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The time for playing games is over...

MADISON – Today’s session in the Senate focused on JCRAR rules, a handful of bills, and a tribute to Rush Limbaugh. After the session, Senate Democratic Leader Janet Bewley (D-Mason) released the following statement:

“Although two long awaited bipartisan bills passed the Senate today, now is not the time for a Republican victory lap. I am encouraged at the small step forward in passing legislation to track sexual assault kits. But it was overshadowed by the Republicans cynical manipulation of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules process. By their referral action today, the Republicans have abandoned rules that support PFAS regulation, and protect individuals in the LGBTQ community who are threatened with harmful conversion therapy. These delays will prevent Governor Evers and his administration from enacting good policy to help Wisconsinites across the state.”

“Wisconsin is still waiting on meaningful legislation to help Wisconsin recover from the pandemic and set our state up to succeed in the future. The Republicans continue to hurt our state by playing political games and undermining the Governor. Instead we all should be focusing on getting the Wisconsinites desperately need as quickly as possible. We owe it to our constituents to put partisanship aside, and to get back to the core of democracy – talking TO and WITH each other. The time for playing games is long over. In order to make progress for the people of this state, we need to all -- Democrats and Republicans alike -- come together to achieve compromise, to collaborate and cooperate, and to listen to our constituents no matter what side we are on. By doing this, Wisconsinites will get what they need – and we will have succeeded.”

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