

Barnes talks up legislative priorities; calls for marijuana legalization

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Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes touted the Evers administration's priorities and slammed "hostile" Republican legislators.

Barnes highlighted the administration's focus of education, health care, environmental protection and roads, but said the GOP has thrown up "roadblocks at every turn."

"One side continues to play politics while real people continue to suffer," he said.

Barnes also called for an end to mass incarceration and the prohibition on marijuana and slammed Assembly Speaker Robin Vos for calling the budgetary proposal on pot a poison pill.

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The real poison pill, Barnes said, was the opioids that had flooded the state. He said there was no chance families would be torn apart by marijuana.

"You'd see them being brought closer together," he said. "Imagine how much better Thanksgiving dinner could be."