

Sen. Randy Hopper (R-18, Fon du Lac)

Sen. Hopper was first elected to the Senate in 2008. He was unopposed in the primary and faced Democratic opposition in the 2008 general election from Jessica King. He was narrowly elected by a 131-vote margin.

Political Action Committee Donations:

Hopper Took An Astounding \$55,000 In Special Interest PAC Money Since The 2008 Cycle

That special interest money includes \$750 from KochPAC, \$1,500 from Pfizer, \$1,000 from Wal-Mart's WAL-PAC, and \$1,500 from WI Energy Better Government Committee. [Wisconsin Democracy Campaign: PAC Contributions, Accessed [03/03/11](#)]

Hopper On The Walker Budget:

Hopper Said Eliminating Collective Bargaining Was An Investment In Wisconsin.

The Fon du Lac Reporter also quoted from the statement on this topic:

I, along with my Republican colleagues, will prove to the State of Wisconsin that this bill was not an assault on public employees, but rather an investment. An investment to help Wisconsin prosper; an investment I know our children and grandchildren will one day appreciate.

This will take time, but I am confident that we will move Wisconsin forward. We will stand united, not as public versus private employees, but as citizens of Wisconsin. [Fond du Lac Reporter, 02/17/11]

Hopper Argued That All Labor And Bargaining Issues Had A Fiscal Impact.

In a February 2011 sit down with the editorial board at the Oshkosh Northwestern, Hopper claimed that all bargaining issues had a fiscal impact and should not be separated from the rest of the budget repair bill. The Northwestern wrote, "Hopper, a member of the Senate joint finance committee, said he believes all issues bargained for by unions have a fiscal impact and need to be part of a budget bill rather than broken out for separate consideration." [Oshkosh Northwestern, 02/22/11]

Hopper Wanted To Force More Union Concessions Than The Budget Repair Bill Did.

In a February 2011 sit down with the editorial board at the Oshkosh Northwestern, Hopper claimed that forcing other concessions from unions after bargaining rights were stripped could save even more money. The Northwestern wrote:

"At the end of the day we are broke. That's the thing. We are broke. No more cosmetic fixes, no more one time budget fixes," he said. "(Eliminating most) collective bargaining is the root of what will fix the fiscal state of Wisconsin."

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Hopper said he believes the public sector could save even more through removing collective bargaining on everything but wages by forcing changes to overtime pay,

leave benefits, teacher tenure and other commonly bargained issues. He said he could not quantify how much more might be saved. [Oshkosh Northwestern, 02/22/11]

Hopper Votes Against Workers:

Hopper Voted For SB11, The So-Called ‘Budget Repair’ Bill.

SB11, a bill Walker signed, would still allow state, municipal and school workers to bargain over their wages, but any raises beyond the rate of inflation would require a voter referendum. The repeal of most collective bargaining would not apply to unions representing local police, firefighters and State Patrol troopers. The law would require public employees to pay more for pensions and health insurance, give Walker broad authority over health care programs for the poor and turn 37 civil service jobs into political appointments. But unlike an earlier version, the bill passed by the Assembly wouldn't authorize the sale of state power plants or a \$165 million refinancing of state debt. On March 9, 2011, Hopper voted for final passage of the bill as it passed the Senate 18-1 with every Democrat missing the vote. [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [3/11/11](#); Wisconsin Legislative Record, January Special Session, [AB11, 2011](#); Senate Vote 112 ([pdf](#))]

Hopper Is Out Of Touch With The Mainstream:

Hopper Tried To Roll Back Prevailing Wage Laws.

In 2009, Senator Hopper co-sponsored a bill to eliminate expansions to Wisconsin prevailing wage laws, which included expanding the applicability to publicly funded private construction projects. [Wisconsin Legislative Record, [SB696, 2010](#)]