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ASSEMBLY REPUBLICANS UNVEIL 2006 AGENDA *Will Focus on Tax Relief, Jobs and Health Care*

MADISON – The state Assembly will be focused on tax relief, job growth and affordable health care in the coming weeks, Assembly Republicans announced on Monday.

“We need to do all we can to make Wisconsin an even better place to work, raise a family and retire. The Assembly GOP agenda will go a long way towards accomplishing those goals,” said Representative Steve Freese (R-Dodgeville).

“Job growth continues to get stronger, thanks to our efforts to cut taxes and streamline regulations in Wisconsin, but we need to build on our progress,” said Representative Debi Towns (R-Janesville). “We need to continue our efforts to make Wisconsin a great place to do business.”

Among the proposals likely to be taken up by the Assembly in 2006:

- Wisconsin Taxpayer Protection Act, to provide constitutional limits on government spending;
- Bills to end Wisconsin’s capital gains tax and death tax;
- A measure to provide incentives aimed at growing the bio-tech industry;
- A bill to retain and attract small engine manufacturers in Wisconsin by matching or bettering the research and development tax credits offered by neighboring states.

“Less government is a key to job growth and a strong economy. People throughout Wisconsin have called for their elected leaders to take action to control spending at all levels of government,” said Representative Mike Huebsch (R-West Salem). “It’s time their voices were heard and that taxes in this state are finally brought in line with the taxpayers’ ability to pay.”

Representative Brett Davis (R-Oregon) said health care costs continue to rise for Wisconsin’s working families, and that the Assembly will take up bills aimed at making the health care system more affordable while making it easier for consumers to make informed decisions.

“We’ll pass reforms that will allow patients greater access to information about the cost and quality of health care and easier access to information about their doctors,” Davis said. “Health care decisions are often difficult and stressful. They are also some of the most important decisions people will ever make, so we need to ensure patients have the information they need.”

Davis said the Assembly will also pass bills to provide incentives to attract new physicians to underserved areas of Wisconsin.

“These are common sense measures to improve our health care system, and that’s why they’ll have strong public support,” Davis said.

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