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Statement from Senator Breske on SB28

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“I worked with Joe Hovel from Partners in Forestry for five long years to get this legislation put in place. Joe took notice of a loophole in the one and two family dwelling building codes that would not allow homes to be built with locally sawn, un-graded lumber.”

“Joe and I also worked with Terry Mace from the Department of Natural Resources to craft Senate Bill 28. Terry testified that this local lumber is likely of higher quality and strength than the graded boards. We also spoke with Robert Govett at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point to confirm our information. It was with Mr. Mace’s and Mr. Govett’s help that we crafted the Assembly amendment to the bill which requires education and testing in order for a miller to certify the lumber they saw. The Wisconsin Builders Association expressed concerns when the Assembly considered the bill and this amendment appeased those issues”.

“I am very pleased to see this bill get to the Governor. Senate Bill 28 was introduced on February 7, 2007 – at the very beginning of the session – and finally passed on the last day of the 2007-2008 legislative session. It is a simple, common sense proposal that should have been law a long time ago”.

“I have not yet confirmed with the Governor when or where the bill signing will take place, but there is no doubt that Joe and I will be there at his side when it happens.”