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AREA LEGISLATORS PROMOTE KEY JOB GROWTH BILLS

GREEN BAY – Four area legislators held a press conference today to discuss the impact of the economic downturn on the Fox Valley and to promote the American Jobs Act and the Wisconsin First legislation – two key job growth bills that will be taken up by the Assembly tomorrow, January 27th.

Speaking at the conference were Representative Penny Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton), Representative Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna), Representative Jim Soletski (D-Green Bay) and Representative Ted Zigmunt (D-Francis Creek).

“The challenges we’re facing as a state are no secret, and there is nothing more important right now than growing our economy and creating family-supporting jobs in Wisconsin,” said Rep. Zigmunt, a lead sponsor of the American Jobs Act. “Every job we create has two-fold benefits because it not only puts someone back to work, but it also creates revenue for the state in the long run that will help to resolve our budget deficit.”

Both bills are intended to grow the economy and create and retain jobs in Wisconsin, and were approved by the Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business last week. The American Jobs Act would prevent the state from purchasing goods or entering into contracts with companies that ship jobs overseas. The Wisconsin First legislation would require that the state purchase a percentage of goods and services from Wisconsin-based businesses each year.

“Essentially, we’re putting our money where our mouths are,” declared Rep. Soletski. “We’re investing our taxpayer dollars where they belong – in Wisconsin – where they can help support businesses that create jobs right here in the state.”

Rep. Bernard-Schaber, who serves as Vice Chair of the Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business, applauded the members of the committee for taking swift action on the bills saying: “that these bills passed quickly and with bipartisan support is an indication of their vital importance to our economy in Wisconsin. I am looking forward to their quick passage by the full Assembly tomorrow.”

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