

Interview with Mr. Richard Zaborski, former state senator, and
Mrs. Mary Ann Zaborski, former secretary to Governor John Reynolds

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- Entry into politics. Henry Meier asked Zaborski to run for State Senate.

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Years in legislature were satisfying while frustrating. Zaborski became minority leader for
Democrats. Not much staffing. Most GOP legislators were (retired) former Democrats.

stories to different members. Sometimes lobbyists would provide information. Anecdote: Wisconsin Truckers (Johnny Varda). Labor leaders were fine and backed Democrats.

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Democrat not frustrated under GOP domination and developed a cohesive common front
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They'd have dinner together and have a good time. Story of sales tax under Nelson and Reynolds. Suggestion that Reynolds' lack of previous legislative involvement caused some problems. Story of unruly and intoxicated senator.

Notable legislative progress including reorganization and streamlining of state government
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