

## **GARD NAMES ASSEMBLY FINANCE TEAM Kaufert to Return as Assembly Co-Chair**

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**MADISON...**Assembly Speaker John Gard (R-Peshtigo) today named the Assembly Republican members of the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance. Gard called the representatives a strong team capable and willing to take the lead in meeting the state's fiscal challenges.

"As we head into another tough state budget, we are going to need a strong team on the Joint Committee on Finance," said Gard. "Each of our Assembly Republican committee members brings the kind of background and skills to the table that will be necessary to meet the challenge of shaping our next state budget."

Gard announced that Rep. Dean Kaufert (R-Neenah) would return as Assembly Co-Chairman of the committee. Joining Kaufert would be:

- Rep. Dan Meyer (R-Eagle River)
- Rep. David Ward (R-Jefferson)
- Rep. Kitty Rhoades (R-Hudson)
- Rep. Jeff Stone (R-Greendale)
- Rep. Scott Jensen (R-Waukesha)

The only Assembly Republican member of the Finance Committee not returning from last legislative session is Representative Mike Huebsch (R-West Salem), who was elected Assembly Majority Leader this week.

Gard said this team shared his vision for the upcoming legislative session and would work hard to make that vision a reality.

"Every member of this committee understands that a strong, growing economy is the key to a stable state budget condition. We need to make Wisconsin's economy more competitive and creating jobs has to be job one," said Gard. "I am counting on this team to help achieve these goals by lowering the state's tax burden, freeing up the creative power of our entrepreneurs, and making Wisconsin government smaller, smarter and less expensive to the taxpayer."

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