

## 2007 Spring Survey

11. Should Wisconsin prohibit expiration dates and service fees on gift cards sold in Wisconsin?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
12. Should the state continue to limit school spending with state imposed revenue caps?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
13. Currently teacher salaries and benefits are limited by the QEO (qualified economic offer). Should the state continue to limit teacher salaries and benefits?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
14. Last session, the Governor and the Legislature eliminated gasoline tax indexing (effectively freezing our state gas tax at 30.9 cents per gallon). Prior to 2007 the gas tax rose to cover increased costs of road construction and maintenance. It was estimated gas indexing cost the average driver \$3.85 per year. Without indexing, the governor has now proposed to increase automobile registration by \$20 a year. Which would you prefer:  
 \$20 increase in automobile registration fees  
 A return to gasoline tax indexing  
 No increase in funding for town, city, county and state roads
15. When real estate is sold, a real estate transfer fee of \$3 per \$1000 of value is paid by the seller. (For example, on a \$100,000 home the fee is \$300). The governor has proposed increasing the real estate transfer fee from \$3 per thousand to \$6 per thousand. The money will be returned to local counties by increasing payments to the County Aid fund to help pay for circuit court costs related to juvenile delinquency related services. Should the state increase the Real Estate Transfer fee?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
16. The Governor has proposed a 1% hospital assessment fee to help pay for Medical Assistance costs to cover state health care programs. Do you support the 1% assessment fee?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
17. Should the state continue to limit local property tax increases?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
18. The DNR has recently proposed banning all baiting and feeding of white tailed deer. Current law allows baiting and feeding with a two gallon limit. Should the legislature ban all baiting and feeding of deer?  
 Yes  No  Undecided



Visitors to the State Capitol are always welcome and sometimes they have an unexpected surprise. Dave Bollman of Rice Lake happened to visit the same day the Legislature was honoring the University of Wisconsin Football team for a successful 12-1 season capped by a victory in the Capital One Bowl. Pictured are UW players Joe Stellmacher, Joe Thomas, Rep. Hubler, Mr. Bollman, Head Coach Bret Bielema, Joe Monty and Mark Zalewski.



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**Mary Hubler**  
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Spring 2007

Dear Neighbor:

It is budget season at the Capitol. Governor James Doyle submitted his \$57.7 billion budget proposal on February 14 – 1,757 pages of the financial details of state operations for the next two years.

The Joint Committee on Finance began its review of the Governor's proposal. This committee will use the Governor's proposal as a starting point to produce the Legislature's budget proposal. The Joint Committee on Finance is comprised of an equal number of Assembly members and Senators, and, this year, an equal number of Republicans and Democrats.

Once a majority of the committee agrees on a budget, the Senate will debate it and will amend it before passing it. Then the Assembly gets its turn, and it is all but assured that the Assembly will come up with a different document than the Senate.

Eventually, both the Senate and Assembly must pass identical budget bills. After they do, the Governor may review what the Legislature has done and issue vetoes. Given the history of the last 20 years, vetoes are a certainty.

Among the interesting proposals the Governor has offered is an increase of \$1.25 on a pack of cigarettes; a \$20 increase in annual vehicle registration fees; an increase in the real estate transfer fee from \$3 to \$6 per \$1,000 of the sale price; and a 1% tax on hospital gross revenues. He intends to tax oil company profits and make it illegal for the companies to pass the tax along to consumers.

In the Governor's budget, these increases would fund spending on road construction and maintenance, health care and education, among other popular programs.

Once again, it will be interesting to see how the Legislature deals with the desire to keep taxes and fees low and the desire to provide expected state services.

I have included a survey so that my neighbors can provide their opinions on the budget debate.

Sincerely,

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# Government Toll-free Phone Numbers

## Aging and Long Term Care

Email the Board of Aging and Long Term Care  
 ....BOALTC@ltc.state.wi.us  
 Medigap Hotline (VTD)  
 .....(800) 242-1060  
 Medicare Hotline  
 .....(800) 633-4227  
 Wisconsin SeniorCare Hotline  
 .....(800) 657-2038

## Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

Consumer Information & Complaints  
 .....(800) 422-7128  
 Farm Center Hotline  
 .....(800) 942-2474  
 Do Not Call List  
 .....(866)-966-2255  
 Banking, Savings Institutions, Consumer Credit Help Line  
 .....(800) 452-3328  
 Better Business Bureau of Wisconsin  
 .....(800) 273-1002

## Commerce

Small Business & Permit Assistance  
 ... (800) HELP BUS (800) 435-7287

## Education Information

Department of Public Instruction  
 .....(800) 441-4563  
 Education Publication Sales  
 .....(800) 243-8782  
 EdVest Hotline  
 .....(888) 338-3789  
 Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Information Line  
 ... (800) 243-WITC (800) 243-9482  
 University of Wisconsin Information for all campuses  
 .....(800) 442-6459

## Federal Information Center

.....(800) 688-9889

## Health & Family Services

Children w/Special Health Care Needs  
 .....(800) 642-7837  
 Home Health Hotline  
 .....(800) 642-6552

## Maternal & Child Health Hotline

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 Medical Assistance  
 General Information Hotline  
 .....(800) 362-3002  
 Rehabilitation & Disability Client Assistance  
 .....(800) 362-1290  
 SSI Recipient Hotline (State)  
 .....(800) 675-0249  
 SSI Application (Federal)  
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Complaints  
 .....(800) 236-8517  
 Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan  
 .....(800) 828-4777

## Justice

Arson Tip Line  
 .....(800) 362-3005  
 Crime Victims Information  
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 ... (800) 622-DRUG or (800)-622-3784  
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Reference ... (800) 322-9755

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## Natural Resources

Report Fish & Game Violations  
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 .....(800) 338-5957  
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 .....(800) 432-8747  
 Special Olympics of Wisconsin  
 .....(800) 924-5202  
 Spills Hotline/  
 Emergency Management  
 .....(800) 943-0003  
 Wildlife Nuisance Report  
 .....(800) 228-1368

## Poison Control Center

University Hospital, Madison  
 .....(800) 815-8855

## Tourism

Vacation Information  
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Adopt-A-Highway  
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 Auto Safety Hotline (US DOT)  
 .....(800) 424-9393  
 Dispute Resolution Services Autoline  
 .....(800) 955-5100  
 Impaired Driver Resource Center  
 .....(800) 862-1048  
 License Plate Renewals  
 ... (800) 236-RENU (800) 236-7368  
 Motorcycle Safety  
 .....(800) 368-9677  
 Railroads-Operation Lifesaver  
 .....(800) 537-6224  
 Van pools-statewide  
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 Road Conditions  
 .....(800) 762-3947

## Unemployment Compensation

Initial Claim  
 ... (800) UC CLAIM (800) 822-5246  
 Weekly Claim Certification  
 .....(800) 978-7887  
 Talk to Claims Specialist  
 .....(800) 494-4944

## Utility Regulation/Complaints

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 .....(800) 225-7729

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 Property Tax Deferred Loan Program  
 .....(800) 755-7835  
 Single Family Loan Service  
 .....(800) 562-5546

# 2007 Spring Survey

If more than one person answers, please use different colored inks.

- Governor Doyle has proposed increasing the state cigarette tax by \$1.25 per pack and using the proceeds to fund the health care costs of smoking related illnesses and expand anti-smoking programs. Do you agree with this proposal?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- A recent University of Wisconsin study has indicated that we could reduce out of state garbage by 50% if we raise the tipping fee to \$10 per ton. Should Wisconsin increase the tipping fee to \$10 per ton?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- Legislation has been proposed to ban smoking in all public buildings in Wisconsin. Do you agree with this proposal?  
 Yes  No  Undecided  
 Should a statewide smoking ban apply in taverns?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- The governor has proposed that big oil companies be taxed 2.5% per barrel on profits from sales in Wisconsin. This tax could not be passed on to consumers at the pump. Do you agree with this?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- Do you support a universal healthcare system that would cover all Wisconsin residents?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- Several months ago the state of California passed a comprehensive law that would lead to reducing green house gas emissions in 2020 to the levels of 1990. There is a similar proposal that has been introduced in our state. Should Wisconsin join California in leading the effort to reduce green house gases?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- There is currently a moratorium in Wisconsin on building nuclear power plants. Nuclear power plants do not emit greenhouse gases. Would you support legislation permitting construction of new nuclear power plants?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- Should Wisconsin encourage the search for potential medical cures using embryonic stem cell research?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- Should pharmacists be allowed to refuse to fill a doctor's prescription for such things as contraceptives if the pharmacist has moral objections?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- Do you support legislation to require that the minimum wage be indexed to the rate of inflation?  
 Yes  No  Undecided

(Survey continued on back)

If you would like the results of this survey, please include your name and address on the return panel.

*Fold survey in thirds, letter style. Make sure return address panel is showing. Tape at top.*

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