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

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

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

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](#)

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- [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 residing in Wisconsin** (Sen. Smith, Sen. Miller, and Sen. Hansen): Comprehensive bill to ensure that federal workers residing in Wisconsin are eligible for unemployment benefits.
- LRB1152 - **Prohibiting the assembly and Senate from passing and enacting bills following a budget impasse** (Rep. Crowley, Rep. Myers, Rep. Plumer, and Rep. Taylor): A bill to prohibit the assembly and the senate from passing and enacting any bills following a budget impasse.
- LRB1058- **Prohibiting GPS Monitoring for Traffic Cases** (Rep. Taylor, Rep. Plumer, and Rep. Crowley): A bill that specifies which offenses can be monitored by GPS tracking devices.
- LRB1404- **Voter Protection Act** (Sen. Smith, Sen. Miller, and Sen. Hansen): Comprehensive bill to protect voters from voter ID laws that are not constitutionally sound.
- LRB 1811- **Proclaiming February 2019 Black History Month** (Rep. Crowley, Rep. Myers, Rep. Plumer, and Rep. Taylor): A bill to proclaim February 2019 as Black History Month.
- LRB 0725- **SSG Daniel Busch Memorial Highway Bill** (Sen. Erpenbach, Rep. Plumer, Sen. Crowley, and Rep. Taylor): A bill to rename a highway in honor of SSG Daniel Busch.

This Week in the Senate

Senate Session

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The Senate this week took up the [National Republican Tax Plan](#), which would add \$490 million to the state's debt, and R

[Heart Month](#)

[Black History Month](#)

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

Senate Committees

[Senate Committee on Economic Development, Commerce and Trade](#)

The committee held a [Public Hearing](#) on Wednesday, February 13 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 appropriation.
- [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](#)

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The committee held a [Study Meeting](#) on Monday, February 1st

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Joint Committees

[Joint Legislative Council](#)

The committee held an [Executive Session](#) on Wednesday, February 13th

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This Week in the Assembly

Assembly Session

The Assembly conducted [Assembly Bill 4](#) which benefits the state, February 12th and passing the Republican

The Assembly also passed [AJR3](#) relating to unions which [AJR6](#) related to February 2019 as [AJR4](#) relating to

[AJR6](#)

[AJR8](#)

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The entire floor session [calendar](#) can be found

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 [public hearing](#) on Tuesday, February 19 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](#)

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The committee will hold [public hearing](#) on Tuesday, February 19 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 adminis

[Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety](#)

The committee will hold [public hearing](#) on:

- Kevin Carr: Secretary Designee of Corrections

Assembly Committees

[Committee on Education](#)

The committee will hold [public hearing](#) on February 21st on an update on education from the Department

Joint Committees

[Committee for Review of Administrative Rules](#)

The committee will hold [public hearing](#) and [executive session](#) on Thursday, Februa

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