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ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER NELSON STATEMENT ON BUDGET PASSAGE

MADISON -- Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) released this statement following passage of the budget by the Assembly.

"In the face of historic challenges -- record unemployment, skyrocketing foreclosures, and the worst deficit in state history -- this budget asks our state to do more with less. It is, in the simplest of terms, a fair share budget. Everyone is asked to do their fair share -- to pay their fair share, and to sacrifice their fair share."

"This budget includes \$3.2 billion in spending cuts -- the deepest in Wisconsin history. At the same time, it protects 99% of Wisconsin families from tax increases, and maintains investments in our most important priorities: education, job creation, economic development, public safety, and support for local communities."

"Extraordinary times require extraordinary leadership, which the Assembly has demonstrated through passage of this budget. In the end, Assembly Democrats have produced a bill that balances the budget, holds the line on taxes on Wisconsin workers and families, and invests in our most important priorities."

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