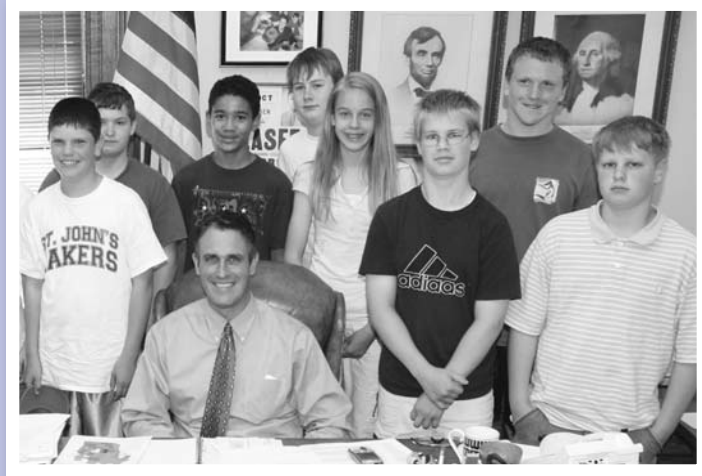


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Frank shares a lighter moment with State Representatives, Sue Jeskewitz, Robin Vos and Scott Newcomer.



St. John's Lutheran School, Two Rivers, visits Frank's office in the Capitol.

Legislative Update



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for electing me as your representative. I enjoy working for you. During this session, the Governor and some legislators attempted to implement more government programs, more spending and more taxes to support our state government's expansion. Wisconsin is the seventh highest taxed state, taxes are high enough already.

Lower taxes keep businesses in Wisconsin and help our economy grow, which increases the number of jobs available and we keep more of our own earnings. I continue our fight in Madison to spend only what the state takes in. I continue to advocate for a rainy day fund. I believe that increased taxes are a drain on the economy particularly now with a softening economy.

As your representative, I continue to work toward more affordable healthcare by encouraging competition and free market solutions. I support state tax deductibility of Health Savings Accounts (HSA's), transparency of health care costs, and good faith cost estimates before a healthcare service is performed.

I would like to hear from you. Included in this newsletter is a short survey, an opportunity for you to voice your concerns. Your input will assist me in being your representative in Madison.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Lasee
Your State Representative

WHAT I BELIEVE

TAXES

High taxes are not good for Wisconsin families, businesses, and retirees. We need to get Wisconsin out of the top ten highest taxed states.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Our government works for us, not the other way around. Voters deserve more say in how much their government can tax and spend.

HEALTH CARE

People need more choices in health care, and more information so they can make good choices. Competition will help keep prices from going up so fast.

Protecting Taxpayers

Wisconsin doesn't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. To that end, I have authored The Taxpayer Protection Amendment. The proposed Constitutional Amendment would:

- Limit government revenues to inflation plus growth,
- Let voters decide whether their government can take more than that,
- Protect local governments from unfunded mandates and decreased local aid,
- Require the state to have a rainy day fund.

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Frank meets with students from Mishicot visiting the Capitol. For information about scheduling a Capitol visit, call 1-888-534-0002.

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LEGISLATION FOR 2008

Life and Property Insurance

Three new laws that I authored, along with Senators Breske and Erpenbach, allow life and property insurance companies to offer more products in our state and other states with less red tape. This helps people have more product choices through competition for their business.

All three bills were supported by consumer advocate groups whose goal is protecting consumers. Wisconsin enjoys a highly competitive insurance market and has many people employed in this important industry in our state.

Cost Savings for Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP)

Along with co-author Senator Breske, we drafted a bill, recently signed by the Governor, that offers cost savings for Wisconsinites who can't get private health insurance due to their medical conditions or who have lost their employer-based group health insurance.

Check out HIRSP if you have been turned down for health insurance or have lost your coverage. This is a safety net program.

The new law gives the HIRSP Authority increased efficiency, reduced administration costs and more choices for HIRSP members. As a direct result of this legislation, HIRSP premiums are dropping by as much as 10 percent on nearly all plans offered. In addition, HIRSP has for the first time offered an HSA option.

Growing the Economy

A growing, healthy economy benefits everyone—whether you work at a factory, in an office, in a hospital, or are retired. One of my primary focuses this session has been to pursue policies that allow the economy to provide broadbased prosperity for every Wisconsinite.

I believe it is vitally important that we focus our efforts helping our businesses and the families they employ to thrive without the burden of over-regulation and over-taxation.



Frank's daughters visit the Capitol.

Website of Shame Collects \$42 Million

More than \$42 million in delinquent taxes have been collected since January 2006 by posting names of persons or businesses that owed more than \$25,000 on the Website of Shame. When I first authored this bill years ago, the original estimate was \$1.5 million a year. This first quarter of 2008, the website accounted for nearly \$20 million of collections.

The threshold for the Website of Shame posting has now been reduced to include all persons or businesses that owe more than \$5,000 in delinquent taxes, including interest, penalties, fees and costs.

This will recover even more of the funds already owed to the state.

For information about school spending, head to my website, www.FrankLasee.net.

You can see what all 426 school districts in Wisconsin have been spending per year, per student, and per teacher. I think you'll find it interesting.



Four of Frank's bills were signed by the Governor this session.

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Health Care Reform

Many of us are concerned about health care. There are two directions that health care reform can take. The first is to have government-run health care and the second is to improve the current health care delivery system.

The first direction was discussed last fall— government-controlled, committee-run health care. An unelected 17 member committee would decide on how billions of dollars would be spent on health care for all and the additional taxes that will pay for it.

The other direction is a competitive market approach. This means increasing competition and empowering consumers by giving us more information. When the choices we make include a financial impact on our own wallets, we are more likely to make better decisions.

A way to do this is through Health Savings Accounts (HSA). HSAs are

a federally tax deductible tool that allows consumers to combine a high deductible health insurance plan with a savings account much like an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Although the legislature has passed bills to make the HSA deductible from Wisconsin's income tax, the Governor has vetoed HSA tax deductibility three times.

Knowing the costs of services empowers consumers. This session I co-sponsored a bill that would have given everyone the right to an out-of-pocket cost estimate from a doctor, a medical provider, or an insurance company.

The reason it is so difficult to make incremental improvements to the current system is that those that believe a single payer system is the only answer, stand in the way of real reforms. For them, it is not about making real changes or helping people today, but about holding out to get government-run health care in the future.

Uncertain Economic Times

Many of us are experiencing the pain of filling our gas tanks and buying milk and eggs. I have talked with many people and understand how difficult it is for people on fixed incomes, and for people who aren't getting raises to make ends meet.

There are going to be many calls to raise taxes to expand government. Now is not the time for this. We need a breather from new, expensive programs and new, expensive regulations. I will continue to work in this direction on your behalf.



Frank speaks with members of Aspiro, a Green Bay organization that provides individuals with disabilities support with personal care, education, work and community integration.

I Want Your Opinion.

Please take a moment to fill out the survey.

For more information on Frank's positions on the issues, check out www.FrankLasee.net

LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

What state issues are important to you? Rank from 1 to 6. (1 is the most important.)

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• Affordable Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your comments on state issues:

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