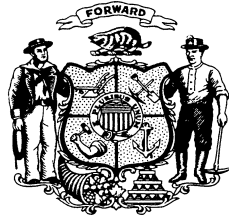


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JFC Co-Chairs Respond to Evers’ Phony Call for Special Meeting

MADISON, WI – The Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) and Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) made the following statement in response to Governor Evers attempting to call the committee into a special meeting:

“Governor Evers has tried this before and he is, once again, playing politics. As was the case four years ago, the Governor has no authority to call the committee into a meeting. According to the nonpartisan Legislative Reference Bureau, ‘The governor may call a meeting of JCF but may not require the JCF cochairpersons to convene any meeting, require JCF to consider any matter, or compel any member to attend that meeting.’

“If Governor Evers were serious about addressing PFAS contamination and supporting healthcare in the Chippewa Valley, he would have signed the bills the Legislature sent him to alleviate these issues. Instead, he vetoed legislation that would have created the programs to mitigate PFAS; and he used his line-item veto to open funding intended for the emergency healthcare services in Chippewa Valley to any of 18 counties in western Wisconsin. Governor Evers failed the people of Wisconsin, not the Legislature.

“As referenced by our [letter](#) last week, there continues to be a legal risk if the JFC undermines the legislative intent of bills vetoed by the Governor, which is a risk we will not take.”

A memo from the nonpartisan Legislative Reference Bureau can be found [here](#).

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