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Just For Clarity!



Setting the Record Straight on the Issues

Wisconsin's Capital Gains Tax Exemption is still one of the most generous exemptions amongst all the states. Even with the Governor's proposed changes, Wisconsin citizens are taxed less on capital gains than citizens of more than 40 other states.

4th Senate District



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR

WEEK OF MARCH 09 — MARCH 13

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 the State Legislature. If you wish to receive a copy of my update, you'll e-mail my office at sen.taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov or call 608-266-5810.

People of Faith Congregate at the Capitol

On Tuesday, March 10th, people of faith from all around the state converged on Madison for their annual lobby day. The event marked the cooperative, ecumenical work of the Wisconsin Council of Church, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, and local congregational organizing groups like MICAH and WISDOM. The groups began the day with speakers and rallies at Bethel Lutheran Church, just off the Capitol Square in Madison.

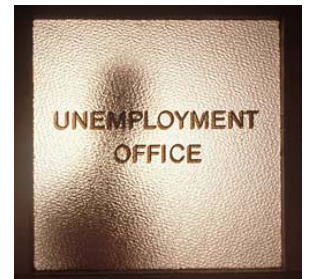


One of the big areas of focus for the faith groups is the Treatment Instead of Prison program. For many years churches and people of faith has been sound a "prophetic" call to arms regarding the need for more funding for this program instead of our current correctional track. They have asked us as legislators to examine the current funding and invest 22 million dollars into the program to create better outcomes and further savings.

The group also was lobbying a variety of issues related to health care, education and school nutrition, immigration, fair taxation, and the creation of good-paying jobs. Every legislator in the building got a visit from the assembled group which hopefully will prove to be highly effective.

Unemployment Insurance

Currently, Wisconsin faces a troubling situation as it pertains to unemployment insurance. The tough economy has lead to rising job cuts which are quickly draining Wisconsin's reserve fund for unemployment insurance. It is important that everyone take some time to make sure, to the best of your abilities, that you and your loved ones have a secure future. As a Senator, I will do everything in my power to ensure this as well, but it is also important that you help me help you.



Ensuring economic stability and the resources to provide those opportunities to my constituents is one of my main priorities. I have fought this fight and I will continue to fight it. However, If job cuts continue to rise, the reserve will be depleted even further and some day, possibly soon, will no longer exist. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office.

Etiquette & Networking



Interview Dining Tips

“Is the table full of utensils? I was taught an easy way to remember what to use and when. Start at the outside and work your way in. Your salad fork will be on the far left, your entrée fork will be right next to it. Your dessert spoon and fork will be on your plate.”

Legislatively Speaking!

Prevailing Wage

Journal

“Each house of the legislature has an official record of its actions -- the Journal. All actions of the house are recorded there and if something is not recorded in the journal, it did not happen.”

International Woman's Day

I am pleased to recognize that March 8th marked International Women's Day and the entire month of March is Women's History Month. As a woman state legislator, I am very proud that women have come a long way in our country. Sometimes, given the vast number of women achievers in America, it is hard to believe that there was a time when women were not allowed to obtain an education, vote, or even make basic choices.



Despite these great strides, the unfortunate fact is that women in our society have still not gained true equality. Wisconsin women are paid, on average, thirty cents less than their male counterparts and women are not equally represented in business or politics. Women, especially African American women, are more likely to endure untreated health issues and receive inadequate education. Additionally, women all over the world experience violence on a daily basis; according to the American Medical Association, in the United States, injuries from domestic violence account for thirty-five percent of visits by women to emergency rooms annually.

I am a mother, an African American rights activist, an attorney, a state legislator, and an educator; in uniting all my roles, I am a woman, committed to the ongoing fight for women's rights. I have introduced legislation addressing employment discrimination and W-2 reform, as well as legislation to prevent Cervical Cancer. I have also traveled around the state encouraging women to get involved in the political process. When it comes to women's rights, our work is far from finished; as I am inspired by the long journey of women in our society, I will continue to push forward on behalf of women.

Media Plan

As an elected official, it is as important to communicate as it is to legislate. For the year 2009, Senator Lena Taylor has updated her media plan. This plan is designed to list all possible media outlets that allow for effective statewide communication of policy, initiatives and matters of importance to the people of Wisconsin. The ultimate goal of this new and improved media plan is to greatly increase positive media exposure for the Senator and effectively communicate her diligent work as a legislator.



Television, AM/FM radio stations, print media, and internet are all outlets that are utilized to communicate of our issues and agenda items.

The media plan is a working document that is updated frequently and often tuned for effectiveness. It also serves as a resource that allows us to disseminate press releases and public service announcement.

For more information on our media plan please contact our office.



The Week Ahead:

Saturday

-MYSO

Sunday

-Greater New Birth Church

Monday

-Great Lakes Water Event

Tuesday

-Joint Finance Committee

Wednesday

-Budget Briefings

Thursday

-Budget Briefings

Friday

-Judicial Council Meeting

Quote of the Week

“What the people want is very simple - they want an America as good as its promise.”

-Congresswoman Barbara Jordan

Justice Reinvestment Reviews Corrections Spending

“Legislators explore measures to spend less on corrections”—that’s one of the headlines that sprung from the second meeting of the Justice Reinvestment Committee on Wednesday. The committee is the oversight body for the comprehensive review and data analysis that the Council on State Governments is doing of Wisconsin’s correctional system. The committee met shortly after the release of the report from the Pew Center on the States that shows that 1 of every 31 people in Wisconsin is in our corrections system, whether incarcerated or under supervision.



The committee, which is bi-partisan and comprised of members of every aspect of the law enforcement, judiciary, treatment, and advocacy communities, had a very constructive discussion about the impact of risk assessments and our current model of community corrections on the cost of prison spending in Wisconsin. While we have over 60% percent of our corrections population in prisons, we only spend 16% of our corrections budget on this population. This identified disparity in funding has created a situation where people attempting to reenter society are not receiving adequate community support or treatment because we don’t have money to pay for it!

While the committee has worked diligently to specifically target the “problem” areas in corrections spending, much of our work on proposing solutions and changes lies ahead of us. The committee will be meeting on April 7th to determine what kind of policy options the state should be considering to remedy this problem.

Intern Spotlight!

My name is Jenny Dresselhaus and this is my first semester interning in Senator Taylor’s office. I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin – Madison majoring in journalism and political science. After graduating, I hope to teach English abroad for a year before applying to law school.



Alan D. Charles
-Intern Manager-

As a student, I have worked as a communications intern for Special Olympics Wisconsin and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Currently, I am volunteering at Domestic Abuse Intervention Services as a children’s advocate and helping develop a Web site for Project 40/40, an AIDS awareness organization on campus. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my friends, participating in an intramural volleyball league and when motivated, working out.

Interning with Senator Taylor has given me a first-hand look at the policy-making process. While researching and contacting constituents I have gained a better understanding of the issues concerning Wisconsin residents. Likewise, working in this particular office I have become more familiar with the judicial process and the corrections systems. I have enjoyed my intern experience thus far and look forward to the rest of the semester!

“Jenny is a wonderful addition to our team. She is charismatic and very hardworking. I am confident she will exceed in her life-goals!”

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Justice Reinvestment:

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/committees/study/2008/JRIO/index.htm>

Joint Committee on Finance Site:

www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/jfc.html

Legislative Hotline

1-800-362-WISC

Community Events

43rd Annual Shamrock Club St. Patrick Parade

What: Parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It is the Largest parade in WI.

When: Saturday, March 14, 2009
12:00 PM

Where: Parade Starts at 3rd and Wisconsin, and marches east along Wisconsin Avenue.

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

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

Do you have a computer? **Do you need help with food, prescriptions, or other services?** Use 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

Badger Care Insurance
1-800-362-3002

Milwaukee Common Council
414-286-2221

City of Glendale
414-228-1700

Milwaukee County Economic Support
414-289-6000

Congresswoman Gwen Moore
414-297-1140

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

Wisconsin Foreclosure Hotline
414-278-1240

Senator Russ Feingold
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Human Resources
608-264-8471

Medicaid
1-800-291-2002

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