



Tuesday Morning Memo

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WILL HE OR WON'T HE?

No, this has nothing to do with Brett Favre. Speculation about Tommy Thompson challenging Russ Feingold in this fall's election for United States Senate has really heated up in recent weeks. The Democratic Party of Wisconsin has sent out a press release criticizing Thompson. A former Thompson aide has registered the domain name, tommy2010.org. Related news articles can be found on The Arc-Wisconsin website at: <http://www.arc-wisconsin.org>.

STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE

- **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**

Although the Senate Education Committee held a public hearing on the proposal, a committee vote has not been scheduled. The current legislative session ends on April 22. Advocates should consider contacting their legislators to ask them to urge Sen. John Lehman (D-Racine) to schedule a committee vote on, SB 468, the Senate version of the PBIS proposal. Also, advocates may wish to contact Rep. Sony Pope-Roberts (D-Middleton) to urge her, as chair of the Assembly Education Committee, to hold a public hearing on AB 682, the Assembly version of PBIS (SB 468 and AB 682 are identical proposals). Below are some links that might be helpful.

http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt_and_politics/article_6ef6e24e-29a0-11df-b51d-001cc4c002e0.html

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/w3asp/commpages/IndividualCommittee.aspx?COMMITTEE=Education&HOUSE=Senate>

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/w3asp/commpages/IndividualCommittee.aspx?COMMITTEE=Education&HOUSE=Assembly>

- **SB 491**

This proposal relates to requirements of Aging and Disability Resource Centers to provide information about self-directed service options. The proposal passed the Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation on a 5-0 vote last week. For details on this proposal, go to:

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/SB491hst.html>

- **SB 494**

This proposal would allow certain non-profit corporations to operate Aging and Disability Resource Centers. This proposal also passed the Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation on a 5-0 vote last week. For details on this proposal, go to:

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/SB494hst.html>

As we near the end of the current legislative session, there will likely be a flurry of legislative activity. The Arc-Wisconsin will continue to provide brief updates on any legislative action related to developmental disability issues.