



ASSEMBLY REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

2011-12 Session Notes

Assembly GOP 2011-2013 Budget

Assembly Republicans are doing *exactly* what we promised voters we'd do last November. Making *tough but necessary cuts* and funding Wisconsin's top priorities through *honest budgeting* that fixes what's broke and doesn't spend more than we have creates a *stable and prosperous environment* where businesses can create jobs and grow our economy for future generations.

Eliminating the Deficit, Protecting Taxpayers...

Eliminating a \$3 billion deficit: By *actually balancing* our state budget for the first time in decades with no political gimmicks or accounting tricks, we are continuing to send the message that Wisconsin is serious about *growing its economy and creating jobs*.

No tax increases or fee increases on WI families: Assembly Republicans are providing much needed *economic relief* for families statewide and continuing to send the message that Wisconsin is open for business by *holding the line on taxes and fees*.

Permanent property tax freeze: For the first time in our state's history, Assembly Republicans have provided Wisconsin citizens with some *certainty* and *stability* by *permanently freezing property tax rates*.

No unconstitutional raids on segregated funds: The 2011-13 Assembly Republican budget *won't steal from segregated funds* to fuel out-of-control government spending.

Funding Top Priorities and Protecting WI's Most Vulnerable...

Protecting seniors: Assembly Republicans *fully funded* the popular and successful *SeniorCare* prescription drug program, ensuring access to medication for low-income seniors.

Protecting our future: We have provided schools with the *savings they need to properly educate students* through increased pension and health care contributions that will *offset budget cuts*.

Protecting Veterans: Assembly Republicans made sure to *fully fund the Veterans Trust Fund*.

Protecting local control: Our caucus went against the governor and made sure that local units of government will be able to *continue their recycling programs*.

Open and Transparent Government...

Assembly Republicans will pass the 2011-13 budget *on time* in an *open and transparent manner* with public input and debate.