

PRESS STATEMENT

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Vos-Evers Budget – An Orgy in Spending

Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) issued the following statement in regards to the 2025-27 biennial budget vote today and some key reasons that he will be voting NO:

"The Vos-Evers budget deal can only be described as on orgy of spending designed by two leaders that probably won't be here to deal with the financial mess it will create in the 2027-29 biennium.

Speaker Vos and Governor Evers agreed to a 15% increase in spending over the biennium. The proposed All Funds spending will be \$114.3 billion.

Remember the \$4.3 billion one-time surplus that many legislators promised to return to taxpayers. Oops, those same legislators spent nearly all of that one-time money on ear-marks in their districts and funding for special interests.

K-12 education funding will increase by about 8% on top of the nearly \$750 million in property tax increases authorized by the Governor's 400-years veto. Missing from this budget are any reforms aimed at improving the academic performance of students.

Not satisfied with just spending the cash-on-hand, the Vos-Evers budget will dramatically increase bonding by borrowing \$3.2 billion (All Funds). The highest levels in a decade for the state.

The UW System will receive the largest injection of taxpayers' dollars in nearly two decades. This decision comes only one week after state auditors pointed out the significant decrease in UW System enrollment and the massive increase in administrative positions since 2014.

Over the next few weeks, I will update taxpayers with even more outrages found in the Vos-Evers orgy of spending, also known as the 2025-27 biennial budget."

-End-"In God We Trust"