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## **Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch Statement on the Senate Democrats' Budget Plan**

**Madison, WI.....** Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch (R-West Salem) issued the following statement regarding the budget plan passed today by the Senate Finance Committee.

“The budget repair plan approved today by the Senate Finance Committee shows the differences between Republicans and Democrats in solving the state budget deficit. Where the GOP budget plan protects taxpayers by cutting government spending, the democrats instead raise taxes on sick people, employers and consumers.

“Their plan turns a blind eye to the reality that everything families need to live from food to gas to health care is going up in price. Instead of seizing the budget repair bill as an opportunity to cut spending and put the size of state government more in line with the ability of taxpayers to pay, legislative democrats are using it as an excuse to extract even more money from already over-taxed Wisconsin families.

“Although there are areas where we agree, the tax increases included in their plan takes Wisconsin government in the wrong direction. I am committed to maintaining an open dialogue with the state Senate and Governor Doyle on how best to resolve the current budget deficit.”

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