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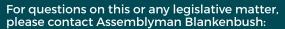
"As I travel the district and the state, there is one common theme among everyone's conversations: **Inflation.** From December 2020 to December 2021, we've seen inflation rise by 7%, a 40-year high.* As our economy continues to recover from the pandemic, inflation is outpacing wage increases, diminishing the value of your hard-earned dollars. That is why I am proud to support the **Inflation Relief and Consumer Assistance Plan.**" (A.8481)

* U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index Report, 12/21

The 'Inflation Relief and Consumer Assistance Plan' would slash state sales tax on items such as gas, prepared food, housekeeping supplies etc., resulting in immediate relief to the tune of \$2.6 billion statewide (A.8481).

Price increases (12/20-12/21)

Gas pricesup 49	.6%
Fuel oilup 4	1%
Energy pricesup 29	.3%
Meat, fish, poultryup 12	
Food away from homeup 6	
Clothingup 5	.8%
Paper productsup 3	
Housekeeping suppliesup 2	



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