

JOB LOSS & ECONOMIC MELTDOWN

In 2009 Milwaukee County lost over 30,000 jobs – the unemployment rate jumped from 5.5% to 9.2% in just one year.

[Bureau of Labor Statistics, bls.gov]

Toes WMC Line on Green Energy Incentives & Mandates to Generate Green Jobs in Wisconsin

He's aware that Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce is opposing proposed state legislation that would mandate energy reductions and greater use of renewable energy resources - such as wind and solar - versus reliance on other forms, including coal, the dominant source of fuel in Wisconsin.

"What I've repeatedly said is I'm for being green if it saves or makes green," said Walker. He said he's not sure if WMC's estimate of potential job losses from the so-called "Global Warming Bill" or "Clean Energy Jobs Act" (depending on one's perspective) is accurate. [Herald Times Reporter, 1/26/2010]

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker is not promising that the state will become free of fossil fuels. But despite the current financial slump in bio-fuels, Walker says the industry can grow. He says he favors incentives for bio-diesel producers and would help them locate more plants in Wisconsin. [TendersInfo.com, 1/23/2010]

But just four years ago he opposed an ethanol mandate for some grades of fuel: Walker, who's facing U.S. Rep. Mark Green in the Sept. 12 Republican primary for governor, said Tuesday he opposes a bill requiring 10 percent ethanol in some grades of fuel; Green and Doyle are both in favor of the bill. [Daily Reporter, 3/10/2006]

