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Sen. Mark Spreitzer Statement on Passage of Bipartisan Bills Through the State Senate

MADISON - Yesterday, the Wisconsin State Senate passed two bipartisan bills co-authored by Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit). Senator Spreitzer released the following statement reacting to the passage of 2023 Senate Bill 310 and 2023 Senate Bill 433:

“I am proud that these two bipartisan bills passed the State Senate with overwhelming support yesterday.

“SB 310 is a bipartisan bill that would create parity for Wisconsinites with state identification cards to purchase DNR licenses – the same way that Wisconsinites can do under current law with a driver’s license. I am proud to be the second author of this bill in the State Senate. SB 310 would ensure that youth and people with disabilities have equal access to hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation in our state. I appreciated working with my coauthors, Rep. Jill Billings (D-La Crosse), Rep. Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz), and Sen. John Jagler (R-Watertown), to pass this important bill with strong bipartisan support out of the State Senate. The Assembly companion bill to SB 310 is scheduled to receive a public hearing in the Assembly Committee on Transportation on October 24, and I look forward to continuing to support this bill.

“SB 433 is an important bill that will correct a timeline issue for local clerks and prevent voter confusion during presidential preference primaries. Rock County Clerk Lisa Tollefson first brought this issue to my attention in late 2019, and I am glad that we are able to come together to get it done this session. I was pleased to work across the aisle with Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) to draft this legislation and move it quickly through the legislative process. The Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections has already held a public hearing on the Assembly companion bill to SB 433, and I am hopeful that it will move out of committee tomorrow on a bipartisan basis. With next year’s presidential primary coming up quickly, it is critical that this bill be in place as soon as possible.

“I am deeply grateful to the bipartisan coalition of legislators and advocates who worked together to support these bills. While we may have our differences, these bills are a perfect example of how we should be legislating in Madison. We were elected to work together to address issues that directly impact our state, and I am proud that we have done so with SB 310 and SB 433. I hope both bipartisan bills receive votes in the State Assembly very soon.”

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