

Less Than Two Weeks On The Job And State Senator Julian Bradley Has Already Mastered Political Double Talk

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Republican State Senator Julian Bradley, sworn in only last week as the new state senator in the southeastern Wisconsin district formerly represented by Dave Craig, has demonstrated that although a rookie, he is already very good talking out of both sides of his mouth.

Bradley this afternoon sent out a press release urging Governor Evers to reopen Wisconsin schools closed because of Covid. But less than an hour earlier, Bradley voted for a Senate amendment deleting language that would have pressured Evers to actually reopen the schools. There are many hypocrites in Madison but Bradley has gotten there faster than most. When Bradley won the Republican primary in a hotly contested race in the conservative district, he vowed to be a voice for outsiders and a core conservative. So much for that.

The State Assembly last week passed a comprehensive Covid bill that includes many provisions including incentives to reopen schools. But Senate Republicans fear Governor Evers will veto the bill so they gutted it of most of its important provisions, including the language on the schools. The only Republican to vote against gutting the bill was Senator Steve Nass. Every other GOP member, including Bradley, voted for the language aimed at seducing Evers.

Bradley, however, is the only one to issue a press release saying he supports doing the very opposite of what he just voted for.

Even in its watered down form, there are no guarantees Evers will sign the legislation. The bill's main provision is to shield businesses from Covid lawsuits. That's a major priority of lobbyists for Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce. Many Madison Republicans are far more interested in doing what lobbyists want than representing their constituents. Today's vote is further evidence.

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