

Two Worlds Apart: The Capitol and the Great River Road

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The contrast between the frenzy in the Capitol on the state budget and Foxconn and the slow pace of life along the Great River Road in western Wisconsin is great, but the decisions made in Madison will significantly influence people's lives in western Wisconsin.

MADISON, WI - "Oh, my gosh," I said to the Senate page. "I need that book." The 'book' was a 744-page binder written by the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB) detailing, in plain language, the decisions in the massive state budget.

Knowing what was in the binder was critical to making an informed vote on the state budget. However, there was no time. The binder showed up in my office just as the Senate was about to go into session to debate a \$3 billion dollar deal for Foxconn.

