

Speaker Vos: Announces new Assembly International Affairs and Commerce Committee

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Madison...Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) is creating a new standing committee in the Wisconsin State Assembly that will focus on building better international relations in order to attract foreign investment in Wisconsin. The Assembly Committee on International Affairs and Commerce is being tasked with developing policy initiatives to promote international trade, communication, tourism and investment. Rep. David Steffen (R-Howard) will chair the new committee.

“Wisconsin is competing on a world stage and we want our state to be in the best possible position to grow more family-supporting careers,” said Speaker Vos. “I’m confident that Rep. Steffen will do an excellent job leading the new standing committee.”

Wisconsin exported \$21 billion in products last year with industrial machinery being the top export. Our state exports the most products to Canada (\$6.5 billion) and Mexico (\$3 billion). The goal of this committee is to help more Wisconsin companies and farmers to achieve international success.

“In order to continue to move our state forward, we need to think and act globally,” said Speaker Vos. “This committee will explore new policies to make our state more competitive and attractive to business internationally.”

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, similar committees exist

in many state legislatures around the country, including Arizona, Michigan, Texas and Illinois.

The committee membership will be announced at a later date.