

## Team Taylor



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**Attention!**  
See Last Page For  
Energy Assistance  
Information!

### Just For Clarity!



Setting the Record  
Straight on the Issues

**Q:** Can the money from the Federal Recovery & Reinvestment Package can be used to fill our budget gap?

**A:** NO! The money from the Federal government will have specific guidelines on how it is spent, and cannot be used to fill our budget deficit.

4th Senate District

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 02 — FEBRUARY 06

## Welcome to my Legislative Update!

I'm State Senator Lena C. Taylor and every week my staff and I distribute copies of my legislative update to help people learn about my work in the State Legislature. If you wish to regularly receive a copy of my update, you'll e-mail my office at [sen.taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:sen.taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov) or call 608-266-5810.

## 9to5 Press Conference

On February 4, 2009 Sherwin Hughes of Senator Lena C. Taylor's (D-Milwaukee) office attended a press conference held by The Milwaukee chapter of the 9to5 Association of Working Women.

On November 4, 2009 157,000 Milwaukee voters cast their ballot in favor of employers providing paid sick days to over 122,000 Milwaukee workers

The press conference was attended by Senator Taylor, Sheila Cochran of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, Henry Hamilton of the Milwaukee NAACP, Jenifer Morales of the MPS School Board and other dignitaries. All of whom spoke in support of the referendum passed by nearly 70% of Milwaukee voters.

However, this referendum was met with opposition by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce. The MMAC filed an injunction in Milwaukee County circuit court in an attempt to halt the ordinance from taking foot on February 10, 2009. City Attorney Grant Langley along with Mayor Tom Barrett sided with the MMAC and are not opposing the injunction.

## Team Taylor Adds Two!

At parades, around the community, or on the radio you will hear me talk about Team Taylor. It's the affectionate name I have for my staff, interns, volunteers, and supporters. We have added two more members to Team Taylor in recent days. Deidra Edwards and Revelle Walls have joined my staff in the State Capitol.

Revelle is working in our capitol office as our general office manager. She has already launched herself into that role reorganizing our central filing systems, updating many of our crucial databases, and working hand in hand with other team members on community outreach and constituent issues. Revelle lives with her family in Evansville, WI.

I hope that you will get a chance to greet out our "new" Team Taylor additions in the near future in the community or in our office. As always, we are here to serve!

# Senator Taylor's Calendar



## Saturday

-Greater New Birth  
Clinic

## Sunday

-Greater New Birth

## Monday

-Meeting with  
Governor

## Tuesday

- Teleconference w/  
Chairman Holloway

## Wednesday

-9to5 Press Conference

## Thursday

- Judiciary Committee  
Meeting

## Friday

-MacDowell Montessori  
School Visit

## Legislatively Speaking!

### Budget Address

“The Governor is required to submit his version of the budget to the Legislature by a certain date. This year it is February 17<sup>th</sup> and he will address (speak) the Legislature with his proposal.”

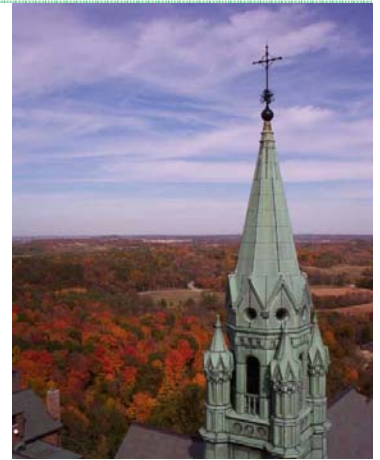
## Church and Police Work Together

On Tuesday, February 3, 2009 the Milwaukee Police Department District #3 hosted a community meeting at the district. This wasn't any kind of meeting. This audience was filled with pastors from churches in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Officers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District are piloting a new effort to build relationships with the faith leaders of the district. Based on the success of this pilot effort, you will see the remaining six districts implementing the same effort.

Throughout the meeting photo images were displayed of many of the churches in the district. Approximately thirty-five pastors and representatives were in attendance. The dialogue was great, and there seems to be a promising future. The officers shared their direct contact information, and encouraged the pastors to use them as a community resource. The Captain of the district Lt. Hudson announced that they want to work with the community, and build their relationships. Community policing is something that Chief Flynn has been in support of, and this is yet another way to be proactive in the community.

They did not set their next meeting, but they will be posting this information on their website <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/DistrictThreeCLO> or you can call the district directly at 414-935-7238.



## Judiciary Committee Report

I am excited to report that the Senate Committee of Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform and Housing that I Chair, convened our first hearing this week. The committee heard and discussed several sound public policy issues that would not only serve to ensure my constituents' accessibility to jobs, but also assist our criminal justice system in properly prosecuting sexual assault cases. We heard testimonies from industry experts and others who spoke to the need for these legislative proposals and also ratified a number of executive appointments of public members to boards and commissions.



Some of the bills that were heard include: **SB 36** – that will basically give the Department of Transportation (DOT) the discretion to decide whether to suspend the motor vehicle operating privileges of a person who is convicted in another state for an offense that, if committed in this, would be a drug violation. Currently, the courts are required to suspend an operator's driving privileges. **SB 37** – requires the courts when entering judgment for traffic violations, to notify the defendant, that he or she should notify the court of their inability to pay the judgment because of poverty. The defendant will be given an opportunity to pay the judgment in installments.

As Chair of such an important legislative committee, I am thrilled about the infinite potentials for change that are available to the members of the committee and I. During these austere times, it should be our mission to enable an environment that will create jobs, develop a healthy, infrastructural maintenance culture and promote public safety. With this in mind, I invite input from all and sundry.



## The Week Ahead:

### Saturday

-Rev. Moore Funeral

### Sunday

-Greater New Birth

### Monday

- Black & Hispanic  
Caucus

### Tuesday

- Session

### Wednesday

-Judiciary Committee  
Meeting

### Thursday

-Workforce  
Development Day

### Friday

-Sister 2 Sister Mentor  
Ministry

## Quote of the Week

“I will vote my hopes and not my fears.”

-Herb Kohl

## In the East Wing

On Monday, I had a wonderful meeting with Governor Doyle about this legislative session and the many issues of the day. First, stepping into the Governor's office is quite a feeling and Governor Doyle carries himself in a very professional fashion. Our meeting was a productive one full of discussion and areas of compromise.



Governor Doyle has a tough budget ahead of him and managing the state during this economy will not be an easy task. We will have to work together to find areas of sacrifice to make in current state spending, close corporate tax loopholes to gain revenue, and streamline some current programs to maximize our current spending. I expect the budget to be introduced on February 17th and it will be a challenge that will be happening over the course of the summer.

An interesting note about Governor Doyle's office is the portrait that hangs there. It is of former Democratic Governor, Gaylord Nelson, who founded Earth Day and was a progressive leader from Wisconsin. Nelson led the environmental efforts of the 1970's and was a founder of the current Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Governor Doyle is a fond admirer of Nelson's and often uses him as a role-model.

## Keeping track of the work!

My name is Ian Targovnik, and this is my first semester interning in Senator Taylor's office. I am currently a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I plan on majoring in political science and entrepreneurship. I was born and raised in New Jersey, and have lived there my entire life. After graduating from UW-Madison, I plan to attend law school, although I have no idea which type of law I would like to practice.



Alan D. Charles  
-Intern Manager-

During my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends, playing the guitar, and playing nearly any kind of sport; anything to release the stress from a week of hard work.

My internship in Senator Taylor's office has opened my eyes to the workings of state government. Many of my studies have entailed government procedures and policy, and this internship has allowed the words on pages of textbooks to become a reality. I have gained a new insight of the methods of government, as well as a new appreciation for my studies.

“Ian has a promising future in politics if he chooses that path. His voice is authoritative, and his tone confident. He is an asset to the team.”

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### Legislative Hotline

1-800-362-WISC

### WI Legislature Site:

[www.legis.state.wi.us/](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/)

### Senate InSession Site:

[www.legis.state.wi.us/insession/senate/index.htm](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/insession/senate/index.htm)

### Committee Schedule:

[committeeschedule.legis.state.wi.us/](http://committeeschedule.legis.state.wi.us/)

### Joint Committee on Finance Site:

[www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/jfc.html](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/jfc.html)

## Community Events

### Unlearning Racism: Tools for Action

**What:** Program geared towards understanding and ending racism.

**When:** February 25, 2009  
1:00 PM

**Where:** YWCA Greater Milwaukee  
See details at:  
[www.ywcamilw.org](http://www.ywcamilw.org)

### SDC Energy Assistance Program

**What:** Get help covering your annual home energy costs

**When:** Now-5/15/09

**Where:** A variety of locations around the Milwaukee area

**Cost:** Free

**For info on where to go and what to bring, visit:**

[www.cr-sdc.org/Programs/EnergyAssistance.html](http://www.cr-sdc.org/Programs/EnergyAssistance.html)

If an organization you belong to has an event you feel should be included in the Community Events section please [e-mail](mailto:) me.

Do you have a computer? **Do you need help with food, prescriptions, or other services?** Use [www.access.wi.gov](http://www.access.wi.gov) to see if you and your family are eligible for a variety of state-sponsored services designed to assist citizens in procuring essential resources.

## Useful Resources

**Child Support Enforcement**  
414-278-5160

**Elderlink**  
414-289-6874

**Governor Doyle**  
414-227-4344

**Employment Ways to Work Program**  
414-906-2820

**Senior Care Insurance**  
1-800-657-208

**Senior Law**  
(414) 278-1222  
(414) 278-7722

**Energy Assistance**  
414-906-2800

**Rent Assistance**  
414-286-5678

**Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups Prescription Drug Assistance**  
1-866-456-8211

**Food Assistance**  
414-733-0211

**Bureau of Child Welfare**  
414-220-SAFE

**W-2**  
1-800-722-2295

**City of Wauwatosa**  
414-479-8900

**GED Program**  
414-264-6888

**Milwaukee Common Council**  
414-286-2221

**City of Glendale**  
414-228-1700

**Badger Care Insurance**  
1-800-362-3002

**Congresswoman Gwen Moore**  
414-297-1140

**SENATE CONTACTS**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms Office**  
608-266-1801

**Milwaukee County Economic Support**  
414-289-6000

**Senator Russ Feingold**  
414-276-7282

**Human Resources**  
608-264-8471

**Wisconsin Foreclosure Hotline**  
414-278-1240

**Medicaid**  
1-800-291-2002

**Senator Herb Kohl**  
414-297-4451

**Senate Chief Clerk's Office**  
608-266-2517