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**Statement on the passing of Former Senate President  
Michael G. Ellis**

MADISON – Senate President Roger Roth (R—Appleton) issued the following statement regarding the announcement of the passing of Former Senate President Michael G. Ellis:

“I am deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Michael G. Ellis. Mike was a dedicated public servant, a highly-respected colleague, and a good friend. He was a tremendous mentor to me and I knew I could look to him for guidance on any issue. His breadth of knowledge and experience always kept him two steps ahead of everyone.

“I will miss most the ability to pick up the phone to talk to him – to discuss a state issue or just to talk about what’s happening in the district. I will always appreciate the time we shared and the sound advice I received from him.

“Someone once told me that Mike Ellis wasn’t just the *leader* of the Senate, he *was* the Senate. No matter what was happening in the Capitol, Mike knew about it and was already working it out. He has left a lasting impression on this state because of his strong personality and dedication to public service.

“He was the epitome of putting his district first and politics second. He had no problem challenging his caucus and reaching across the aisle to fight for his constituents, with most conversations ending with a laugh.

“His first bit of advice to me was, ‘Roth, take care of the sidewalks in your district first.’

“He will be greatly missed by his fellow colleagues at the Capitol and his constituents here in the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.”

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