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ASSEMBLY PASSES KEY JOB GROWTH BILLS
MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: PLEASED WITH PROGRESS, MORE WORK TO COME

MADISON – Two bills intended to spur economic growth and create jobs in Wisconsin passed the State Assembly this afternoon, during the first working session day of the new Democratic majority.

“We still have a lot of tough work ahead of us,” said Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna), “but the passage of these bills sends a strong message to the people of Wisconsin: we’re here to lead on the issues that matter most – growing our economy and creating jobs so folks can get back to work.”

The American Jobs Act and the Wisconsin First legislation are both aimed at supporting companies that create jobs in the state. The American Jobs Act will prevent the state from using taxpayer dollars to purchase goods and services from companies that outsource jobs to other countries. Wisconsin First will encourage all units of government in the state to make 20% of their total purchases from Wisconsin-based businesses.

Both bills passed with strong bipartisan support. The Wisconsin First legislation passed with a 77 to 22 vote; the American Jobs Act passed with a 69 to 30 vote.

“The best place that we can invest Wisconsin taxpayer dollars is back into Wisconsin,” declared Rep. Nelson. “Local businesses employ local workers, purchase their goods and supplies from other local businesses, and invest their profits back into our communities.”

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