

**REPORT OF THE SENATE BUDGET
COMMITTEE**

2001-2003 BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET BILL

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Senate Budget Committee
Report
2001-2003 Budget
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The 2001-2003 Senate Budget Committee is a new committee created by the State Senate to create a more open budget process, allow additional public input and review of the two-year State budget. The Committee was directed to conduct informational hearings and submit a report to the State Senate.

Following the Joint Committee on Finance final vote on June 7, the Committee scheduled two public hearings in Cumberland on Monday, June 11 and the second in Verona on Tuesday, June 12. Each hearing was posted from 9:00 until 2:00.

A hallmark of Wisconsin Government has been the tradition of open Government that has made Wisconsin a national leader in innovation and governance. The establishment of this Committee reaffirms the commitment to open government and encourages greater citizen participation in the deliberative process.

Despite short notification about the hearings, over 300 citizens turned out to participate. In Cumberland 68 citizens testified and an additional 38 registered. In Verona 44 people testified and an additional 41 people registered. Both hearings lasted 5 hours. Numerous citizens were required to leave before they could testify so both hearings could have lasted much longer had all citizens been able to testify. A total of 46 written statements were submitted to the Committee.

"The Will of the People is the Law of the Land"

These hearings revealed a real life snapshot of the families of Wisconsin; parents, small business owners, retirees, disabled residents, health care workers, nursing home administrators, students, farmers, local government officials and educators. Many of them traveled a long distance to express their concerns and petition their State Government for a response.

These were exciting men and women from throughout Wisconsin who are working to help their neighbors, support their communities and make Wisconsin a better place to live. They love Wisconsin, are proud of our programs and see the Wisconsin way as the means to help every citizen succeed.

They didn't complain or whine. They respectfully expressed their concerns, identified problems and proposed solutions to make life better. They balance their checkbooks and many of them struggle to make ends meet but to a person, they look to their State Government to help reduce the burdens of their neighbors and improve the quality of life for all.

In many ways the message of these citizens was far different than some of the rhetoric in Madison. They did not complain about their taxes but saw a necessity for Government to invest more dollars to enhance Wisconsin, enrich our citizens and build a stronger future. They are concerned that citizens with the greatest needs will be harmed if the budget does not adequately address those needs. They are anxious about decisions that will burden their children, weaken our educational system, and further erode the partnership between State and local Governments.

These citizens have a personal stake in the budget decisions. The budget will deeply impact their lives but they have a deep and abiding faith that Wisconsin Government will make the prioritize their decisions to invest our resources to improve economic growth and raise the living standards for all Wisconsin families.

Many of these citizens are the caretakers of their communities. They invest their personal energy and resources to helping their families, their neighbors and the community grow. They want Wisconsin Government and the 2001-2003 budget to mirror their values and to reflect the priorities that mean so much in their personal lives.

GENERAL PRIORITIES

Generally, testimony reflected a desire for stronger investment to improve Wisconsin infrastructure and to strengthen individual opportunity.

Prescription drug assistance, independent living assistance, nursing home quality of care concerns, and community services for the elderly and disabled highlighted issues regarding community and family living concerns.

Flexibility from revenue controls, lack of funding for special education, and lower class size were frequently identified as critical to address the harmful effects of revenue controls that are hurting the quality of education in the State.

Helping Wisconsin prepare for the new economy and create higher incomes was the emphasis regarding the University of Wisconsin.

University students testified that freezing tuition assistance programs would increase the level of borrowing and make higher education more unaffordable.

Numerous individuals expressed deep concern about the growing tensions between State and Local Government and a weakening of the partnership that has resulted in an increase of property taxes to pay for unfunded State mandates.

Tobacco control advocates expressed concern about the crippling effects that proposed budget cuts to the tobacco control board would have on local tobacco control activities.

Problem gambling is devastating families across Wisconsin and members of Gamblers Anonymous advocated for a restoration of the Wisconsin Gambling Hotline.

Supporters of Vocational Education emphasized the importance of Wisconsin VTAE in preparing workers and assisting businesses but expressed concern for the lack of financial support from the State.

PROGRAM REQUESTS

“Retirees have worked their entire lifetime to provide for their families, their employers and their community. They have paid their taxes, fought in our wars and met their obligations to our society. They have spent their entire lifetime working for the betterment for others. They are known as the greatest generation. Why, therefore, must they only qualify for prescription drug assistance as though it is welfare?”

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS—Numerous citizens spoke in favor of SB-1, the Wisconsin-Care program as vitally necessary to assist moderate and middle-income seniors. All who testified are encouraged by joint finance committee decision but support additional funding as a top priority.

“For seniors, the first issue is prescription drugs...In fact, 90% of our members supported a state prescription drug program for seniors even if the program would require an increase in general taxes.” AARP testimony

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED—

- **Elder Abuse Funding**—*“Many of our elderly citizens are depriving themselves Of food, adequate housing and fuel because of a lack of funding for elderly Programs. They don’t pay taxes any longer and most will never benefit from income tax cuts but they will be hurt if these programs are not adequately funded.”*
Dale Bruhn—A caregiver for his wife who for 15 years has had Alzheimer’s
- **Community Service Support for Staff**---Francis Bicknell and others expressed concern that community service worker wages and benefits are not adequately addressed thereby jeopardizing the community services for the disabled who leave Institutions to live in the community. The CIP 1B rate will be increased but does nothing to help 5500 county supported CIP slots.

“Some counties such as Barron, Washburn, St. Croix, Sauk, Vernon and Dane put in county property tax dollars from 3-20 times the required State match to help these programs work. Counties have tried to do the right thing to save the State money but unfortunately at a cost to their local property taxpayers.

Ashland resident Tom Mitchell represented New Horizons North in Ashland to inform the committee of the prohibitive impact of escalating health care premiums.

"My health insurance premiums have increased from \$150 a month to \$600 a month for me and my two children. The disabled people I serve now make more money than I take home and they have better health coverage. Community support is a good idea and it is cheaper for the State than institutional care but many who currently provide these services can no longer afford to do so and still maintain support for their own families. I am concerned that the financial crises at New Horizons North could result in the loss of the non-profit business and a complete disintegration of the community based services in our area." Tom Mitchell

Assistive Living Services---John Nousaine and John Nudden Durst spoke of the needs of individual living centers for help in obtaining and promoting their assistive technology program for the disabled. He and others spoke eloquently of the cost effectiveness of such a program. Ben Barrett stated that previously he was a nursing home resident but now with the help of the Independent Living and Assistive Technology programs, he is able to live at home rather than a nursing home. Jeff Fox testified of his regular utilization of the equipment and that without additional state support, this resource might no longer be available for citizens in need.

Restoration of Gambling Hotline---

"We understand this state's budget shortfall but would like to point out that the elimination of the gambling assistance dollars will eliminate the only State program to assist problem gamblers." Randy Young

Several citizens expressed deep concern that the \$500,000 elimination of the gambling hotline would leave compulsive gamblers with no dedicated State program to offer them assistance. The hotline received 5,000 calls in the past year, a 32% increase from 1998. The average gambling debt was established at more than \$41,000, an increase of 46% since 1999.

NURSING HOME REIMBURSEMENT---Several persons testified regarding the current and future needs of state nursing homes and expressed concerns that inadequate reimbursement will lead to bankruptcy, nursing home closures and painful dislocation of many residents. Collectively, they pointed to the need to have the state assure long-term viability of the nursing home industry in order to ensure an aging population adequate long-term health care services.

"The future of nursing homes is bleak. In 1999 our home lost \$199,000 and in 2000 lost \$870,000. Our 2001 budget estimates a lost of \$368,000. This is a financial crises for all nursing homes and the Legislature and Governor are personally and politically accountable to take care of the most vulnerable residents in our society."

Frank Pascarella, Polk County Administrator

- **Intergovernmental Transfers**—Many speakers expressed concerns with Finance Committee action to reduce the IGT revenues dedicated to nursing home reimbursement by \$23 million. They are especially concerned with the decision to reduce the trust for future nursing home payments and put \$108 million in the general fund.

“Walworth County is one of the three participating counties assisting the State in claiming federal Medicaid funds through Intergovernmental Transfer. We wish to express our disappointment to use the funding to balance the State Budget rather than using it for long term care. Our willingness to bail out the State is now dampened by this diversion particularly after we were told that the money would be exclusively used for purposes related to the Medicaid program. We urge you to reconsider this action as we also are reassessing our own willingness to continue to transfer dollars to help the State.” Dave Brettl, Walworth County Administrator

Speakers also expressed hope that a compromise regarding labor regions could be achieved so that urban and rural areas might benefit from the changes.

Several speakers also expressed concern about the impact of State implementation of a Case-Mix payment system believing that the new system may be financially harmful to certain nursing homes.

STATE & LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS—breakdown in trust and unfunded mandates have led to burdens on local officials and taxpayers.

City, County and town officials all expressed growing frustration from the fiscal pressures and deep distrust that is growing because of the breakdown between the traditional partnership between State and local governments. Increased unfunded mandates are tying the hands of local officials and raising the local tax burden on property owners.

Myron Schuster testified on the shortfall of state revenues that pay for mandated programs. He particularly pointed to community aids, juvenile justice and court system as examples of where the state has shifted costs to the county rather than making the payments expected.

One member from Amery noted the loss of trust between the state and its counties. He pointed to broken promises with regard to gaming, jails, nursing homes and the kettl Commission. *“If a real partnership between the state and its counties were to be formed, it must be predicated upon the trust of both parties that each will support the other in times of need.”*

“The Juvenile Correction Institutions have increased their daily rates by 14% and neither the finance committee nor the Governor addressed the needs of the counties to pay for the increased costs. Out taxpayers must absorb these costs at the same time we are cutting important programs and services to the most needy in our communities.” Northeastern Wisconsin County Executives

The County officials also pointed out that Circuit Court needs were completely ignored and local officials continue to pay for statewide court programs. They expressed concern that the Kettle Commission recommendations to fully fund this state court system were ignored.

Town Road Aids—Several town officials attended both hearings to encourage an increase in transportation assistance to townships. Town officials are seeking \$1850 per mile through local road aids.

“for every dollar we receive from the State, the town taxpayers put up \$2. Nobody complains because we know the State is helping out and it is a good deal. Send the money. If you don’t, we can’t afford to keep our roads up for our people.”

William Bader, Richmond Township

- **Recycling Grants**—Several speakers encouraged greater revenues for recycling expressing concern that budget reductions would be harmful to local programs and expensive to local taxpayers. They encouraged a \$10 per ton landfill surcharge fee as a source of funding.

Shared Revenue—Municipal officials express deep concern about pending losses to many communities as a result of recent census and freezing of shared revenue payments. They are proposing a freeze on 2001 estimates to reconcile differences. In addition, they seek to freeze the formula to avoid harmful losses to many municipalities.

K-12 EDUCATION—Quality of education if being harmed and children are being hurt because of revenue controls and unfunded special education demands.

Numerous parents, teachers, and administrators identified a pressing need to have flexibility to meet special education needs and other unavoidable growing costs. All speakers warned of a growing split between children of special needs and able-bodied children because of a lack of funding for special education.

“I have never faced a more difficult year in education. I am forced to cut valuable programs to balance my budget and children are being hurt. I implore you to spend money on programs to help people and don’t want my tax cut.”

A mother of an autistic child testified in Verona and pleaded with the committee to assist her school because it is facing a large deficit. *“My school is facing a \$500,000 special education deficit because of the growing demands for special needs children and the cuts are pitting children with special needs against general education. I don’t want my \$33 tax cut but do want you to spend that money on education and helping children.”*

Small and Essential school initiative

Henry Lamkin, South Shore Superintendent told of the plight of the South Shore School District and pleaded with the committee for flexibility to keep his very geographically large school district doors open for two more years.

“My district is facing a real crises as a result of declining enrollments and the need to provide services to students spread over more than 300 square miles. The nearest school to the east is 42 miles, to the west 43 miles and our children are already on a bus for an hour and half each way. Two years ago, I closed a satellite school which was not a popular decision and revenue caps have now forced me to eliminate 25% of my teaching staff. If I must cut one more teacher, I will eliminate my math program.”

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Chancellors from UW River Falls and University of Wisconsin Extension along with Regent Fred Mohs urged the Legislature to adopt the Regents economic stimulus package to improve our workforce, assist Wisconsin businesses and help Wisconsin prepare for the new economy.

“Like my regent colleagues, I am very concerned about Wisconsin’s future economic outlook. We are facing a serious labor shortage in many “new economy” professions targeted by our economic stimulus package—engineering, business, biotechnology and computer and information sciences. State funding is tight and you will be making painful decisions in the coming days. Each decision you make is a choice to seize or forego opportunities that will determine Wisconsin’s future. Please consider the economic consequences of NOT investing in Wisconsin’s workforce on the state’s future revenue collections.” Regent Fred Mohs

“The UW’s economic stimulus package would address both our ability to produce a well-educated workforce, and our efforts to stimulate a healthy business education—the kind of engaged higher education that improves communities, stimulates commerce, and provides pathways to better jobs.”

Financial Aids—Restore financial assistance to meet tuition increases.

Students sought increases in Wisconsin Higher Educational Program, Advanced Opportunity Program and Lawton Undergraduate Minority Retention Program. They also opposed increased flexibility to Board of Regents for fear that it will lead to less State assistance and increased reliance on tuition to fund higher education.

David Dies testified on behalf of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities to encourage greater support for the Wisconsin Tuition Grant program.

"This is the most difficult budget in recent history but at a time when tuition increases are expected to average at least 5%, we cannot freeze tuition assistance and leave some students behind by pricing them out of the higher education marketplace."

TOBACCO PREVENTION PROGRAMS—Creation of Permanent Endowment to Reduce Tobacco Use in Wisconsin

Representatives of local tobacco coalitions talked of the success of comprehensive tobacco control activities and expressed concerns that budget cuts will severely hamper their abilities to reduce tobacco use in Wisconsin.

Jeff Melby of Columbia reminded the Committee that their County currently receives \$86,000 from the State but has \$11 million of Tobacco related health problems.

John Hasbeck of Dane County Public Health told the committee that a State restriction on local compliance checks has reduced the effectiveness of their program to reduce the sale of tobacco to minors.

"I am outraged that the tobacco money that was obtained from the Tobacco settlement to help people refrain from or quit smoking has been siphoned off to other programs. It angers me that the State is cutting the tobacco control budget when effective programs have just been implemented to help people. I am willing to give my tax cut back because I want the money spent to help people." Judy Omernick, Wausau.

"In Burnett County, we have established a comprehensive plan to target tobacco use in young people; to promote quitting among current smokers and to eliminate environmental exposure to tobacco smoke. We have just begun our work but the recent cuts to the Tobacco Control Board budget will cripple our ability to carry out these prevention efforts." Ruth Tripp, Siren

WISCONSIN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Speakers at both hearings informed the committee of budget pressures on vocational education districts that resulted in program cuts, staff lay-offs and waiting lists for popular programs. They emphasized the importance of vocational education in meeting workforce needs and the successful collaborative training programs with local businesses.

"We have 106 students currently on waiting lists to get into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. We desperately need three additional sections to help train nurses and address the nursing shortage in Wisconsin." Dave Hildebrandt, WITC

Speakers expressed worry that decreased funding for State aids to vocational education was driving up local property tax on homeowners. *“Failure to increase general aids doesn’t save taxpayers money, it only shifts the burden from the State general tax to the local property tax and these citizens are having a difficult time shouldering that burden.”*

Speakers sought increased funding for general state aids, capacity building grants, the e-tech initiative and special funding for limited fiscal capacity districts.

Great Lakes Forestry Museum—Jim Stoll spoke in favor of creating a Great Lakes Forestry Museum. He noted the wonderful educational impacts of the museum on our heritage and emphasized the importance to jobs and tourism. The community has been working on this project for years and they are eager to have a partnership similar to other museum projects around the state. They appreciated the finance decision to provide \$300,000 from the forestry account but are hopeful that Indian Gaming funds might be used to provide up to \$750,000 even though they were hopeful for a \$1 million grant.

Impartial Justice—Two speakers attended the Verona hearings to encourage public funding of Supreme Court elections. Funding suggestions included reduction of caucus budgets, luxury box sales tax in Miller Park and Lambeau Field and a sales tax on campaign expenditures for radio and TV ads.

Elimination of Caucuses—One speaker urged the elimination of funding of the caucuses to avoid using public dollars for campaign purposes.

Funding for the Arts—Several speakers encouraged the creation of an Arts Endowment. They applaud the initiative by finance to establish the license plate and establishment of an endowment but are hopeful for tax credit provisions covering contributions to the endowment.

County Sales Tax Option—Barron County Board Chair Arnold Ellison on behalf of his board is seeking additional ¼% sales tax to help county government pay for local programs and services. Growing demands and decreased state revenues are forcing county governments to dig deeper into the local taxpayer pocket to pay for mandated programs. In addition, new jail projects and other major building programs are necessary but severely stretching their ability to pay. County officials want the same options that are available to Miller Park and the Milwaukee Convention Center to help pay for local infrastructure projects.

“Wisconsin is a great place to live and we don’t appreciate our blessings of what we have. When there is a will to meet the needs of our citizens, there is a way.”

Bonding for Animal Health Lab—Several speakers testified at both hearings to express concern that failure to provide bonding for construction of the new facility in Madison will result in a loss of accreditation for the program. Though the

construction will not begin until 2003 (the next biannum) they are worried that officials may discredit Wisconsin because the bonding was part of an overall commitment that the State made to continue to the program.

Division of International & Export Services—Two speakers appeared to encourage the restoration of the funds to the Division. They stress that the Division provides valuable assistance to Wisconsin businesses, especially small and medium size companies in conducting worldwide economic activity.

Court Interpreters—Greg Moore spoke eloquently along with Gail Richardson to encourage more financial support for court interpreters. The existing pay plan of \$35 per diem is inadequate. The joint finance committee is even more inadequate. Competent court interpreters cost more than \$35 per day. Counties will be left with increased financial costs if this growing problem is not addressed.

“For heaven sake, don’t do a legislative council study because it just means longer delay.”

Cazenovia Dam—Two people spoke in support of the restoration of the Lee lake Dam. They emphasized strong local support and encouraged the funding to match the local contributions to save the dam.

On Taxes—112 persons testified at both hearings. Only 2 people expressed concern about high taxes. Most of the other citizens vigorously opposed the State rate cut this year that will average \$33.00 per person. Many vocally oppose the Federal tax cut and all who expressed a feeling on the issue encouraged government to spend the money on programs to help the elderly, the disabled and our children.

“In regard to the Income tax cut, I am proud to live here in Wisconsin. I know my taxes are higher here but I don’t care because we have a great State. We pay for it. I get something for my money here.” Janet Parr, Richland Center

Summary:

This report summarizes the testimony of citizens who attended the two public hearings on the budget. The large participation does demonstrate the public’s desire to influence the decision-making process. The people welcomed the opportunity to comment and each of the members were better informed of the public point of view regarding these many issues.

It is impressive that so many citizens would take the time and their participation strengthened the democratic process. Likewise, the public appreciates the willingness of all the committee members, who attended both hearings for their interest in listening to the public sentiment.

Cumberland public hearing 6-11-01

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