

Dear Local 2748 Member,

As you have seen in the media today, legislative action has ended on our contract. Yesterday afternoon, during the Joint Committee on Employment Relations, all Democrats including Russ Decker voted to move our contracts forward. The contracts then went to the Assembly for action and were approved on a Vote of 48 to 47. Then the contracts went to the Senate, where the motion failed on a tie Vote of 16 to 16. Two Democrats joined all 14 Republican Senators to vote no. The two Democrats who voted no were Russ Decker (Wausau) and Jeff Plale (S. Milwaukee).

Given yesterday's outcome, we are faced with going back to the bargaining table with the incoming administration. It will now be up to the Walker Administration to bring the parties back to the bargaining table.

We need to stand up and be proud of the jobs we all perform. We cannot allow ourselves to be scapegoats during these difficult economic times.

As more information is available, we will provide relevant updates. Attached is the link to the Council 24 Website, where periodic updates are posted.

<http://wseu-24.org/>

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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