

Sen. Fitzgerald: Statement on special session call

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[Madison, WI] –Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) released the following statement today:

“In light of the events that have transpired this week in Kenosha, the senate will convene a special session of the legislature on Monday, August 31st

“In addition to the series of bills that Governor Evers has asked the legislature to consider, Senator Wanggaard of Racine has released a package of bills aimed at increasing transparency and community involvement into law enforcement.

Combined

with the newly-created Speaker’s Task Force on the topic, there will be dozens of proposals that the legislature will work through in the coming months.

“I would also like to see legislation developed that creates enhanced penalties for violence perpetrated against police, firefighters, and EMT’s. The riots in Kenosha and

Madison this week further demonstrated that first responders are performing their public

service duties at great risk to their personal safety.

“We look forward to a productive dialogue on how to improve law enforcement standards while at the same time ensuring police officers have the resources they need

to keep our communities safe.”