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Missed Opportunities

Madison – Two weeks ago, the Senate amended Assembly Bill 1 (AB 1). As amended, Governor Evers, Senate Republicans, Senate Democrats, and Assembly Democrats supported the bill. Yesterday afternoon, Republicans in the Assembly introduced a fifteen page amendment to the COVID-19 bill passed by the Senate. Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued the following statement after the floor session:

“The Assembly continues to miss opportunities to compromise. Why are my colleagues choosing to be partisan when we can work together? AB 1 as amended by the Senate was not the ideal Republican nor ideal Democratic COVID-19 bill. It certainly didn’t go as far as I wanted. However, the nature of working together means that everyone bends so we can get relief to hardworking Wisconsinites.

“When I come to the Capitol, I understand that my constituents send me here to seize on opportunities and to compromise. I suspect that my colleagues’ constituents want similar things.

“The amendment introduced by Assembly Republicans includes unnecessary provisions. The entire day was a pointless exercise in partisanship. I am tired of Wisconsinites being forgotten as my colleagues fight about their wish lists. We need a compromise COVID-19 bill now. We have a COVID-19 bill. Governor Evers, Senate Republicans, Senate Democrats, and Assembly Democrats have all come to this table to compromise. I’m hoping Assembly Republicans join the rest of us soon. We cannot afford to miss another opportunity to work together. Wisconsin is counting on us.”

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