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## Senate Committee on Energy, Biotechnology, and Consumer Protection Begin 2011-2012 Session



The Senate Committee on Energy, Biotechnology, and Consumer Protection is chaired by Senator Robert Cowles. This committee oversees all legislation relating to energy, biotechnology and consumer protection issues.

Senator Cowles was first elected to the Senate in April 1987, and has been reelected since 1988. The other members on the committee are Senators Dan Kapanke, Randy Hopper, Robert Wirch and Dave Hansen.

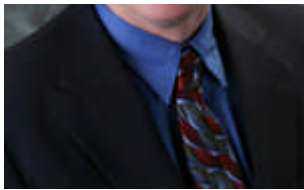
[Click here](#) to see upcoming meetings and items currently in committee.

## Assembly Committee on Consumer Protection and Personal Privacy Begin 2011-2012 Session



The Assembly Committee on Consumer Protection and Personal Privacy is chaired by Representative Keith Ripp. This committee oversees all legislation relating to consumer protection and personal privacy which are key policy issues of the WCCC.

Representative Ripp was first elected to the Assembly in 2008 and was



Representative Kipp was first elected to the Assembly in 2000, and was reelected in 2010. The other members on the committee are Representatives Tyler August, Richard Spanbauer, Dale Kooyenga, Kelda Helen Roys, Gary Hebl and Elizabeth Coggs.

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## Telecom Modernization

The WCCC believes that telecom modernization is of great benefit to Wisconsin consumers. Last session, [Assembly Bill 696](#) passed in the Assembly, but failed to pass in the State Senate.

Passage of telecom modernization will allow providers to invest in new technologies furthering broadband internet accessibility and will create competition in the marketplace which inevitably provides consumers with more choices.



[Click here](#) for more on telecom modernization.

## Update on Federal Health Care Reform Lawsuit

Wisconsin was one of 26 states to join the legal challenge that prompted the ruling on January 31st by U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson in Pensacola, Fla., that the new health care law is unconstitutional because it goes too far in requiring most Americans to buy health insurance or face penalties.

Vinson's ruling is one of four by federal judges, who have reached vastly different conclusions. Two Republican appointees have deemed it unconstitutional while two Democratic appointees have declared it constitutional.



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## About the WCCC



The Wisconsin Coalition for Consumer Choice (WCCC) thanks you for filling out our petition. By filling out that petition, you pledged to become one of over 16,000 Wisconsin consumers dedicated to fighting for consumer rights. [Click here to fight for consumer rights.](#)

The WCCC is a public policy advocacy organization, supported by 16,000 Wisconsin consumers, committed to maintaining and advancing consumer choice and privacy in Wisconsin. For more information on the WCCC, call 608.442.0059 or visit our web page at [www.wiconsumers.org](http://www.wiconsumers.org).



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