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MAJORITY LEADER NELSON STATEMENT ON STIMULUS EXPANSION BILL

MADISON – Assembly Majority Leader Tom Nelson (D-Kaukauna) released this statement following passage of a stimulus expansion bill.

“Today’s stimulus expansion is a critical step forward down the road to economic recovery. In addition to providing Wisconsinites with more resources to provide for their families as they weather this economic storm, we also expanded important tax credits for businesses that are creating and retaining jobs in the state.”

“As out-of-work Wisconsinites look for employment, we must ensure that they have the necessary resources to provide for their families. The Stimulus Expansion bill will allow people in Wisconsin to access an additional \$137 million in federal unemployment benefits, and expands COBRA health care coverage to assist employees of small businesses who have been laid-off due to the recession.”

“Unemployment benefits are absolutely necessary to help families in the short term, but our top priority is getting folks back to work. The long-term solution to our budget deficit is the same as the solution to the national economic downturn – jobs. When we get people in Wisconsin back to work, we’ll get our economy moving again, and the cyclical deficit we are experiencing will be resolved. For that reason, we enacted an important expansion of the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit program, to support businesses that are retaining jobs through capital expansions.”

“These and a number of additional investments passed with strong bipartisan support, and I look forward to continuing our work for the people of Wisconsin in a similar manner. The upcoming months will require tough choices and sacrifice on the part of all Wisconsinites, but together we can ensure that our state emerges from this downturn stronger than before.”

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