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**Republicans reject accountability,  
requiring senators show up for special sessions**

(MADISON)—Today, Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement regarding Republicans’ rejection of an amendment to the Senate Rules which would have provided accountability for attendance during special sessions.

“Yesterday, as the Senate Rules were brought up for modification during session, I offered an amendment that would have created a standard of accountability for the State Senate. The amendment would have required a roll call in order to convene a special session of the legislature, the names of those present would be documented, and special sessions would not be allowed to adjourn unless a quorum of the members in that chamber were present.

“We have seen numerous occasions where Governor Evers has called a special session of the state legislature to address critical issues impacting our state, only to have the Republican members of the legislature fail to show up. Instead the Republicans gavel into session, and then out again within seconds.

“Republicans have repeatedly not bothered to show up for work to do the job they were elected to do. Yet many Republicans still claimed per diems for those days even though they refused to show up for special sessions. This is at the same time when Republicans are calling workers lazy for collecting unemployment, and saying they need to go back to work.

“My amendment yesterday would have required a higher level of accountability from the legislature, making sure that members show up to do their jobs. The Republicans rejected the amendment without any Senator offering their reasoning as to why.”

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