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Senate Passes State Budget

Madison, WI — Senator Chris Kapenga (R - Delafield) released the following statement after the Senate passed the budget Wednesday:

“While I had concerns with the overall levels of spending in the budget, we also have to recognize that Scott Walker is no longer the Governor. With that being said, there are a number of positives in this budget that we should be proud of.”

“First, we were able to deliver \$450 million in income tax relief for families across the state. We were also able to deliver a balanced budget without expanding welfare or raising taxes. This budget nearly doubles the rainy day fund, ensuring that the state will be well insulated should another recession occur in the near future.”

“The budget also included a significant transportation reform that I fought for over the past two sessions. The provision creates a pilot program for the Department of Transportation to implement design-build delivery methods. Design-build has proven to lower costs and improve delivery times for transportation projects around the country. Moving forward, this could prove to be one of the most consequential transportation reforms that the Republican legislature has passed.”

The budget now heads to the Governor’s desk for his signature.

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Senator Kapenga represents the 33rd Senate District, which covers most of central Waukesha County and Lake Country.