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Statement by Senate Majority Leader Miller and Senator Cullen *Announcement of Additional Committee Assignments*

Madison - Senate Democrats continued their roll-out of committee assignments today by adding two new committees. Senate Majority Leader Mark Miller (D-Monona) cited two issues that were left unfinished this session as the impetus for the committees.

"Our caucus wants to address two important job issues left undone this session - mining and venture capital," said Miller.

The Special Committee on Mining will continue the work started on this issue earlier this year and will be chaired by Senator Tim Cullen (D-Janesville). Senator Bob Jauch (D-Poplar) will be the Vice-Chair.

"Senator Cullen and Senator Jauch were key figures trying to pass a bipartisan and responsible mining bill this year," said Miller.

Additionally, the Committee on Small Business and Venture Capital will be chaired by Cullen.

"I thank Senator Miller for sticking with this and resolving it. I'm very pleased with these committee assignments. They fit with all the big issues I'm up here to work on. We need a responsible mining bill. I believe we need venture capital to infuse into start-up companies and people with ideas for new goods and services but don't have the capital to move quickly to get those to market," said Cullen.

"Venture capital is important to job growth in Wisconsin and many legislators on both sides of the aisle would like to see this issue addressed. Senator Cullen's experience working with members on both sides of the aisle will be a tremendous asset to getting something done on this issue," said Miller.

Cullen will also be the Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Revenue, Tax Fairness and Insurance, as well as a member of the Transportation Projects Commission.



“Senator Cullen is a valued member of our caucus by virtue of his experience both inside and outside the capitol. I am pleased to welcome him back so we can focus on getting people back to work. There is no excuse for Wisconsin to be lagging the rest of the country in job creation. In addition to the committees which focus on job creation opportunities in the future, Democrats are willing to work with Republicans on short-term measures to create jobs sooner rather than later,” said Miller.

“I’m pleased to rejoin the caucus. I feel wanted and appreciated. Senator Miller has given me a lot of work to do, and I am eager to get started,” said Cullen.

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