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SEN. COWLES STATEMENT ON BUDGET VOTE

MADISON- Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) issued the following statement this evening after casting a “no” vote against the state budget:

“During my time in the legislature, I have often said that non-fiscal policy items don’t belong in the state budget. These items deserve to be debated on their own and should have public input and discussion as separate legislation.

While I understand that all budgets have some amount of policy, it is always best to keep those policy items to a minimum. Unfortunately, this budget has an excessive amount of policy in it. By my count there are nearly 140 non-fiscal items contained in this budget. All of those items, could, and should, be introduced and debated as separate legislation. For that reason, I could not in good faith vote in favor of this budget.”

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