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### MAJORITY LEADER NELSON ANNOUNCES ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE UP BUY AMERICAN RESOLUTION

MADISON -- Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) announced today that the Assembly will take up Senate Joint Resolution 35 during floor session on June 18<sup>th</sup>. SJR-35 urges the Wisconsin Legislature to invest federal recovery dollars in American goods and American workers.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed by Congress and signed by the President earlier this year is intended to stimulate the national economy and create jobs during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Billions of recovery dollars have begun to flow to Wisconsin to fund infrastructure construction and repair projects, investments in green jobs and the green energy economy, targeted tax cuts, worker retraining, and other economic growth initiatives.

“The purpose of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is to stimulate the American economy and create jobs that put Americans back to work,” said Rep. Nelson. “We can get the biggest bang for the buck on those recovery dollars if we invest them here at home.”

SJR-35 pledges that the Wisconsin State Legislature will spend the federal recovery dollars that it oversees on goods and services that support American jobs, whenever and wherever possible. It also pledges that, when making purchases, the Legislature will use recovery money to purchase products and services made and performed in the U.S. Exemptions are permitted if a good or service cannot be secured in the country, but the Legislature will publish any requests to waive these ‘Buy American’ priorities so U.S. companies have a last opportunity to compete for the work.

“This resolution builds upon the Legislative Democrats’ agenda,” continued Rep. Nelson “Earlier this year, we passed a state stimulus package that put federal recovery money to work creating jobs and growing our economy. The Buy American resolution will ensure that we make the most of federal recovery dollars as we continue to advance our aggressive, pro-job agenda.”

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