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Representative Kurtz's Star Spangled Banner Act Passes the State Assembly with Bi-partisan Support

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MADISON – Representative Tony Kurtz's (R-Wonewoc) Star Spangled Banner Act, <u>Assembly Bill 226</u>, was voted on by the State Assembly today. The bill passed the Assembly with bipartisan support. Assembly Bill 226 requires the National Anthem to be played at certain sporting events that are held in a venue that was constructed, at least in part, with public dollars.

"I am so pleased that Assembly Bill 226 was passed today with bi-partisan support in the Wisconsin State Assembly. As a veteran and someone who deeply believes in our nation, I think our national anthem is a unifying theme in our country. This song has a way of bringing our country together, and that is as important now as it's ever been," said Representative Kurtz. "One simple way of reminding our fellow Wisconsinites of the sacrifices that our service men and women have made is the playing of our national anthem. Let's celebrate our nation, let's play the national anthem at sporting events and let's be proud of our country and our service members."

This piece of legislation has been supported by both the Wisconsin American Legion and the Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars and now begins the process in the Senate, where the bill's co-author, Senator Testin (R- Stevens Point), is optimistic that the bill will receive support.

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