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-- Gov. Scott Walker today called Dem gubernatorial opponent Mary Burke's claim that Wisconsin wages are declining at double the rate of other states "an outright lie."

"It just shows that the opposition will do and say anything regardless of the facts," Walker told reporters following an appearance at Badger Alloys in Milwaukee.

"The facts are employment has gone down consistently since I've been in office, and she still stands by an ad that says unemployment went up when every major independent fact checker has shown she was wrong," said Walker. "It's an outright lie. I think we see it again with this. What it tells me is that unfortunately, going ahead into the fall elections, it's likely our opponent, both the individual opponent and groups likely to come in from out of state, are going to do and say anything regardless of the facts."

At a later event in Milwaukee, Burke responded to Walker's accusation.

"The one statistic that was used, in terms of shrinking wages, indicated that at one period of time we were shrinking at twice the national rate," she said. "If you look at over the long term, Wisconsin wages have not kept pace, and we are \$4,000 behind."

See more from Walker and from Burke under "From WisBusiness.com" below.

-- Walker also told reporters he thinks former Assembly Majority Leader Bill Kramer should "step down and move on" if sexual assault allegations against the Waukesha Republican are true.

"I'd prefer that he took the action himself, but if he's not going to, I think it's certainly incumbent upon members of that chamber," he said.

Regardless of Kramer's status, Walker indicated he'd go ahead with calling a special session on voter ID, repeating his belief that voter ID is needed. Kramer's attorney, James Gatzke, said yesterday Kramer would "fulfill his duties" relating to a special session, if scheduled.

-- Walker said his decision to sign the bill limiting early voting was based on having uniform voting hours throughout the state.

Asked if the change discriminates against citizens, including minorities in larger cities where voting lines are long, Walker said, "Not at all. It would be discriminatory if one part of the state had different hours than another."