



State Representative Dan LeMahieu Presents

THE LEMAHIEU REPORT

News & Notes from the 59th Assembly District

WHAT NOW?

After more than 130 failed amendments by the Assembly Republicans to take out the worst parts of the budget, the State Assembly Democrats passed their version of the state budget in the early morning hours last Saturday by a vote of 50-48. This came after a week of Democratic caucuses where numerous deals were made behind closed doors. The taxpayers of Wisconsin were totally left out of the process.

This is the worst budget in decades. It increases spending by 6.3 percent or \$3.68 billion. That money comes from your paycheck making it harder for you to balance your family budget. But Saturday morning the Democrats brought forward their incredible claim that this budget contains “The deepest spending cuts in Wisconsin history.”

Since the Democrats took control of both houses of the legislature in January, they have passed nearly \$5 billion in tax increases. They have created, not eliminated, over 340 new state jobs. Yet the Democrats claim that this budget “protects the middle class working families from tax increases.”

If you own a home, buy gas, own a cell phone or land line, get sick and land in a hospital, pay a utility bill, dispose of garbage or drive a vehicle big government in Wisconsin wants you to pay more of your "fair share".

Increasing spending by \$3.68 billion wasn't enough for the greedy Democrats. They borrow another \$3.31 billion in this budget that your children and grandchildren will be paying off for years to come.

Visit My Website

DanLeMahieu.com

Subscribe

Did a friend forward this email to you? Subscribe yourself and receive the latest updates from Madison. [Click here.](#)

If you know anyone who would enjoy receiving updates on state issues, please forward this e-update to them, or encourage them to contact Rep. LeMahieu's office to subscribe.

If at any time you want to be removed from this list, please [Click Here.](#)

How could they get 50 Democrats to vote for this garbage of a budget? **PORK, PORK and more PORK.** As last week drug on, Assembly Democrat legislators were promised pork in the budget to secure their votes. **\$37 million worth of pork.** Everything from an opera house in Oshkosh to recycling bins for the Village of Wrightstown.

But the taxing and spending wasn't enough for the Democrats. The budget also contained dozens of policy items like driver's cards and reduced tuition for illegal aliens, benefits for domestic partners and a registry in all counties for same sex partners, eliminating the QEO, liability and insurance issues and the list goes on and on. These will do nothing but discourage business and job growth in Wisconsin compounding the economic problems we have today. **This budget will KILL JOBS and INCREASE TAXES ON SMALL BUSINESSES.**

Now the state budget goes to the State Senate where a vote on passage is already planned for this week. If their budget differs from the Assembly version by even one item, the budget goes to a conference committee. There is no guarantee that the budget will get any better in the Senate and it will probably get worse.

I supported all of the more than 130 amendments offered by Republicans to make the budget better and some that were drafted but not brought to the floor for a vote. At 5:00 am Saturday morning when most of you were sleeping I voted **NO** on final passage. Little did you know when you got up Saturday morning that the State of Wisconsin had slipped into your house overnight to take more of your hard-earned dollars and pass bad policy that you don't agree with.

Welcome to a new Wisconsin. Our new state motto is "Live like you mean it." It should be "Tax and spend like you mean it."

If you don't support this budget call the Democrats in the Senate and Governor Doyle. Tell them what kind of state you want to live in so they don't make this a state for just their special interest groups.
