

## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

# CAPITOL UPDATE

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### WCC Issue Brief on 2007-2009 Budget

As noted in our last Update, Joint Finance Committee's public hearings on the Governor's state budget ([SB-40](#)) will begin at the end of March. In preparation for these hearings, the WCC has produced an [Issue Brief](#) to help Catholics advocate on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable. The Issue Brief covers four main areas: programs for the needy, ethical stem cell research, criminal justice reform, and homeless shelters.

The Joint Finance Committee's six public hearings on the biennial state budget will be in the following cities:

<b>Milwaukee</b>	10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20.
<b>De Forest Area</b>	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21.
<b>Chippewa Falls</b>	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27.
<b>Prairie du Chien</b>	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 4.
<b>Rhineland</b>	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 11.
<b>Green Bay</b>	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12.

Specific facility locations for each hearing will be released in the near future.

### Catholics at the Capitol Near Capacity

If you are planning to attend *Catholics at the Capitol* on March 13, but still have not registered, please call our office (608-257-0004) as soon as possible to register. Our attendance numbers are the highest they have ever been and we may be forced to turn late registrants and walk-ins away.

## Upcoming Hearings of Interest

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## New Bills of Interest

[SB 51 HEALTH CARE](#) (Miller) Establishes a publicly-financed health care system for Wisconsin residents. To Health and Human Services.

[AB 94 HEALTH CARE](#) (Benedict) Establishes a publicly-financed health care system for Wisconsin residents. To Health and Healthcare Reform.

## Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml>

- Who are my legislators

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/leginfo.html>

- 2007-08 Session Schedule
- Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
- Senate and Assembly Daily Floor Calendar

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