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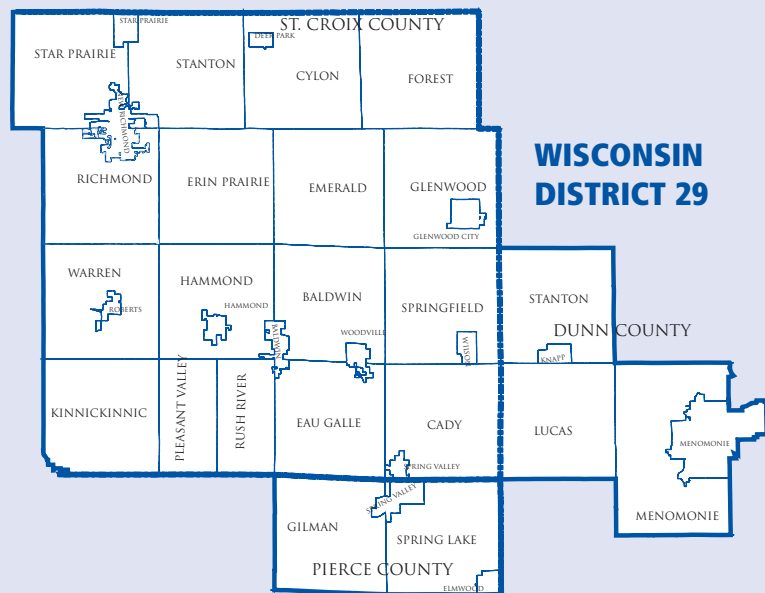
Newly sworn-in Representative John Murtha signs the official Assembly Registrar in the presence of his family and friends.

Helpful Information

As your State Representative, I'm here to serve you. If you are interested in the items listed below, or would like to receive my E-newsletter, please check the appropriate boxes below.

- Check here if you'd like a free Wisconsin State Highway Map sent to you.
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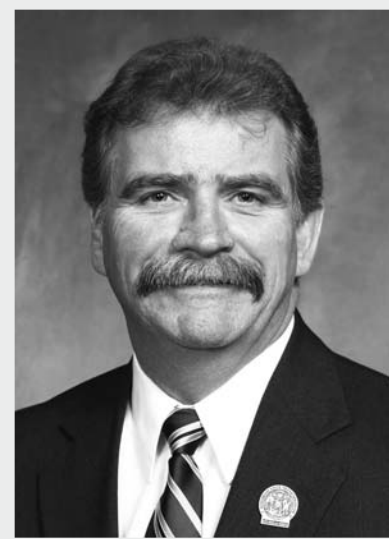
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As your new State Representative, the first few months of the legislative session have kept me quite busy. Each and every day on the job has been rewarding and I am looking forward to working for you to make Western Wisconsin an even better place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

I am proud to say that I have hit the ground running.

Working together with my colleagues, we approved comprehensive, bi-partisan ethics and elections reform and passed a proposed constitutional amendment to limit the abuse of the line-item veto powers of Wisconsin's governors.

While commonsense government reform is important, there are other big issues on the horizon—health care reform that makes health care more affordable, tax relief and job creation in Western Wisconsin. Those will be among my top priorities over the next two years.

Right now, the state's next two-year budget is at the top of my "to-do" list. It is my hope that through the budget process we can enact meaningful health care reform and pass a "taxpayer friendly" balanced budget. That won't be easy, but I will try to keep you apprised of my progress.

As your voice in Madison, I will be voting on a wide variety of legislative proposals. To help me out, I would greatly appreciate your input on some critical issues on this year's legislative agenda. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the survey and mail it back to my office in Madison.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Your input is very important to me and will help me serve you better. As always, if you have any questions on this survey or any other issue, please feel free to contact me toll free at 1-888-529-0029 or by email at Rep.Murtha@legis.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

John Murtha
State Representative

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Committee on Small Business, Vice-Chair
- Committee on Agriculture
- Committee on Labor & Industry
- Committee on Rural Economic Development

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Rep. Murtha listens to a bill being read in the Assembly Chamber.

Ethics Reform Passes with Bi-partisan Support

After years of partisan wrangling over much needed ethics and elections reform, the legislature and the governor were able to reach consensus on bi-partisan 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 the 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.

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

Open Door Policy

One of my favorite jobs as your State Representative is meeting with constituents. Since taking office on January 3, I have had the privilege of meeting with a number of people who call the 29th Assembly District: "home."

Over the course of two weeks I was able to welcome the Momentum Chippewa Valley and United St. Croix Valley on their Legislative Days in Madison. I was pleased to see so many friendly faces and was glad I was able to discuss their concerns and suggestions for the legislative session.

I extend the same invitation to you and your family if you should ever be in Madison visiting our magnificent State Capitol. My staff and I are always pleased to meet with constituents. Whether you want to talk about the happenings in Madison or you just want to stop by to say hello, my door is always open. I hope to see you soon.

Health Insurance for Wisconsin Farmers & Agribusinesses

The Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives announced the formation of the Farmers' Health Cooperative of Wisconsin which will allow farmers and agribusinesses to purchase comprehensive health insurance plans as a group. Coverage is available to those who are between the ages of 18 and 64 and are actively working within agricultural production. Those interested in obtaining health care coverage will need to enroll as a member of the Farmers' Health Cooperative of Wisconsin and pay a refundable three-year capitalization fee. The plan becomes active on April 1 and includes the flexibility to choose your own provider.

For more information or to enroll in the cooperative, you can contact the Agri-Services Agency at **800-539-9370** or log onto www.farmershealthcooperative.com



Rep. Murtha meets with constituents during the United St. Croix Valley Legislative Days. (from left to right: Kim Shields of OEM Fabricators, Jerry Brown of New Richmond Area EDC, David Schnitzler, Mayor of New Richmond, and Joseph Huftel, Administrator of WITC New Richmond.)

LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

(Two members of your household may complete this survey.)

At my desk on the Assembly floor, I can only vote "Yes" or "No." Although 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 Western Wisconsin.

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1. Should the existing spending controls on local government aimed at holding down property taxes remain in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Should health care reform focus on providing individuals with greater control over the money they spend on their own health care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Should health care providers be required to provide consumers with the actual costs of all health care-related procedures and practices?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Should Wisconsin businesses be eligible for incentives if they pay to send their workers back to school for further education and training?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Should Wisconsin extend benefits to domestic partners of state government employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Should state funding aid to local school districts remain the state's top budget priority?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Should individuals who are eligible to receive state taxpayer-funded government benefits be required to provide proof of citizenship or satisfactory immigration status before receiving those benefits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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