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MADISON - Gov. **Scott Walker** would sign a bill repealing the state's prevailing wage law if it passes the Legislature, his spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Laurel Patrick made the comments as the Assembly labor committee heard testimony on a repeal bill, which the committee later approved 5-4.



Rep. **Andre Jacque** (R-De Pere), chairman of the committee, said he decided to schedule the Wednesday public hearing and vote a little more than 24 hours in advance so the measure could be considered by the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) as it drafts the last pieces of the state budget this week. Jacque said he would also support the measure as a standalone bill.

Jacque had to rush the hearing and vote to cram the measure before JFC as it finishes the budget. Rep. **John Spiros** (R-Marshfield), joined Democrats in voting against the measure, saying few of his constituents supported the repeal and he thought reforming the program would be preferable to repealing it.

"The people in my district weren't hitting me on the back about this. This isn't a top issue — it's not even in the top 100," Spiros said.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) said Jacque's "stunt" would not win a floor vote nor budget inclusion, "I don't think Andre worried about anybody else; I think he thought about what he wanted."



Vos said he has discussed reforming the state's prevailing wage law with Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau. Legislators are still negotiating whether they would include reform in the state budget, Vos said. Both have said they don't have the votes to repeal the prevailing wage.

According to WisPolitics, Green Bay Radio Host **Jerry Bader** in Right Wisconsin blog **panned Walker's absence**
on the issue, "Pains me as it does to say this, in this term he appears to be, well, leading from behind ... Taking a definitive stance on this issue, one way or the other, including whether he would sign or veto a bill, would all but end the current insurrection ... There is a complete meltdown among the players in the huddle and Walker isn't even on the sideline. He's mingling with the talent scouts in the crowd, telling them about how great the last victory was and why he deserves a promotion to a bigger league."