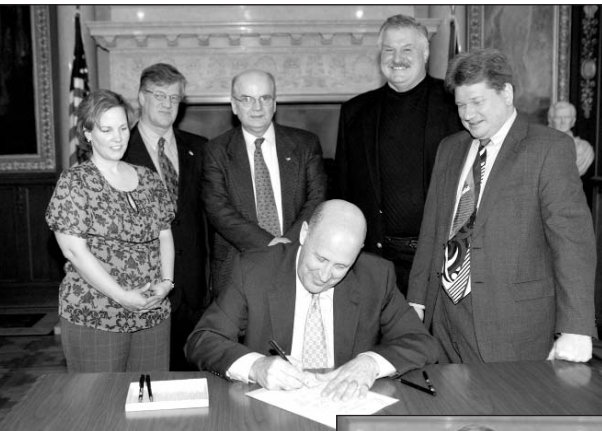


Education

- Rep. Steinbrink co-sponsored legislation that would have required the state to redesign its support for public education to ensure Wisconsin remains at the top of national academic achievement while reducing the burden on local property taxpayers
- The state budget funded the University of Wisconsin System's Growth Agenda to promote economic development and increase access to higher education, especially for adult students seeking new skills, and UW-Parkside's initiative to increase student retention and achievement
- The Wisconsin Covenant, guaranteeing access to a UW education for Wisconsin students who achieve at a high level, was adopted as part of the state budget



Rep. Steinbrink, Rep. Samantha Kerkman, Sen. Bob Wirth and Rep. Jim Kreuser joined Gov. Jim Doyle as legislation benefiting the area was signed into law during a Capitol ceremony. Rep. Steinbrink has authored successful bi-partisan legislation during each of his terms in the Assembly.



Natural Resources

- The invaluable Stewardship Program to acquire and maintain sensitive land for environmental protection and outdoor recreation was reauthorized with increased funding
- As the Legislature's regular session winds down, negotiations are continuing regarding the vital Great Lakes Compact between eight states and two Canadian provinces designed to defend and preserve this vital resource
- Common sense legislation regarding the placement of piers to protect homeowners and public rights to the waters of the state was adopted

Public Safety

- GPS tracking for certain paroled sex offenders was fully funded by the state budget to provide intensive monitoring
- Compassionate Care legislation was adopted to ensure that victims of sexual assault in Wisconsin will have access to comprehensive emergency care, including emergency contraception
- At the request of Kenosha County law enforcement, Rep. Steinbrink co-sponsored common sense legislation with Rep. Samantha Kerkman to ensure that dogs assisting law enforcement are able to stay on the job rather than endure unnecessary quarantines after biting incidents. The legislation was signed into law this session

Health Care

- BadgerCare Plus, adopted as part of the state budget, provides access to affordable health care to every child in Wisconsin
- Service to over 100,000 state seniors participating in the SeniorCare program of prescription drug assistance was fully funded by the state budget
- Rep. Steinbrink and colleagues in the Assembly voted to eliminate state taxation of Health Savings Accounts, an option chosen by an increasing number of state residents to augment their health care plans
- \$30 million in increased revenue from the cigarette tax will help fund smoking prevention programs and reduce the cost of smoking-related illnesses on state taxpayers

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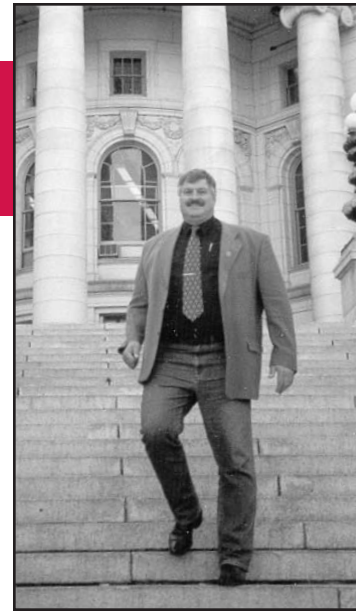
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ■ SIXTY-FIFTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

This spring marks the close of a challenging session in the State Legislature. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the goals we have met for our area and the work we've done to meet the challenges we face in our communities and our state.

Our top priority is economic development to bring in new jobs and investment while maintaining and building on the quality of life we enjoy in our communities and neighborhoods. Vitality in our area is crucial to the region and the state as a whole, and we have taken important steps this session to lay the groundwork for significant economic development.

As we work to regain economic strength, maintaining a state budget focused on vital needs for the taxpayers who pay the bills is a top priority. With a dedication to economic strength and efficient government, we can meet the needs we face in education, health care and environmental protection.

With our spring session winding down, we have accomplished a great deal for our area but still face important challenges in addressing our budget in the face of the national slowdown, protecting our Great Lakes and addressing important public health issues.

As always, I welcome your input on any of the issues covered in this newsletter or other state issues of concern. I certainly welcome your comments or questions about legislative issues, your requests for information or assistance, and I am happy to talk or meet with constituents at any time.

Thank you for your interest in the newsletter and the issues we face, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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## Thousands of New Jobs Announced in Growing Area Development



Rep. Steinbrink and Gov. Jim Doyle welcomed ULINE and the successful business' announcement that it would be bringing its corporate headquarters and over 1000 jobs into Southeast Wisconsin.

The transformation of the vital corridor leading into Wisconsin from an eyesore to a vibrant economic development bringing jobs, investment and resources to our area and state continued this session with another major announcement and passage of bi-partisan legislation to facilitate job creation in the area.

ULINE, the leading distributor of packing and shipping materials in the nation, announced in January that it would be moving its corporate headquarters into the state. Utilizing more than \$6 million in state aid, the company will also be constructing a distribution

center in our communities, bringing more than 650 jobs from Illinois and adding at least 350 more.

With Abbott Labs' continuing plans to bring first-class economic development to the gateway to Wisconsin, we have a tremendous opportunity to give our economy a shot in the arm.

I was proud to work with Governor Doyle and his administration to help attract ULINE, and following that announcement I authored legislation co-sponsored by the full Kenosha delegation to allow local governments in our area the flexibility to accommodate ULINE and Abbott's plans, attract continued investment, and make the most of the potential our area has for bringing economic development into the state.

This legislation was passed and signed into law, and I want to thank Reps. Kerkman & Kreuser and Sen. Wirch for their strong support of this important initiative.

Our state is clearly feeling the effects of the slowing national economy, but with continued bi-partisan dedication to economic development we can help our area to lead revitalization in our state and region.

Successful and forward-thinking businesses are clearly attracted to our area's outstanding workforce, access to excellent transportation and power infrastructure and professional services from local communities.

The continued success we are seeing in attracting jobs to our area demonstrates what we can achieve when state, local and business leaders work together to improve our communities instead of running them down for political gain.



Rep. Steinbrink discusses legislation during a committee hearing in Madison. A respected voice on four legislative committees, the Governor's Council on Tourism and a special committee on the Great Lakes, Rep. Steinbrink represents parts of Kenosha, Pleasant Prairie and Bristol in the State Assembly.

## Tourism a Key to Local, State Economies

Every dollar invested promoting our state pays tremendous benefits to the state's bottom line, creating and retaining jobs and aiding an environment that attracts visitors, businesses and investment into Wisconsin.

As a state and local official in a border community that benefits greatly from Wisconsin's strong tourism industry, I am well aware of the importance of this vital sector to our area. I was proud to serve again as a member of the Governor's Council on Tourism promoting Wisconsin this session.

With budget challenges impacting agencies that promote the state, I will continue to support our investment in tourism, including an innovative focus on "green" travel, and responsible changes such as legislation I co-authored to allow increased use of information signs on our highways for tourist attractions.

Strong public and private cooperation has helped to build an industry that generated more than \$220 million in annual spending in Kenosha County alone, supporting more than 5000 jobs and \$90 million in wages in our county.



Rep. Steinbrink welcomed Christina Thompson, a Kenosha native and Miss Wisconsin 2007, to the State Assembly where she addressed the body on the importance of arts education in the state. An accomplished violinist and advocate for the arts, Christina finished in the final eight of this year's Miss America competition.

## Representative Steinbrink's Committee Memberships

- Transportation Committee (ranking member)
- Energy & Utilities Committee
- Natural Resources Committee
- Ways and Means Committee
- Legislative Council Study Committee - Great Lakes Compact
- Governor's Council on Tourism

## Long-Awaited Increase for Power Plant Hosts

An item community leaders in our area have sought for several sessions was included in the state budget and recognizes the importance of communities that host utility infrastructure to the state's economy and power supply. I have worked for changes in this formula throughout my time in the Legislature and was proud to see this change adopted for property taxpayers in our area.

Under current law, communities and counties that host power plants receive state aid to address the costs and challenges of hosting plants that provide electricity to surrounding communities in the state. Unfortunately, that aid has long been capped at a rate that does not recognize the value of the plants or the service provided to the state by host

communities and counties. Specifically, the budget provision removes the artificial caps and applies a new formula for state aid based on the capacity of the plants. This is similar to aid provided to communities that host new plants and recognizes the invaluable role of existing plants and the special responsibilities, costs and challenges for host counties and communities and taxpayers in those communities. The change should provide significant relief to Kenosha County and communities that host power facilities. Our area's production of reliable power is a key to economic development here and throughout Southeast Wisconsin and this provision recognizes that vital role.

## Great Lakes Need, Deserve Protection

As our session opened I served on a special committee along with Senator Wirch, legislative colleagues and others concerned with preserving one of our state's most important resources, the Great Lakes.

We addressed a number of challenging issues related to the proposed compact between eight Great Lakes states and two Canadian provinces designed to protect the waters of the Great Lakes from diversions, pollution and misuse.

While concerns raised by communities west of Milwaukee seeking Lake Michigan water delayed adoption of the compact, the State Senate did take action to adopt strong compact language this spring and as a member

of the Assembly's Natural Resources Committee I support action to adopt a strong compact.

Responsible communities in our area have worked with other Great Lakes states, the DNR and their neighbors to develop effective plans to utilize Lake Michigan water to improve our communities and attract employers while protecting water quality and quantity.

The compact pending in the Assembly can preserve these responsible local measures while protecting a vital regional resource for generations to come. I look forward to continuing to support a strong and sustainable Great Lakes compact.



Members of the Kenosha delegation welcomed visitors and school groups to the Capitol throughout the session. Rep. Steinbrink and his colleagues are pictured here joining a Kenosha County Law Day delegation in the Capitol rotunda. Groups interested in arranging a Capitol tour can make reservations online at [www.wisconsin.gov/state/captour](http://www.wisconsin.gov/state/captour) or by phone at (608) 266-0382.