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REP. NELSON: "CRITICAL STEP DOWN PATH TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY"

MADISON – Last week the Assembly approved a state stimulus measure designed to create jobs and get Wisconsin's economy moving. The bill, which was signed by the Governor on February 20<sup>th</sup>, will fund transportation projects and worker training programs and includes tax credits for businesses.

Representative Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna), who voted in favor of the bill, had this to say: "This is a critical step down the path to economic recovery. The only way to get our economy moving again is to get people back to work, which is exactly what this stimulus package will do."

In addition to tax credits for businesses and worker training programs, the legislation approves the first 300 million in federal stimulus dollars to be invested in transportation projects. The non-partisan Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates that every \$1 million investment creates 27.8 jobs, meaning that the state stimulus package alone will create almost 9,000 jobs in Wisconsin.

"It's smart choices and good investments – like the ones in this bill – that will help to get Wisconsin's economy moving again," said Rep. Nelson. "The upcoming months will hold many challenges, but I'm ready to make the tough decisions today that will lead Wisconsin forward toward a brighter tomorrow."

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