Rep. Spiros: COVID-19 response bill passes Assembly

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Madison – Representative John Spiros (R-Marshfield) joined his assembly colleagues in voting for legislation responding to the coronavirus pandemic. This legislation includes eliminating the one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance, aid for our rural communities and provides flexibilities for our state's health care providers. The COVID-19 Response Bill passed the Assembly during the state's first virtual extraordinary session, where many representatives attended remotely.

"Now more than ever, we need to come together and provide support for the families, businesses and communities struggling during this unprecedented time," said Rep. Spiros. "I am hopeful this legislation will make an impact on how Wisconsin recovers from this pandemic."

Other provisions in this legislation include:

Capturing more Medicaid money from the federal government
Requiring the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to develop a plan to support industries like tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, construction and retail
Ensuring no co-pays for coronavirus testing
Allowing school districts flexibility to complete their school year virtually
Providing $75 million for future expenditures relating to the public health emergency

The bipartisan bill, passed on the Assembly floor, will ensure that Wisconsin will receive the full $2 billion in eligible federal assistance. The bill now heads to the Senate for a vote on Wednesday before heading to the Governor's desk.