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Rep. Robert Wittke Statement: Special Session Assembly Bill 1 Unemployment Insurance

“Today marks 307 days since Wisconsin was shuttered and workers were left unemployed through no fault of their own.

For all of these days, and more, Governor Evers has the ability to initiate a new IT system for unemployment insurance processes. He did nothing. The Governor and his administration has access to funds – federal and state; and can expedite a proposal, or even ask the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) for supplemental funds. He did nothing.

Special Session Assembly Bill 1 (SSAB1) will require the Department of Workforce Development to work with the Department of Administration to get the IT system update started, require the use of federal funds before using state funds for the project, require oversight by the JFC, exempt the one week waiting period through March 14 to save more than a million dollars per week to the state, and an amendment approved will protect businesses, schools and local governments from frivolous lawsuits.

Now is the time to clear the unemployment back log once and for all. Unfortunately, the governor likes to use the outdated computer system as an excuse for the massive backlog of UI claims.

The bill goes to the governor for his action – let’s hope he’ll act soon.”

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Representative Wittke represents Wisconsin’s 62nd Assembly District which includes a portion of the City of Racine, the Village of Caledonia, North Bay, Raymond, Wind Point, and the Town of Norway.