

MADISON - A recap of this week's events "Under the Dome"

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**February 15, 2019**

Both the Assembly and Senate were in session this week to take up a GOP spending plan that jeopard

Additionally, the Black Legislative Caucus introduced a resolution proclaiming February as Black Histo

On Wednesday this week, Governor Evers announced initiatives that will be included in the state budg

**What Democrats Are Saying**

- Rep. Hesselbein (D-Middleton): Middleton and Dane County officers nominated for state Assembly 'Hometown Heroes' award.
- Sen. Smith (D-Eau Claire): Introduces Voter Protection Act as his first bill.
- Rep. Spreitzer (D- Beloit) And. Sen. Ringhand: (D- Evansville) propose lame duck limits.
- Rep. Pope (D-Mt. Horeb): Appointed to Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality.
- Rep. Gruszynski (D-Green Bay) Appointed to water quality task force: Calls for science-based policymaking and stakeholder participation to confront Wisconsin's water quality crisis.
- Rep. Anderson (D-Fitchburg): Wisconsin must stop the bleeding.
- Rep. Shankland (D-Stevens Point): Named Vice-Chair of water quality task force.
- Rep. Sargent. (D-Madison): Recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.
- Rep. Neubauer (D-Racine): Governor Evers joins U.S. Climate Alliance .
- Rep. Neubauer (D-Racine): Stand with the Black Caucus in recognizing Black History Month.
- Rep. Myers (D-Racine): Statement regarding AJR-8.
- Rep. Brostoff (D-Milwaukee): Statement in support of Colin Kaepernick's achievements.
- Rep. Shankland (D-Stevens Points): Thanks Governor Evers for including clean water initiatives in budget.
- Legislative Black Caucus: Releases statement on passing of AJR-8 designating February Black History Month
- Rep. Considine (D-Baraboo): Rep. Considine Reacts to Passage of AB 4
- Rep. Zamarripa (D- Milwaukee): Statement on the GOP Spending Plan
- Rep. Taylor (D- Madison): Republicans' Reckless Spending Once Again Endangers the People's Priorities
- Sen. Smith (D-Eau Claire): Part Two: Water is Prosperity
- Rep. Considine (D-Baraboo): Rep. Considine Introduces Legislation Honoring Local Hero
- Rep. Subeck (D-Madison): Representative Lisa Subeck Calls on Senate Republicans to Follow Assembly Lead and Remove Yom Kippur from Legislative Session Calendar
- Rep. Shankland (D-Stevens Point): Wisconsin Assembly Democrats: 2019: The Year of Clean Drinking Water- Democratic Weekly Radio Address
- Sen. Erpenbach (D-Middleton): Statement on the GOP Spending Bill

- Sen. Shilling (D-La Crosse): Statements on passage of AB-4
- Sen. Wirch (D-Somers): Statement on passage of AB-4
- Sen. Taylor (D-Milwaukee): Refutes GOP's censorship of Black History honorees .
- Sen. Erpenbach (D-Middleton): Column: The GOP spending bill hurts Wisconsin.
- Rep. Taylor (D-Madison): On the anniversary of Parkland massacre, Democratic state lawmakers relaunch Wisconsin Coalition for Gun Safety.
- Rep. Meyers (D-Bayfield): Red Cliff Police Department receives grant to fight drug trafficking.

**Democratic Proposals**

LRB1649- **Ensure unemployment benefits for federal workers** (Sen. Taylor and Rep. Hebl): This bill will ensure

LRB1152 - **Prohibiting the assembly and senate from passing certain bills following** (Rep. Quinn and Sen. Risser): This memo

LRB1058- **Prohibiting GPS Monitoring for Truancy Cases** (Rep. Sinicki and Sen. Taylor): This memo specifies which offenses can

LRB1404- **Voter Protection Act** (Sen. Smith, Sen. Miller, and Sen. Hansen): Comprehe

LRB 1811- **Proclaiming February 2019 Black History Month** (Sen. Taylor, Sen. Johnson, Rep. Crowley, Rep. Myers

LRB 0725- **SSG Daniel Busch Memorial Highway** (Rep. Horlacher, Sen. Erpenbach, Rep. Plumer, Sen. C

**This Week in the Senate**

**Senate Session**

The Senate this week took up the Republican tax cut bill, which would add $490 million to the state's d
National School Choice Week
American Heart Month
, and R
Black History Month

Also in the Senate this week, the Republicans passed a tax plan- which benefits large corporations and
Assembly Bill 4

**Senate Committees**

**Senate Committee on Economic Development, Commerce and Trade**

The committee held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 13th on the following

- Senate Bill 15 : Relating to new internship grants and making an appropriation.
- Senate Bill 16 : Related to career and technical education incentive grants and making an appropr
- Senate Bill 17 : Related to workforce training grants for seminars in high-demand fields to teach

**Study Committees**

Legislative Council Study Committee on Child Placement and Support

The committee held a Study Meeting on Monday, February 11th to discuss bill d

**Joint Committees**

Joint Legislative Council

The committee held an Executive Session on Wednesday, February 13th where it rec

**This Week in the Assembly**

**Assembly Session**

The Assembly conducted a session on Tuesday, February 12th, passing the Republican a

The Assembly also passed several resolutions including AJR2, AJR4, AJR6
AJR8

The entire floor session calendar can be found here

**Assembly Committees**

There were no committee meetings held this week.

**Next Week in the Legislature**

**Senate Committees**

Committee on Agriculture, Revenue, and Financial Institution

The committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 19th on the following

- Peter Barca: Secretary Designee of the Department of Revenue
- Kathy Blumenfeld: Secretary Designee of the Department of Financial Institutions
- Brad Pfaff: Secretary Designee of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection,
- Senate Bill 12 : Eliminating deductions for moving expenses for businesses that move out of the s
- Senate Bill 13 : Notification of changed property tax assessment for agricultural land.
- Senate Bill 14 : An income and franchise tax credit for paid interns and making an appropriation.

Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection

The committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 19th on the following

- Joel Brennan: Secretary Designee of the Department of Administration
- Senate Bill 4 : Relating to motor vehicle immobilization devices
- Senate Bill 19 : Relating to: terminology changes for those with an intellectual disability in administ

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

The committee will hold a public hearing on:

- Kevin Carr: Secretary Designee of Corrections

**Assembly Committees**

Committee on Education

The committee will hold a public hearing on February 21st on an update on education from the Departme

**Joint Committees**

Committee for Review of Administrative Rules

The committee will hold a public hearing and executive session on Thursday, Februa

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