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STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR DOYLE'S SIGNING OF ASSEMBLY BILL 5
FROM MAJORITY LEADER NELSON

MADISON – Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) released this statement following the signing of Assembly Bill 5 into law by Governor Doyle.

“As Wisconsin navigates through the worst economic crisis in two generations, we are making every effort to ensure that out-of-work Wisconsinites have the ability to provide for their families while they look for work.”

“This week, the Assembly and Senate took quick action to pass an emergency extension of unemployment compensation, which the Governor signed into law this afternoon. This will allow people who are unemployed to take advantage of the extended benefits offered by the federal government, and will save Wisconsin taxpayers \$44 million.”

“The passage of this legislation was truly the result of collaboration across party lines and between branches of government. I commend my colleagues for their commitment to the well-being of Wisconsinites, and I applaud the Governor's swift action in signing AB 5 into law today.”

“Unemployment benefits are only a short-term solution, which is why the Assembly also passed two bills as part of our efforts to create jobs and grow our economy in Wisconsin. We have tough work ahead of us, but we are ready to lead on the issues that matter most.”

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