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Wasserman Flip-Flips on Frankenstein Veto

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MADISON – State Assemblyman Sheldon Wasserman (D-Milwaukee) was caught in a flip-flop when he voted for Senate Joint Resolution 5 (SJR5), a measure that would restrict the ability of the Governor to abuse his veto authority.

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But Wasserman voted against an identical bill, Assembly Joint Resolution 1 (AJR1) on February 1, 2007.

The failure of AJR 1, at the hands of Wasserman and Senate Democrats, ensured that Governor Doyle was able to abuse his veto power on the pending state budget. As a direct result, Governor Doyle was able to apply his “Frankenstein Veto” to nearly double the property tax levy rate from 2% to 3.86%.

Similarly, Governor Doyle abused his veto authority to increase state spending by \$427 million in the 2005 state budget.

The measure, if approved by voters at referendum, would eliminate the so-called “Frankenstein Veto” which allows the Governor to combine words and letters from unrelated sentences to create new sentences in the budget bill.

“Sheldon Wasserman needs to explain to voters why he flip-flopped and changed his vote for purely political purposes,” said Mark Jefferson, Executive Director of the Republican Party of Wisconsin. “Wasserman was clearly giving Jim Doyle one more opportunity to raise taxes and spending in the budget. He voted against it, before he voted for it, which allowed the Governor to double the property tax rate on Wisconsin citizens.”

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