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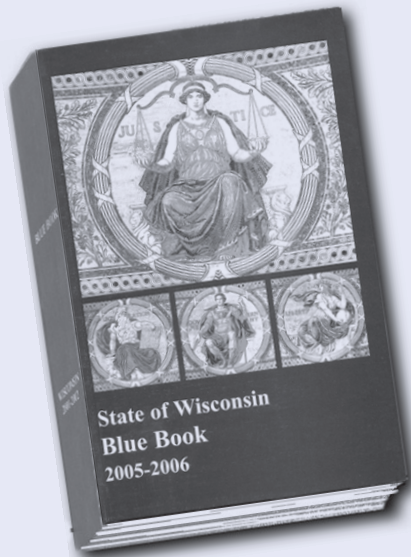
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2007 SURVEY

## CONSTITUENT SERVICES

My first responsibility is serving you. If you need help with a state agency or have a question about a state law or pending legislation, please give me a call. Here are some services available through my office:

- **STATE MAPS**
- **BLUE BOOKS**
- **HELP WITH STATE AGENCIES**
- **INTERNSHIPS**
- **FLAGS FLOWN OVER THE CAPITOL**



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

### RICH ZIPPERER

Dear Friends,

It is my great honor to serve as your state Representative in the 98th Assembly District. Every time I come to Madison I'm humbled knowing that I represent your voice in the state Assembly.

As your state Representative, I am here to serve you. Take a look on the back page of this newsletter for a list of services available through my office. Whether you need help cutting through government red-tape or have an idea that should become state law, or you simply need a state map or blue book, I'm here to help **so feel free to call.**

The main current focus in Madison is drafting the biennial state budget. Governor Doyle proposed a budget that included an array of new taxes and spending initiatives, including increased taxes on hospitals, higher registration fees for automobiles, a new state agency on Global Warming and an overall 9% increase in state spending. Big Government, and not the Wisconsin taxpayer, is the winner in Governor Doyle's budget. You can rest assured that I will continue fighting for taxpayers by looking for ways to control government spending and lower the tax burden.

Besides fighting to control spending in the state budget, I've also been busy these past few months working on other issues important to Waukesha County. My early focus has been on helping our economy and protecting your pocketbook. I've authored legislation to create a higher education tax credit to strengthen our workforce and legislation to end Wisconsin's tax on internet access. I have also been active in the fight to save taxpayer money by ending the sick leave perk for elected officials.

Finally, please take a moment to fill out the survey I've included inside this newsletter. I'd like your input on the issues facing Wisconsin and would appreciate your ideas on how to move our state forward.

Sincerely,

**Rich Zipperer**  
State Representative

## KEEP IN TOUCH!

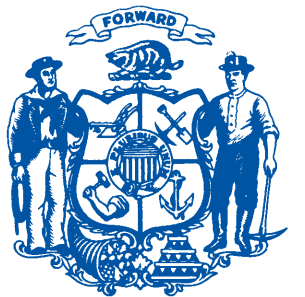
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*See inside for survey!*



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Rep. Zipperer explains his Higher Education Tax Credit bill to his Assembly colleagues.

# GETTING TO WORK

Following are some of the bills that I have worked on this year:

## Higher Education Tax Credit

Together with Senator Kanavas, I authored the 2007 Higher Education Tax Credit. This legislation will keep Wisconsin's workforce competitive in the global economy and encourage businesses to grow and expand within Wisconsin.

The Higher Education Tax Credit will encourage businesses to invest in the continued education of their employees by offering a tax credit for tuition expenses paid for by an employer.

## Eliminate Internet Access Tax

Wisconsin is one of only a few states that actually charges sales tax for signing onto the internet. The federal government has banned this tax, but the Wisconsin Department of Revenue continues to collect the tax from internet users.

I've authored legislation to end this taxation of a growing sector of our economy.

## Ending Sick Leave Benefits for Elected Officials

I see no reason why elected officials should receive a sick leave benefit while in office or during retirement, as their pay is not reduced if they miss work for an illness. Worse, the existing sick leave benefit is actually a disguised retirement health care plan, allowing some officials to run up hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of benefits.

That's why I signed on as an early cosponsor of legislation to end this benefit for all Wisconsin elected officials. That bill has been approved by the Republican Assembly, but is being delayed in the Democrat Senate. I intend to continue to work to get that bill signed into law.

## 2007-2009 BUDGET PRIORITIES:

### Taxpayers Before Bureaucracy

#### Democrats' Budget

When Governor Doyle presented his budget in February, he included over \$1.7 billion in new taxes. Put another way, that's a \$630 tax increase for each income tax filer in Wisconsin. He also proposed increasing state spending by 9% and called for the creation of a host of new government bureaucracies, such as a Taskforce on Global Warming.

#### Rich Zipperer's Priorities

My priorities include holding the line on state spending while focusing on items like education and public safety. I'm opposed to the Governor's tax increases and will work for an honest budget that doesn't take any more of your hard-earned money. I'll fight for a fiscally responsible budget that places taxpayers ahead of state bureaucracy.



Rep. Zipperer met recently with Brookfield Optimist Club President, Matt Kons.

## I Want To Hear From You!

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

The state Assembly is involved with many issues important to you and your family, and I want to know what you think. Please fill out this legislative survey and return it to my Madison office. The questions have a **YES** or **NO** answer, just like the choice I have to make on the Assembly floor.

Check here if you'd like a Wisconsin State Highway Map sent to you.

	1st Reply	2nd Reply
1. Governor Doyle's budget includes many new taxes and spending proposals. Do you support the following?		
(a) \$20 car registration increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(b) 9% state spending increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(c) new sales tax on internet downloads	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(d) new tax on hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(e) add over 700 state jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Would you support a 1% across-the-board income tax cut?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Do you support a ban on human cloning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. The UW system has decided to use race as a factor in considering student applications. Should race be a factor for college admission?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Should voters be asked to show a photo ID before voting?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Should local school boards have the authority to prohibit convicted felons from working in schools?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Should illegal immigrants be given in-state tuition at the UW System?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Many people use Health Saving Accounts (HSAs) to save for medical expenses. Should contributions to these accounts be tax-free in Wisconsin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Elected officials in Wisconsin are allowed to convert unused sick-leave days into retirement health care premiums at taxpayer expense. Should Wisconsin end this practice?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Teacher pay in Wisconsin is not currently based off of classroom performance. Do you support changing to a merit-based pay system for teachers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Meet me at Office Hours!**

Are you having problems with a state agency? Do you want to discuss a legislative issue? Please stop by and meet with me at one of these times:

**MONDAY • JUNE 4**  
 10:00am  
 Village of Pewaukee Village Hall  
 235 Hickory Street, Pewaukee

7:00pm  
 Town of Brookfield Town Hall  
 645 North Janacek Road, Brookfield

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8**  
 9:00am  
 City of Brookfield City Hall  
 200 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield

11:00am  
 City of Pewaukee City Hall  
 W240 N3065 Pewaukee Road,  
 Pewaukee

If you can't attend during these times, please call my office, email me or drop me a line.