to the outdoors.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR THE 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

Let us know if you have any community events that you would like us to post in this section.

July 8-11: Hodag Country Festival (Rhinelander)

July 10: Athelstane Fire Department Parade & Picnic (Athelstane)

July 16-17: Irish Fest @ Ye Olde Shillelagh (Manitowish Waters)

July 17: Culpepper & Merriweather Circus (Wabeno)

July 17-18: Lakewood Mardi Gras (Lakewood)

July 23-24: 2nd Annual Summer National Auto & Bike Show (Tomahawk)

July 24: Polish Heritage Days (Armstrong Creek)

July 24: Kentucky Day Festival (Crandon)

July 28-Aug 1: Langlade County Fair (Anitgo)

July 29-Aug 1: Oneida County Fair (Rhinelander)

July 30: Thunder on Main - Dirt City Duel (Lena)

July 31-Aug 1: Dirt City Duel - Off-Road Races (Lena)

July 31: Weinerfest North (Lakewood)

July 31: Arbor Vitae Fireman's Picnic (Arbor Vitae)

August 9: Lakes Country Arts & Craft Show (Lakewood)

August 11-15: Lincoln County Fair (Merrill)

August 20-22: 36th Annual National Championship Musky Open (Eagle River)

August 26-29: Marinette County Fair (Wausaukee)

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