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Just For Clarity!



Setting the Record Straight on the Issues

Q:The budget proposed streamlining the process for filing and review of discrimination cases in the Department of Workforce Development. Doesn't this save us money?

A:Yes, but a miniscule amount and it comes at the expense of justice by forcing the victims to file lawsuits, which cost lots of money.

4th Senate District



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR

WEEK OF MARCH 16 — MARCH 20

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.

Helpful Tips for Scheduling

We receive many requests to attend events, serve as guest speaker, or serve on panels. The most frequent request we receive in our office is to schedule a meeting with me. We are always happy to accommodate your requests when my schedule permits. In order to expedite your request, we need your help in providing us with as many details as possible about your event or meeting. For your convenience, we have developed an Event/Meeting Request form.



Please contact Deidra Edwards or Revelle Walls for the Event/Meeting Request form to complete. Please contact my office at 414-342-7176/608-266-5810 or sen.taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov. As always, I am here to serve!

Coming Soon: Electronic Scheduling and Media forms will be available on our website.

Taylor on the Web

In the year 2009, the embrace of technology is absolutely mandatory—especially for a state legislator. No longer can one hide from the power of the internet, blogs, and instant messaging. I pride myself on the effectiveness in which my staff and I communicate and connect with constituents. There is no better way to instantly communicate with a wide audience than through the use of social networking sites.



I am currently a member of Facebook, the popular social networking website that boasts over 175million users worldwide. Not to be out done by the tech savvy, I also have a Twitter account. Twitter, which allows users to “tweet” or give real-time updates of their status, whereabouts, and thoughts is a way to instantly communicate with a world that is growing smaller every single day. My motto is “here to serve” and it will remain unchanged. However, with the use of technology I am able to serve in a capacity as vast as cyberspace itself.

Etiquette & Networking



Office Politics

“Focus on getting a reputation for great execution in your current job. As you master those tasks, and take on bigger responsibilities, seek resources and support from your co-workers. Take responsibility when the team stumbles and share the credit when the team has a win.”

Legislatively Speaking!

ERRATA

Errata – a list of errors and their corrections inserted, usually on a separate page or slip of paper. When there are mistakes in the budget from what the governor intended to do, he issues an “errata” letter to correct the bill to reflect his intent.

Earn and Learn Program

The City of Milwaukee is seeing a downswing in crime and violence. Residents of Milwaukee should be proud!

To continue to keep this trend going, we make every effort to keep our teens busy throughout the summer months. For the past few years the City of Milwaukee has hosted a Summer Earn & Learn program, where hundreds of teens in Milwaukee are given an opportunity to gain work experiences throughout the city.

This year is no different. The city is currently looking for organizations that are interested in providing job opportunities for teens. Request for proposals for any organization interested in participating in this year's Earn & Learn Community Work Experience Program has been released, for a copy contact Cynthia Brown at 414-270-1714.

Proposals are due to the Milwaukee Area Workforce Development Board (MAWIB)- 2338 N. 27th St. Milwaukee, WI 53210 no later than 4:00pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Job slots are available to community, faith-based and private sector organizations.

Questions can be directed to Cynthia Brown, at 414-270-1714.



State Budget, Another Step Towards Completion

With the second step of a long journey, the state budget bill has moved closer to completion. This past week, the budget took its first true in-depth review by members of the Joint Committee on Finance. Certain agencies were selected by the committee to come and testify before the body about their budget provisions and what the impact on Wisconsin is. Agencies testifying before the committee this week included the Departments of Administration, Revenue, Corrections, Justice, Public Instruction, Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection, Natural Resources, among others.



Now that agency heads have briefed the committee, it is the public's turn to comment on the budget. The first of six public hearings begin Monday in Sparta. On Wednesday, the committee will be in the Milwaukee metro area at the State Fair Park in the Banquet Room for a public hearing. This is your opportunity to come and testify about things that you see in the state budget. The hearing will begin at 10am and last until the last person is heard. I hope you can make it.

The budget process is far from over and the state has some difficult choices to make about its spending priorities. In this process, I sincerely hope you voice your concerns or praise for the proposals. It is important that you register your opinion of the most important bill of the session.



The Week Ahead:

Saturday

-Prison Action Milwaukee

Sunday

-Movement for Immigration Reform luncheon

Monday

-Policy Preparation

Tuesday

-Senate in Session

Wednesday

-Joint Finance Committee Hearings

Thursday

-Committee Report on Joint Legislative Council

Friday

-Joint Finance

Quote of the Week

"I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it's for or against. "

Malcom X

Taylor Receives Legislator of the Year Award

I am honored to share with my friends and constituents an award of "Legislator of the Year" that I received from the Wisconsin Apartment Association - Rental Housing Legislative Council. The colorful presentation ceremony was held at the Best Western Inn on the Park in Madison and was witnessed by a large cross-section of the public comprising my legislative colleagues, friends and well-wishers. It was a culmination of the group's legislative lobby day at the State Capitol on March 18.

Earlier in the day, I had addressed the group in the Capitol in an interactive session. We shared ideas on issues important to them, especially in the areas of foreclosures, landlord-tenant relations, lead paint and other related public health and safety issues. As Chair of the Senate committee that oversees housing matters, I seized the opportunity to familiarize them of my goals and that of the committee for this biennium.

This "Legislator of the Year" award comes at a very critical time because it serves as a testimonial that one's spirited and passionate efforts to enable access to shelter, strengthen families and to provide a cleaner environment for our children have not gone unnoticed. Most importantly though, it helped me gain a better understanding of modern-day, best practices as it relates to the impact of residential rental business on economic and community development in our state. Please join me in saying a big "THANK YOU" to them!



Intern Spotlight!

Spring break is a greatly anticipated time of the year for our interns. It's a time for them to unwind and relax from their stressful studies and schedules. But for my office, it means we lose a substantial amount of assistance during this week. With almost all of our 16 interns out of the office, it makes it clear just how invaluable they truly are.

I would like to take a moment to thank the interns for all the work they do. You are appreciated so very much and you are an integral part of my work to serve the constituents of the 4th senate district. You are all very talented and I am grateful to have you on my team. Team Taylor!

I hope your break was enjoyable. You may be saddened by the thought of getting back to the grind, but let me say, I am greatly anticipating you all back in the office, in full force, on Monday!



Alan D. Charles
-Intern Manager-

"You've had your fun... But we are looking forward to having you back. Very soon!"

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Judiciary Committee:

<http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/sen04/news/J&C/>

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

Public Hearing: Strengthening WI Families

What: A Chance for the public to discuss foster care and child welfare.

When: Thursday, April 2nd, 2009
2:00-7:00 PM

Where: Holy Redeemer Education Complex.
3501 W. Mother Daniels Way
Milwaukee, WI 53209

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:Sen.Taylor@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

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