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### **ERPENBACH STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR'S EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CALL**

*Senate Democrats Still Ready to Act on .08 Legislation*

Earlier today Governor Doyle called on the State Senate to hold an Extraordinary Session on .08 legislation. Without the Governor's signature on this legislation by July 15, the State of Wisconsin will lose \$3 million in incentive grant funding from the federal government.

The Governor included language in his budget bill pertaining to .08, but the majority Republicans chose to remove the item and act on it as separate legislation. At that point, the Assembly worked out an agreement with the federal government on .08. That agreement was not included in the finance version of the budget, nor was it included in the final version of the budget.

Assembly Bill 88 did see action in the Senate Transportation Committee last week, but the ballots seem to be missing. Senate Republicans adjourned session twice this past week and never called for a vote on Assembly Bill 88. The majority Republicans want this to pass, but for whatever reason don't want to go on record supporting this item.

An extraordinary session is not up to me or the rest of the Senate Democrats. If the Majority Leader chooses to call us into extraordinary session we'll be there. But, if we are called into this session only to suddenly adjourn, then it's a waste of everyone's time.

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