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Decker Statement on Passage of Budget Repair Bill

Majority Leader Russ Decker issued the following statement after the budget repair passed the State Senate:

“Today we maintained important investments in our state economy, but also told the state to tighten up the belt. The additional \$69 million in cuts to state programs on top of the \$200 million in cuts passed as part of the state budget last year will mean state government will have to be as efficient as possible.

“We also made the tax code fairer for Wisconsin families and business by asking big, out-of-state businesses to pay their fair share of taxes for the services they use. Main Street Wisconsin businesses can no longer afford to pick up the tab for profitable companies like Wal-Mart. We are not asking any business to pay more than the Main Street Wisconsin businesses pay now. We are simply saying it’s time that all businesses pay their fair share.

“It was important to get this bill done as quickly as possible so the transportation projects can go on as planned this season. Those projects mean families across the state who rely on those projects for jobs don’t have to worry whether or not they will have an income this season.

“After some long hours and hard work with members from both sides of the aisle, we were able to find a bipartisan compromise. It was important for us all to work together to address the budget shortfall facing our state without endangering critical programs our state economy relies on.”

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