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Garey Bies with his wife Jeanne at Inauguration.

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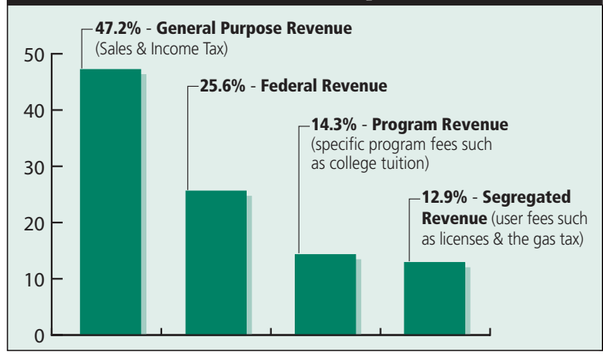

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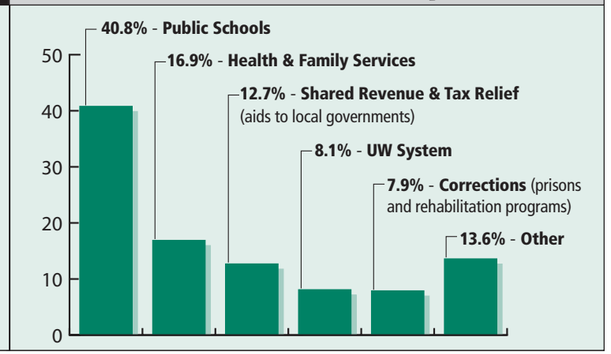

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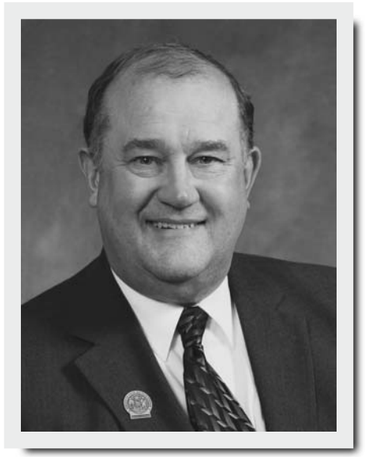

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Garey Bies
1ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Dear Friend,

It is a privilege to once again serve the great people of the First Assembly District in the Wisconsin State Assembly. With the 2007-2008 Session underway, I am taking this opportunity to provide you with an update.

This session started off with the legislature passing sweeping, bipartisan ethics reform, a high priority for me and a number of my colleagues, but it was by no means my only priority. I am also proud to be a part of the effort to continue Wisconsin's commitment to provide our state's low-income seniors with access to prescription drugs through the creation of the new WisconsinCare program. WisconsinCare will replace the very successful SeniorCare program which is set to expire at the end of 2007.

I will also be working to protect our state's taxpayers as the state budget moves forward. With the burden upon Wisconsin's taxpayers already high, and the democrats trying to add $2.9 billion to that burden, it is critical that I and my colleagues work to make sure Wisconsin taxes don't exceed our ability to pay.

For my personal legislative agenda, I am working on several proposals including a few in the environmental area. One will establish a trust fund for the Stewardship Program and another is the development of a wetland identification process for individual landowners. A third proposal comes at the urging of the Door County Board and will place restrictions on phosphorous in fertilizer.

An important piece of legislation I am working on concerns the regulation of underground propane tanks. Following the tragic events in Ellison Bay, this issue has come to the forefront and will be a priority for me and I will be the lead author in the Assembly.

This is just the tip of the iceberg concerning what I am working on and I look forward to sharing with you my efforts as the session continues. If you are interested in these or any other issue, I encourage you to contact me and to fill out the contact information included with the enclosed survey.

Respectfully,

Garey Bies
State Representative
1st Assembly District

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE GAREY BIES

Rep. Bies speaks to constituents of the First District.

Helpful State Numbers

Aging & Long Term Care	**(800) 242-1060**
Arson Tip Line	**(800) 362-3005**
Business Hotline	**(800) 435-7287**
Consumer Protection	**(800) 422-7128**
Crime Victim Center	**(800) 446-6564**
Drug Tip Hotline	**(800) 622-9784**
DNR	**(608) 266-2621**
EdVest Hotline	**(800) 338-3789**
Firearms Hotline	**(800) 262-4867**
Handgun Hotline	**(800) 262-4867**
Insurance Complaints	**(800) 236-8517**
Lawyer Referral & Info Service	**(800) 362-9082**
Road Conditions	**(800) 762-3947**
Tourism Hotline	**(800) 372-2737**
Veterans Hotline	**(800) 947-8387**
WI Farm Center	**(800) 942-2474**

The Governor signs legislation authored by Rep. Bies.

Ethics Reform Passes with Bipartisan Support

After years of partisan wrangling over much needed ethics and elections reform, the Legislature and the Governor were able to reach consensus on bipartisan comprehensive reform that should help to restore the public's faith in their state government. On February 2, Governor Doyle signed the bill into law as 2007 Wisconsin Act 1.

By merging the State's Ethics and Elections Boards into one non-partisan Government Accountability Board (GAB) that will have complete authority to investigate criminal and civil violations of the state's ethics, campaign finance, and election laws, we are restoring our state's reputation as a leader in clean, responsible, and accountable government.

I believe passage of the law is a statement on what can be done in Madison when we, Republicans and Democrats, work together for the betterment of our great state.

Rep. Bies speaks on the floor of the Assembly.

Visit My Office Website!

I really want to encourage all residents to visit my legislative office website. On the website you will find up-to-date information about my committees, my legislation and an archive of my press releases and column *Notes from the West Wing*. The website is: **http://www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/asm01/news/** Also, be sure to include your email address with your survey responses to be included on the list for regular distribution of my *Notes from the West Wing* column.

Restructuring Wisconsin's Technical College System

I am considering a comprehensive restructuring of the Wisconsin Technical College System and its current funding system — the property tax. I think it is time for some hard questions to be asked about how the system is funded; if local property taxpayers should continue to bear the burden of supporting the System.

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LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

At my desk on the Assembly floor, I can only vote "Yes" or "No." While in some cases it would be nice to have a "Maybe" button, I do not have that option. I'm asking for your "Yes" or "No" vote.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your input is a valuable tool in representing you and the families of Northeastern Wisconsin.

	1st Reply	2nd Reply
1. Should the existing spending controls on local government aimed at holding down property taxes remain in place?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Should health care reform focus on providing individuals with greater control over the money they spend on their own health care?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Should health care providers be required to provide consumers with the actual costs of all health care-related procedures and practices?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Should Wisconsin businesses be eligible for incentives if they pay to send their workers back to school for further education and training?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Should Wisconsin voters be required to present a valid state issued photo ID card or driver's license at the polls in order to vote?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Do you agree with increasing the tax on cigarettes by $1.25 per pack?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Should state funding aid to local school districts remain the state's top budget priority?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Do you support a statewide smoking ban in all indoor public spaces and workplaces?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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