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GOP Weekly Radio Address: Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality

Madison...In this week's GOP radio address, the Chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality, Rep. Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville), talks about the process of gathering information from experts, groups and citizens and turning recommendations in a package of bills as a first step of a long-term commitment.

I'm Representative Todd Novak from Dodgeville. The Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality put forward its recommendations this week. As chair of the task force, I'm proud that we held 14 public hearings around the state. We received input from 70 stakeholder groups and heard testimony from hundreds of citizens. It's been an unprecedented, bipartisan effort.

The task force was created last February after Representative Travis Tranel and I requested its creation. After 11 months, it's clear there isn't one easy solution to the complex water issues affecting the different regions of the state. But by working together, we can and will make a difference.

The task force is putting forward 13 bills. It includes the creation of a state office on water quality, investments in county conservation departments and assistance for farmers to implement conservation practices. Wisconsin is blessed with an abundant supply of water. And it's important that we ensure our water is clean and safe for future generations. I believe these bills are a step in the right direction.

But they're only the beginning of a long-term commitment that must involve innovation and bipartisan cooperation.

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