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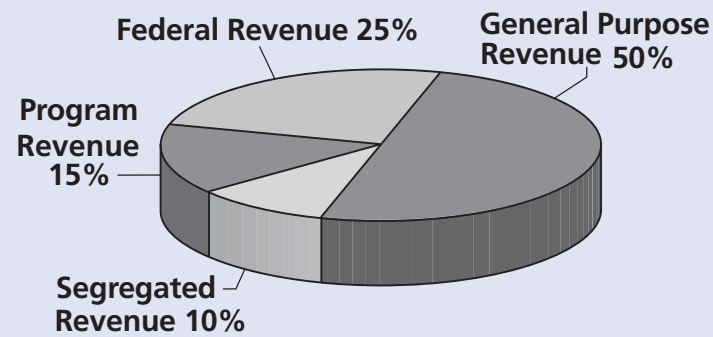
- 2007-08 Blue Book (available Aug/Sept '07)
- Official State Highway Map (foldable)
- 2007 WI Art & Craft Fair Directory
- Laminated Wall Map of Wisconsin 26" x 36"
- WI Biking Guide (on and off road trails)
- WI Rustic Roads (day trips on scenic country roads)
- Choose Wisely: A Health Guide for Eating Fish in Wisconsin



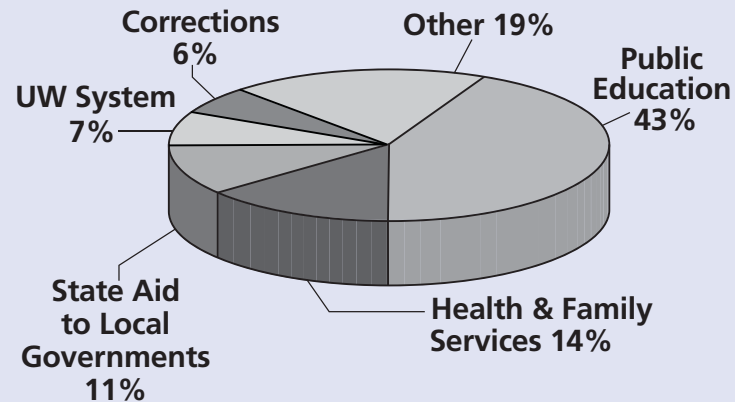
Karl Van Roy with his son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Debbie McDonough, at his swearing in ceremony held in the Assembly Chamber at the Wisconsin State Capitol on January 3rd.

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### Where Does the Money Come From?



### Where Does the Money Go?



Source: Legislative Fiscal Bureau

For more information go to: [www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb)



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**KARL VAN ROY**  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am humbled to have earned the respect and trust of so many people to be back here for my third term in office representing you and your values in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Serving you is a great responsibility that I take very seriously.

The Legislature has just begun work on the 2007-2009 biennial budget. This is the single most important piece of legislation that we will work on over the next two years. I say 'we' because this is an effort that will take the input of all of us.

We must work cooperatively to find common ground and workable solutions that will eliminate our \$1.6 billion state budget deficit, lower the tax burden, increase health care access and affordability, and create more job opportunities. These are not easy tasks.

However, I believe these challenges present us with a unique opportunity. We have the opportunity to change the dialogue on state spending in this budget. I believe we should not write a budget that attempts to give everything to everyone and tries to fix problems by simply throwing more money at them. Instead, we must talk about how we can make government leaner and more efficient, while still providing essential services to our most vulnerable citizens without increasing the burden on taxpayers. We must enact policies that will empower individuals, not ones that will grow government bureaucracy.

In order to work together more effectively, I'm asking for your help. Included with this letter is a survey asking your thoughts on many policy and budget-related issues. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and mail it back to my office. Your input is appreciated and will help me as we work through the issues facing the Green Bay area.

Your Representative,

**Karl Van Roy**  
90th Assembly District

**REPRESENTING HOWARD, SUAMICO (WARD 7), &  
CITY OF GREEN BAY (WARDS 25, 28-35, 37-45)**



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## GOOD GOVERNMENT REFORMS FOR 2007

*Honesty, integrity, and fairness are cornerstones of good government. Assembly Republicans have been working hard to pass initiatives that will help restore the public's confidence in their government and their elected officials. Here are a few of our successes from the first three months of the new session:*

### Ethics Reform

The citizens of this state deserve a clean and honest government and a system that makes sure that all elected officials who violate the public's trust are held accountable. That's why I voted in support of SS SB1 which created a new, non-partisan, independent Government Accountability Board that has the teeth to enforce elections, ethics, and lobbying laws. The new board has the authority to investigate alleged violations and refer evidence of criminal activity to district attorneys and/or the state Attorney General for prosecution. This sweeping ethics reform package was signed into law on February 1.



*Karl Van Roy asking a question of a witness who testified on a bill at a public hearing.*

### Photo ID

Nothing is more important in a democracy than a citizen's right to have his or her vote counted. This right has been undermined by serious problems of voter fraud especially in Milwaukee. That's why I voted in support of AJR17 which would amend our state constitution to require voters to present a government issued photo ID when they vote or register to vote at the polls. It's an easy, common-sense solution that will help restore confidence in our election results.

### Frankenstein Veto

Separation of powers and checks and balances are fundamental principles of a democracy. No single elected official should have the ability to write laws without any oversight, but in 2005 Gov. Doyle did just that with the state budget. He used his veto power to stitch together 33 carefully selected words and individual numbers from unrelated sentences over two pages of text, and he wrote an entirely new law the legislature never intended. This "Frankenstein Veto" clearly violates our democratic values. That's why I voted in support of AJR 1 to amend the constitution to prohibit all Wisconsin governors from combining parts of different sentences to create new laws.

### Sick Leave

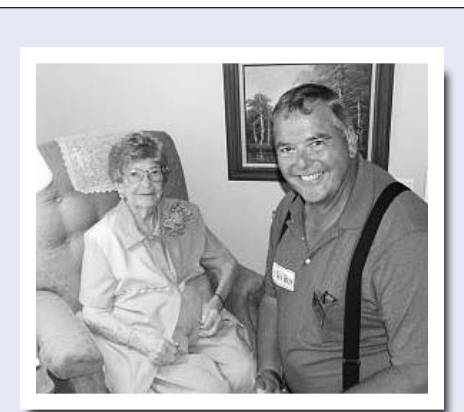
Legislators recently became aware that they are entitled to sick leave and that their unused sick leave credits can be banked and converted into payments for health insurance premiums at retirement. A few elected officials have over \$100,000 in accumulated sick leave. I believe this is an overly-generous employment benefit that ordinary working folks don't have. If you don't have this perk, then I shouldn't either. I didn't take this job as your state representative for the money or the benefits. I took it to serve you and to represent you and your interests to the best of my ability. That's why I voted in support of AB 31 that would eliminate this sick leave retirement benefit for elected officials.

### Come to the JCF Budget Hearing

The Joint Committee on Finance is the legislature's powerful budget writing committee. JCF will be holding six public hearings across the state, including one in Green Bay. This is a great opportunity for you to let the committee know what impact the Governor's budget proposal would have on you and your family. Your input can directly shape our state's priorities for the next two years!

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 12, 2007  
10:00am - 4:00pm**

National Railroad Museum  
Lenfestey Center  
2285 South Broadway  
Green Bay



*Karl Van Roy presenting Elna Wilhelmi with a legislative citation on her 102nd birthday!*



## 2007 Spring Legislative Survey

### Make Your Voice Heard!

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Knowing your thoughts on issues is an important tool in representing you and the families of Green Bay, Howard, and Suamico.*

— Rep. Karl Van Roy

### DO YOU SUPPORT...

- Legislative oversight of the governor's authority to approve expansion of new, off-reservation casinos?
- Banning smoking in all indoor workplaces with no exemptions?
- Legislation that would cap property tax increases?
- Eliminating the tax on all retirement and pension income?
- Health care reform that gives government and politicians more control over your health care?
- Making individual health insurance premiums tax deductible?
- Requiring health care providers to provide consumers with the actual costs of all health care-related procedures and practices?
- Eliminating the current spending controls on school districts, thus allowing them to raise property taxes to whatever level they want?
- Requiring school districts to use at least 70% of the funding they receive from the state on classroom instruction?
- Cap tuition rates at UW campuses to make college more affordable?
- Requiring voters to present a valid photo ID card in order to vote?
- Allowing municipalities to enact local ordinances that restrict or prohibit the placement of paroled sex offenders in their community?
- Requiring individuals to provide proof of citizenship or satisfactory immigration status before receiving government benefits?
- Taking money out of the transportation fund to support programs unrelated to the state's transportation needs?

	1st person in household response			2nd person in household response		
1. Legislative oversight of the governor's authority to approve expansion of new, off-reservation casinos?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
2. Banning smoking in all indoor workplaces with no exemptions?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
3. Legislation that would cap property tax increases?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
4. Eliminating the tax on all retirement and pension income?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
5. Health care reform that gives government and politicians more control over your health care?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
6. Making individual health insurance premiums tax deductible?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
7. Requiring health care providers to provide consumers with the actual costs of all health care-related procedures and practices?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
8. Eliminating the current spending controls on school districts, thus allowing them to raise property taxes to whatever level they want?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
9. Requiring school districts to use at least 70% of the funding they receive from the state on classroom instruction?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
10. Cap tuition rates at UW campuses to make college more affordable?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
11. Requiring voters to present a valid photo ID card in order to vote?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
12. Allowing municipalities to enact local ordinances that restrict or prohibit the placement of paroled sex offenders in their community?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
13. Requiring individuals to provide proof of citizenship or satisfactory immigration status before receiving government benefits?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND
14. Taking money out of the transportation fund to support programs unrelated to the state's transportation needs?	YES	NO	UND	YES	NO	UND

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**OPTIONAL INFO**

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**I send out weekly email updates about current legislative issues and activities. Make sure to include your email address above if you would like to be included.**

Cut along the dotted line, fold in thirds and tape or staple the top. Place stamp on mailing section and return to me.)