

# Don Friske's 2008 Survey

Please Reply by June 27<sup>th</sup>!

## HEALTH

Which level of government would you prefer enact smoking bans in Wisconsin:

- a.** Federal **e.** All  
**b.** State **f.** None  
**c.** County **g.** Undecided  
**d.** Municipal

Do you support smoking ban exemptions for bowling alleys and/or taverns?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support a government-run universal health care system?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support a government-run universal health care system requiring everyone under the age of 65 buy health insurance?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support a government-run universal health care system that rations different types of care based on age, and/or income; and/or necessity; and/or cost?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Should government focus health care reform on providing individuals with increased control and flexibility over money they spend on their own health care?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Should government make all individual payments for all health care expenses tax free?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

I prefer:

- a.** a government-led approach to health care reform; or  
**b.** a private-sector-led approach to health care reform.

## EDUCATION

Should property-tax limits, governing how much local school districts spend, be lifted?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support the creation of a local school choice program similar to the program that operates in Milwaukee?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support requiring school districts spend a minimum of 70 cents of every dollar on classroom instruction?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

## ELECTIONS

Do you support requiring voters show a photo ID before voting?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support using State income and sales taxes to fund State political campaigns?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

## TAXES

How should the State address current state budget problems?

- a.** Raise taxes and/or user fees **d.** Neither  
**b.** Decrease spending **e.** Undecided  
**c.** Both

REPLY  
1

REPLY  
2

Do you support a new tax on electronic music downloads or electronic greeting cards purchased online?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support the existing 5% State sales tax charged on household and business Internet service bills?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support a new 1% sales tax to be charged to patients at hospitals to leverage new federal funds?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support increasing the gas tax to provide increased funding for road building and maintenance projects?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

What do you think about the following taxes?

Property Tax	Sales Tax	Income
<input type="checkbox"/> Too High	<input type="checkbox"/> Too High	<input type="checkbox"/> Too High
<input type="checkbox"/> Just Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Just Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Just Right
<input type="checkbox"/> Too Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Too Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Too Low
<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided

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## SOCIAL ISSUES

What are your thoughts on stem cell research?

- a.** Support embryonic **d.** Support neither  
**b.** Support non-embryonic **e.** Undecided  
**c.** Support both

Do you support allowing law abiding citizens to carry a concealed firearm?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support setting UW System tuition at the in-state-resident-rate for undocumented-resident-alien?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support consideration of income level among the factors for admission to UW System campuses?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support consideration of race among the factors for admission to UW System campuses?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support the State of Wisconsin paying for health insurance coverage for same-sex partners of State employees?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

## ENVIRONMENT

Do you support the State of Wisconsin investing tax dollars to minimize the impact of manmade climate change?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

Do you support the State of Wisconsin investing tax dollars to minimize the impact of naturally occurring climate change?

- a.** Yes **b.** No **c.** Undecided

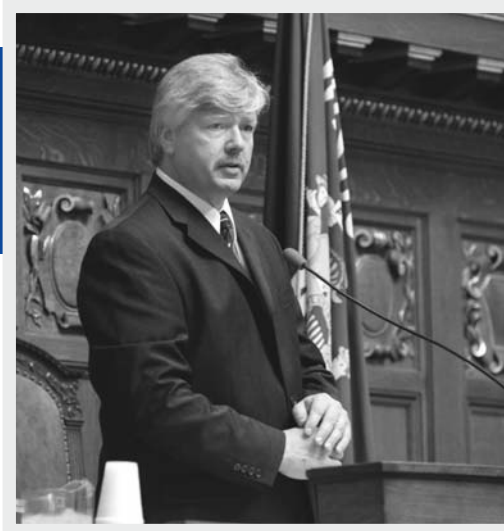
I believe the State of Wisconsin should

- a.** decrease  
**b.** increase  
**c.** maintain

...the amount of land it buys per year for public recreation and/or environmental protection?

REPLY  
1

REPLY  
2



Don Friske presiding over legislative debate inside the State Assembly

## Please fill out my Survey Inside

I want to hear from you!  
 Mail by Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

### Education in Wisconsin

**School District Funding Recoup:** Wrote a bill to increase local district K-12 funding from the State by eliminating a no longer required Milwaukee area bussing program. *AB 352*

**K-12 Education Fully Funded:** Don Friske voted to fully fund 2/3 education funding with an additional \$525 million. *SB 40*

**Rural Wisconsin Transportation Funding:** Don Friske voted to increase funding for rural school districts by an additional \$3.6 million to assist higher transportation costs. *SB 40*

**School Nurse Services:** Voted to provide \$500,000 in additional funding to improve student health services. *SB 40*

**No Felons in Schools:** Schools are a place where children need to be safe in order to learn. Don Friske voted to empower school districts to weigh those felony records to enhance school safety. *AB 30*

**Virtual Schools:** Voted to preserve parental choice by allowing virtual schools to remain an option for *all* Wisconsin parents and children. *AB 870*

**SAGE Funding:** Don Friske voted to fully fund the program to reduce classroom sizes in Wisconsin schools with \$26.7 million. *SB 40*



Don Friske and Governor Jim Doyle meeting with Washington Elementary teachers and students to discuss the needs of rural schools

**Gifted and Talented:** Don Friske voted to provide an additional \$182,000 to gifted and talented programs for Wisconsin students. *SB 40*

**Tuition & Fee Tax Deduction:** Don Friske voted to increase the tax deduction for college tuition by an additional \$800,000 to assist Wisconsin students and parents pay for the education they need to succeed. *SB 40*

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## DON FRISKE

State Representative



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

As the 2007-08 regular legislative session comes to a close, I want to share some of the accomplishments we have been able to achieve together and work that still lies ahead.

In November 2006, the people of Wisconsin decided a split legislature was the way to find compromise between political extremes. A reduced number of bills passed and new political bridges resulted in some great accomplishments.

Together, we found common goals and the people of the 35th Assembly District have had a strong hand in helping Wisconsin move forward. This newsletter is intended to share with you the fruits of our work, together.

As always, it has been an honor for me to represent you in the Wisconsin State Assembly. I thank you for the privilege and opportunity to fight for you, our community and our way of life in North Central Wisconsin.

I look forward to continuing our work together. In that effort, I have included a survey with this newsletter. I hope you will take the time to fill it out, send it back *by June 27<sup>th</sup>* and feel free to share your ideas with me at anytime.

Please add my toll-free phone number and email address to your address book and cell phones and call *anytime* the thought occurs to you. I don't do this job alone. I depend on you and the community in a partnership to make Wisconsin government work better for us all.

Sincerely yours,

**Donald R. Friske**  
 State Representative  
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(Cut along the dotted line. Fold twice, seal, stamp and mail your completed survey to Representative Don Friske.)

# State Representative Don Friske '08 Spring Update



Don Friske presenting awards to American Legion Post 93 Commander Dave Hubatch and Eileen Thomzik at the Tomahawk Community Awards Banquet. (Photo by Abigail Wix, courtesy of the Tomahawk Leader)

## Business in Wisconsin

**Tax Form Privacy:** Enacted a law prohibiting tax preparation companies from selling or sharing your income tax information with other companies without your expressed permission. *SB 69*

**Job Creation, Research & Development:** Voted to provide incentives for Wisconsin businesses to invest in creating new technology jobs and R&D projects. *AB 696, AB 770*

## Health in Wisconsin

**Nursing Home:** Don Friske voted to provide nursing homes the ability to transfer unused licensed slots to other area homes that need them to serve our elderly. *AB 674*

**Medical Malpractice:** Voted to protect all health care employees, providers or facilities who report violations of health care laws, rules and regulations. *AB 224*

**Autism Funding:** Don Friske voted for \$6 million to eliminate 100% of the waiting list of families seeking in-home-treatment of autistic children. *AB 901*

**Sick-Bed Tax:** Voted against and defeated a backward-thinking \$418 million tax increase on hospitals and their patients. *SB 40*

**In-Home Long Term Care:** Don Friske passed a bill protecting our most vulnerable citizens by requiring home health agencies conduct background checks on employees. *AB 698*

**SeniorCare Fully Funded:** Voted to protect eligibility and full funding for prescription drug assistance. *SB 40*

**Propane Safety Act:** Passed legislation to reduce the risk of propane explosions such as the 1960 Merrill or 2006 Sister Bay disasters. *AB 515*

**Cable Competition:** Don Friske voted for the new law encouraging new companies to offer cable services and lower monthly rates for TV viewers in North Central Wisconsin. *AB 207*

## Taxes in Wisconsin

**Property Tax Freeze:** Voted to keep property tax growth within the ability for home and business owners to keep their homes while providing a referendum option for new funds. *SB 40*

**Pension Income Tax Cut:** Don Friske voted to cut taxes for Wisconsin seniors earning less than \$30,000 by exempting up to \$5,000 of retirement income from the income tax. *SB 40*

**Real Estate Transfer Tax:** Defeated an attempt to double the tax on transferring real estate deeds for homes & property. *SB 40*

**Dairy Facility Tax Credit:** Don Friske passed a \$1.3 million tax credit for Wisconsin Dairies investing in modernization and expansion. *SB 40*

**Child Care Expenses Tax Deduction:** Don Friske voted to provide a dollar-for-dollar tax deduction for child care expenses. *SB 40*

**Capital Gains Reinvestment:** Voted to provide an incentive for all businesses to reinvest their capital gains into other Wisconsin-based and head-quartered businesses. *AB 671*

## Government in Wisconsin

**Legal Fee Recovery:** Passed legislation to provide victorious citizens better ability to recover legal fees when they successfully defend themselves from State agency prosecutions. *AB 372*

**Ordinary High Water Marks:** Don Friske voted in favor of giving preference to County rulings on where lakes and river OHWMs are set and stop land grabs by DNR. *AB 543*

**Gold Star Plates:** Drafted a bill eliminating Gold Star license plate renewal fees for parents and spouses of fallen soldiers. *AB 680*

**Veto Power:** Don Friske crafted the constitutional amendment prohibiting governors from writing new laws with partial-vetoes. *SJR 5*



Don Friske presenting his partial-veto constitutional amendment for final consideration by a Senate Committee with Sen. Sheila Harsdorf

**Tax Incremental Financing:** Don Friske passed a bill giving local government better authority to improve blighted areas. *AB 409*

**Ethics Reform:** Voted to create a strong, truly independent and non-partisan board to investigate, assess and prosecute government ethic and election violations. *SS AB 1*

**Government Cooperation:** Don Friske passed a bill simplifying the rules for local governments to better cooperate by creating boundary agreements and set annexation rules. *AB 254*

## Crime in Wisconsin

**Internet Harassment:** Authored legislation making it a crime to use Email or the Internet to encourage mass-harassment of other individuals. *AB 51*

**Concealed Carry Retired Law Enforcement:** Don Friske authored legislation to provide qualified retired officers with concealed carry ID cards required by Congress. *AB 877*

**DNA Analysis Backlog:** Voted to fund and hire 31 DNA analysts necessary to eliminate 2,000 DNA samples backlogged at the Department of Justice. *AB 39, SB 40*

**Receiving a Stolen Firearm:** Don Friske voted to increase the penalty for knowingly buying a stolen firearm to the same penalty for selling a stolen firearm. *AB 411*

**GPS Tracking of Sexual Predators:** Increased funding for lifetime monitoring the whereabouts of Wisconsin's most dangerous sex offenders after their release from prison. *SB 40*

**Illegal Immigration:** Don Friske voted to ensure law enforcement has the tools necessary to learn about and detain illegal immigrants. *AB 569*

**Domestic Abuse Prevention Grants:** Voted to increase domestic-abuse-shelter grants by \$1.9 million to provide more and better options for battered women. *SB 40*

**Outdoors in Wisconsin**

**Invasive Species Control Funding:** Increased funding \$13 million to control invasive species and State share of costs from 50% up to 75%. *SB 40*

**Piers:** Don Friske passed a bill safeguarding landowners who have a pier from DNR enforcement action. *AB 297*

**Hunting Permits for Military:** Voted to allow military members home on an unplanned leave from out-of-state to receive an expedited hunting permit for deer, goose or turkey season. *AB 131*

**ATV Trail Access:** Don Friske sponsored a bill allowing ATV users onto roads and shoulders within 5 miles of an ATV trail. *AB 59*

**Stewardship Reauthorization and Legislative Oversight:** Voted to reauthorize the successful Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and establish increased access rights for hunters and fishermen. *SB 40*

**Right to Self Defense:** Don Friske voted to protect homeowners who use force to ward off intruders and burglars from subsequent lawsuits. *AB 35*

**Check Scam Protection:** Sponsored a bill making it illegal to scam Wisconsin citizens by sending what looks like a normal bank check but in reality is a contract with costly results. *SB 211*

## Social Issues in Wisconsin

**Partial Birth Abortions:** Voted to ban partial birth abortions in Wisconsin and protect full-term children. *AB 710*

**Gun Seizures:** Don Friske voted to protect 2nd amendment rights of law-abiding citizens from confiscation of firearms in an emergency as occurred in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. *AB 581*



Gov. Doyle shaking hands with Don Friske before signing Friske's taxpayer privacy bill

**Working for Northern Wisconsin, Working for You.**

Survey Deadline: June 27<sup>th</sup>

## Representative Don Friske

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Survey continued...**MISCELLANEOUS**

What is the most important priority/concern for Wisconsin?

REPLY 1

REPLY 2

RATE YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ON A SCALE OF 1 – 5 (1 being the least favorable and 5 being the most favorable)				
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