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**Assembly Majority Leader Nelson Supports Proposal
to Ban Fundraising During the Budget Process**
Focus Must be on Economy During Historic Time

Kaukauna – Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) applauded the proposal of a new Assembly rule that would prohibit Assembly members from raising campaign funds during the state budget process. At a time when Wisconsin is facing a historic \$5 billion budget deficit, this rule would be one of the most significant changes to the campaign finance system in decades.

“This rule will allow us to maintain focus on our top priorities, and I support it,” said Rep. Nelson. “The challenges that middle class families are facing every day in my district and around the state are very real and very serious. We owe it to our constituents to devote all of our energy to balancing the budget, creating jobs and getting our economy back on track.”

Assembly Democratic leadership will propose the Assembly rule change at an upcoming session of the Assembly Organization Committee. The rule would prevent Assembly members from fundraising to their individual campaign accounts during the budget process. The ban would be lifted when the State Legislature passes a final budget bill.

“This rule change is the right thing to do, and it will bring much needed change to our political process,” said Rep. Nelson. “I am a strong supporter of campaign finance reform, and this is a historic step in the right direction.” Representative Nelson sits on the Committee on Assembly Organization, and intends to vote in favor of passage of the rule.

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