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Senate Passes Budget, Sending it to Governor's Desk

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

“The first thing I think about on a budget is ‘how much.’ From my perspective, the budget needs to be something that the average person can look at and say ‘that’s a reasonable plan.’

“When we started with the governor’s budget, we received a document filled with tax increases, massive spending, and partisan, non-fiscal policy. The state’s final budget will result in 2% growth, which is realistic to most people.

“I’ve always pushed for reduced government spending, but I also have to keep in mind that I am just one legislator, and we have to deal with a governor of the opposite party.

“That being said, because I was able to help get in place a \$3.4 billion tax cut, the true winners of this responsible budget are the taxpayers. That is huge!

“This includes \$650 million in property tax relief, the elimination of a \$200 million burdensome personal property tax, and a \$2.5 billion income tax reduction.

“The income tax reduction is a significant step toward making the flat tax a reality.

“No budget is ever perfect, but when we can get government out of the way and allow our citizens and businesses to invest and innovate with their own dollars, it’s a good day for the people of Wisconsin.”

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