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**State Legislature Sends Responsible State Budget to Governor Madison...** State Senator Luther S. Olsen (R-Ripon) voted in favor of the 2019-21 Biennial State Budget as amended by the Joint Finance Committee and the State Assembly today. After voting for the budget, Senator Olsen said, “We took what Governor Tony Evers proposed and crafted a responsible budget. It’s one we can afford and it invests in the future of Wisconsin.”

The majority of the work on the state budget is done by the Joint Finance Committee. The committee questioned agency heads on their budget requests, held four public hearings around the state, and debated and approved different parts of the budget over the course of ten meetings. Senator Olsen is vice-chair of this committee. “We focused on issues important to Wisconsinites like roads, schools, healthcare, and taxes. By prioritizing these items, we were able to increase K-12 education funding by \$500 million, including \$97 million for special education. We increased funding for nursing homes by \$30 million and funding for personal care workers by \$37 million. Our local roads will see a boost of \$156 million, more than double what the governor proposed. Along with these investments, we included a \$500 million tax cut to let hard-working Wisconsinites keep more of what they earn,” said Senator Olsen.

“With split government, neither side gets exactly what they want. The budget funds our common priorities without excessive borrowing and unsustainable spending,” explained Olsen. Now that the budget has been approved by both houses of the legislature, it goes to the governor’s desk for his consideration. “I hope the governor recognizes that the best choice for the state of Wisconsin is for him to sign the budget and work with the legislature to move Wisconsin forward.”

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