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GOVERNOR GUTS ADVISE & CONSENT IN THE BUDGET

MADISON – Today, Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) is highlighting Governor Evers’ proposal to make the advice and consent of the Senate on appointees meaningless. On page 237, line 4 of Governor Tony Evers’ budget proposal, Evers proposes repealing Wis. Stat. §13.127, which states that an appointee rejected by the Senate may not continue to serve.

“What’s the point of advice and consent of the Senate if the person can serve after being rejected by the Senate?” asked Wanggaard. “Can you imagine the uproar from Governor Evers and Democrats if President Trump or former Governor Walker did this? Tony would run to the nearest court claiming they were dictators! And everyone knows it.”

Wisconsin Statute §13.127 was created in 2018 stating that if a person was subject to the advice and consent of the Senate, and that person was rejected, they could not be reappointed or continue to serve in that role during that legislative session. Without this law, there is no consequence if an appointee is rejected by the Senate.

“This is why you read the actual language of the budget,” said Wanggaard. “Trying to sneak this through is exactly why Republicans start from scratch in the budget. Whether he’s trying change mothers to ‘inseminated persons’ or this, it’s just far-left extremist garbage. Talk about despicable. I can’t wait to see what else I find hidden in the statutory language.”

Screen shots of the language of the budget and Wis. Stat. §13.127 are included below.

4 **SECTION 50. 13.127 of the statutes is repealed.**

13.127 Advice and consent of the senate. Any individual nominated by the governor or another state officer or agency, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to any office or position may not hold the office or position, be nominated again for the office or position, or perform any duties of the office or position during the legislative session biennium if the individual’s confirmation for the office or position is rejected by the senate.

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