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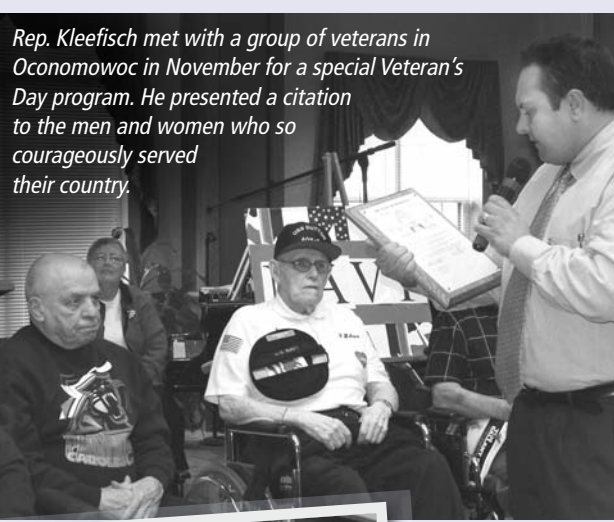
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In This Issue Find Out How Joel Worked Hard to...

- **Oppose all tax increases**
- **Reduce health care costs**
- **Help keep Wisconsin children & families safe**

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Rep. Kleefisch met with a group of veterans in Oconomowoc in November for a special Veteran's Day program. He presented a citation to the men and women who so courageously served their country.



Serving as the Speaker Pro Tempore for the Assembly, Rep. Kleefisch fills in for Assembly Speaker Mike Huesch and leads his colleagues on the floor.

No More Property Tax Increases

We in the Assembly approved with a veto-proof majority, legislation to protect you from a \$600 million tax increase and sent a clear signal to Senate Democrats. I continue to be a staunch supporter of the Taxpayer Protection Act, a bill that limits government taxing at the state, county and local levels. We all know what it feels like to have to tighten our belts at home and in our places of business. Government should certainly do the same.

A YES on Lowering Health Care Costs

I continue to support legislation to allow you to establish your own Health Savings Accounts (HAS) to help you better manage your health care dollars and pay for medical expenses without having to pay taxes on what you have

saved. I have also co-authored legislation to create transparency in health care costs so you know what you are paying for.

A Helping Hand for Controlling Illegal Immigration

Illegal immigration is a problem we all face in our state. In an effort to enable law enforcement to better deal with illegals who commit crimes, I joined with other legislators in encouraging the Governor to allow Wisconsin's State Troopers to assist federal authorities in immigration enforcement activities.

A Helping Hand for Our Seniors

I am proud to say this session we made sure that retirement income from taxes remains exempt. Also, SeniorCare has been fully funded and nursing homes were given a 5 percent rate increase.

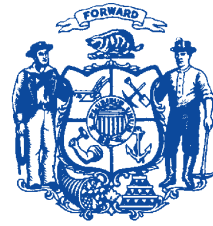
PASSAGE

AB 696 BY KLEEFISCH - TAX CREDIT FOR ELIGIBLE INNOVATION PROJECTS

The State Assembly tote board tells the story! Rep. Kleefisch's legislation that helps the state's economy and businesses receive tax credits for new and innovative projects, passes a vote in the Assembly.

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Dear Neighbor:

It has been a privilege to serve you in the State Legislature representing the 38th Assembly District. This session I have the distinct honor of appointment as Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee. This committee has worked extensively on legislation to keep children and families safe, keep sexual predators behind bars and give law enforcement the tools it needs to solve crimes. Several such bills have passed our committee, from one bill which would require special license plates for violent child sex offenders, to offering protection for Wisconsin's retailers from organized crime rings, to another allowing landlords to evict convicted drug dealers at a moments notice.

In looking out for you the taxpayer, I have voted against every initiative that would raise any tax. For too long, Wisconsin's budget has been balanced on the backs of the taxpayers and it is time to say no to more government pork. Wisconsin families live within their budgets, and it is time the state lives within its budget. I will continue to be a fiscal watchdog and refuse to vote for any tax increases.

While policy issues are certainly important, I can say without a doubt the most rewarding, satisfying and just plain fun part of the job has been personally answering your comments and concerns and helping assist in any way.

I will continue to work as hard as I can and look forward to your advice on how I can best serve you in the future. Please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Joel Kleefisch
State Representative
38th Assembly District



Rep. Kleefisch explains how a bill becomes law to a group of district school children in the gallery balcony of the Assembly floor.



Rep. Kleefisch, chairman of Assembly Criminal Justice Committee, holds a public hearing on legislation that will help keep our state safer.

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KLEEFISCH CONTINUES TO PROTECT KIDS



Our kids and their families deserve better tools for protecting themselves from predators in our communities, and that is why I introduced new legislation that will require violent child sex offenders to display predator license plates on their cars. It is about time we started watching those who for so long have been watching our children.



JUST LIKE JOE!

Former Wisconsin Badger Joe Thomas and Coach Bret Bielema's visit to the Capitol was a high point for legislators and visiting fans recognizing this All-American player with a special citation from the Assembly and Senate.

Joe's amazing talent and drive made him a standout and a great example of hard work and commitment. In 2006, Joe started all 13 games for the Badgers won the Outland Trophy and headed off to the Capital One Bowl game with his teammates where they prevailed over Arkansas. Joe now plays professionally for Cleveland.

On draft day, rather than travel to New York City, Joe chose to go fishing on Lake Michigan. What a guy after my own heart!

You don't have to be an All-American or a first-round draft pick to be recognized by our State Legislature. If you or someone you know has done something extraordinary, I want to hear about it! I can present you or your deserving friend or neighbor a citation... just like Joe!

Cleaning Up the Crime Lab Backlog

The public, law enforcement and crime victims deserve better than they are getting when it comes to the state's crime laboratory and the much publicized backlog of evidence there. I held a public hearing soon after taking office for a second term to learn what we can do to strengthen our state's criminal justice system. We got some answers and know what needs to be done to better serve you.

No More IT Glitches that Cost Millions

Last year the Doyle administration was plagued by three high-profile information technology project failures involving a new tax system for the Department of Revenue, a new electronic payroll system for the University of Wisconsin and the mailing out of thousands of state worker's social security numbers. I joined with my fellow Republicans calling for scrutiny and to decry the wasting of \$170 million of YOUR money.

Keeping Your Traditions Safe Too

I made my opinion clear this past holiday season by supporting legislation to rename the tree erected every year in the Capitol a Christmas Tree. The politically correct fought me and the author of the bill, and refusing to bow to this nonsense may seem like a small thing but to those of us who care about the true meaning of Christmas, it seemed like a no-brainer.

The Value of Life

I remain steadfastly Pro-Life and continue to fight for the unborn. Recently I participated a 10-hour public hearing for a bill I co-authored that would uphold and strengthen laws against Partial Birth Abortion in our state. Speakers from all over the nation as well as many Wisconsinites testified on the horror that is Partial Birth Abortion. This hideous and truly murderous procedure has been banned federally and those of who care about life here in Wisconsin continue to vigorously oppose the killing of children.



The Russian National All-Star High School football team made a special trip to the State Capitol during a visit to the district. Rep. Kleefisch gave the team a tour of the Capitol and a special introduction on the Assembly Floor.

Kleefisch's KidSafe bill signed by the governor

Law would require GPS tracking for child sex predators

said. Under the legislation, any person who rapes a child younger than 12 or uses force or violence while molesting a child will be subject to active GPS tracking as a portion of their parole, probation

Kleefisch said. "It's going to be a great tool for police and prosecutors in watching every step of child predators on our streets." The bill will ensure that law enforcement is immediately notified if an offender

"It's going to be a great tool for police and prosecutors"

Kleefisch supports extending the property tax freeze

Submitted by STATE REP. JOEL KLEEFISCH, 38th Assembly District

will be taken up as part of the legislature's deliberations on the state's next biennial budget, and property tax relief will be a high

Network, the proposed Democrats' budget could raise local property taxes as \$350

Kleefisch wants drug dealers out of the house

MADISON — In a move to make Wisconsin neighborhoods safer, state Rep. Joel Kleefisch, D-Oconomowoc, said today he

is not a town small enough these days not to face the potential of drug-related crimes," Kleefisch said. "Innocent, law-abiding fam-

Kleefisch praises tax deduction for working families

Kleefisch encourages more stringent immigration law

MADISON — Wisconsin State Rep. Joel Kleefisch, R-Oconomowoc, has joined 17 other state representatives in urging

childcare tax deduction, including exempting seniors' retirement income taxes

Kleefisch protection bill passes Assembly

A bill designed to protect employees and that it is not employment discrimination to refuse

Kleefisch votes to protect state taxpayers from hike

MADISON — State Rep. Joel Kleefisch, R-Oconomowoc, voted this week in favor of legislation to protect Wisconsin prop-

According to the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB), if there is no legislative action taken to provide funding for K-12

Kleefisch chairs first public hearing on crime lab

State Rep. Joel Kleefisch (R-Oconomowoc) chaired a joint public hearing at the state Capitol on Thursday about the evidence effect on the crime lab system in Wisconsin. Kleefisch joined with other members of the state Assembly to urge the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a study on the request for federal funding. The requests are from Ozaukee, Washburne, Manitowoc and

Kleefisch calls for end to reformulated gas

buy real gas." Wisconsin consumers are being forced to buy reformulated gas which results

Kleefisch backs ethics reform bill

By JOEL KLEEFISCH, State Representative, 38th Assembly District
MADISON — Rep. Joel Kleefisch kicked off the 2007 legislative session by supporting an ethics reform bill that passed 32-0 when the Assembly convened this week. It is an important step in making

Kleefisch displeased with budget proposed by Doyle

MADISON — In the wake of Tax Day and in response to the tax hikes proposed by Democrats, state Rep. Joel Kleefisch, R-Oconomowoc, said he promises to fight the budget. He promises to fight the budget by downloading and obtaining driver's licenses. "The Democrat's budget also tosses out the bipartisan property tax freeze and that will result in a statewide