

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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Budget Update

On Monday, the Assembly voted 53-44 to reject Governor Doyle's budget. Fifty votes are needed to pass a budget. Talks are continuing to resolve the current impasse.

Disposition of Human Remains

[Assembly Bill 305](#) (Rep. Samantha Kerkman, R-Burlington) would allow individuals to voluntarily sign a standardized form in which they designate a specific individual to attend to the disposition of their remains. The WCC worked with the author and with Representative Sheryl Albers (R-Reedsburg) to clarify the role of clergy as designated agents. This was accomplished with the introduction of Assembly Amendment 5. Now that the issue of clergy designees has been resolved, the WCC has no reservations with the bill. The full Assembly is expected to support the passage of AB 305 with the language of Amendment 5.

New Bills of Interest

[AB-544](#). **Human Trafficking** (Jeskewitz) Prohibits human trafficking. *To Criminal Justice.*

[SB-283](#). **Alzheimer's Care Facilities** (Darling) Regarding residential care facilities that treat and care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. *To Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy.*

[SB-288](#). **Cemetery Authorities** (Plale) Makes a number of changes in laws regulating cemetery authorities, associations and merchandise. *To Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.*

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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