

# Eighty-Eighth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, August 3, 1988

The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Council

July 27, 1988

To the Honorable the Senate:

Enclosed is a copy of the General Report of the Legislative Council to the Legislature - 1987. I would appreciate it if you would note in the next Journal of the Senate that this report has been filed in your office.

Sincerely,  
BONNIE REESE  
Executive Secretary

State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau

June 29, 1988

To the Honorable the Legislature

Pursuant to 1985 Wisconsin Act 296, I am today filing the Executive Summary of the Wisconsin Acid Research Council Biennial Report.

The Wisconsin Acid Deposition Research Council was created by 1985 Wisconsin Act 296, and is attached to the Department of Administration. The Council was empanelled in May of 1986. Members of the Research Council represent the industrial sector, electric utilities, environmental organizations, academia, and state governmental agencies.

The Executive Summary of the Wisconsin Acid Deposition Research Council Biennial Report contains all recommendations on acid deposition research and monitoring priorities, funding levels, and sources of funding. A full copy of the Biennial Report, including appendices, will be forwarded when received from the printer.

It is hoped that these recommendations, the consensus product of over two years of intensive deliberations, will lead to a cost-effective and valuable research and monitoring program. A strong research and monitoring program is vital for assessing the potential effects of acid deposition on sensitive resources in Wisconsin.

Should you have additional questions, or wish to discuss this report in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at 266-8234.

Sincerely,  
Scott Neitzel, Chair  
Wisconsin Acid Deposition

Research Council

State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau

July 27, 1988

To the Honorable the Legislature

We have completed our fiscal audit of the Higher Educational Aids Board for fiscal years 1985-86 and 1986-87. This letter includes recommendations to improve controls over three areas of grant processing. These areas are award amount edit checks, file maintenance, and batch control.

A copy of this audit has been filed in the Office of the Senate Chief Clerk.

Sincerely,  
DALE CATTANACH  
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau

July 25, 1988

To the Honorable the Legislature

The attached report, Wisconsin Aquaculture: A State Plan, is submitted in fulfillment of Executive Order No. 107, dated July 17, 1986. Each of the state agencies named in the Executive Order and the University of Wisconsin College of Agricultural Life Sciences has reviewed and approved the plan.

The Wisconsin Aquaculture Study Committee supervised drafting of the report in which the building blocks are laid for a more active involvement by private industry, state government and the university research and extension community in developing aquaculture in Wisconsin. The report concludes that there is significant potential for aquaculture in Wisconsin for supplying fish for stocking purposes and for supplying food fish. The study committee also attempted to identify major technical, institutional and legal barriers to aquaculture development. Although development barriers common to any infant industry were found, the scope of the study did not include analysis of Wisconsin's water and environmental policies and their affect on aquaculture development. As a result, we suggest further study of these issues before any major policy or legislative changes be undertaken.

We make numerous recommendations in the plan that offer industry, government and the university significant challenges for the achievement of aquaculture growth in Wisconsin. These involve increased research and extension activities and a more positive stance towards aquaculture by state agencies. The objective is to make aquaculture a more viable industry, benefitting the state's economy and natural resources. Vigorous development efforts by private sector are also recommended. Some additional funding would be required to meet the development objectives recommended in the plan.

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The plan also calls for the establishment of an inter-agency aquaculture advisory council to review legislation, research, and other proposals affecting the aquaculture industry, and to make recommendations to the legislature and state agencies regarding the needs and concerns of the industry. This representative industry body should help agencies and the legislature to better understand aquaculture and, perhaps, help it grow in Wisconsin.

We encourage the legislature to work with the aquaculture industry in developing economically and environmentally sound policies to encourage aquaculture growth in Wisconsin.

Members of the study committee and other agency personnel would welcome talking to you about the plan and aquaculture generally. We hope you find the report informative and useful.

Sincerely,  
Leo M. Walsch, Dean  
College of Agriculture and  
Life Sciences  
Howard C. Richards, Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of  
Agriculture,  
Trade and Consumer Protection  
Carroll Besadny, Secretary  
Department of Natural  
Resources  
Bruno Mauer, Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of  
Development

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources

August 1, 1988

To the Honorable the Legislature

It is my pleasure to enclose a draft of the Wisconsin Water Quantity Plan.

This draft plan meets the statutory requirement under s. 144.026 (8); the preparation of a water quantity plan. This plan provides a long term strategy for protection, conservation, and management of the State's water.

Under s. 144.026(8), the draft plan requires distribution to the house members under s. 13.172(2).

This plan is comprised of nine separate reports and are listed below:

- Report No. 1 - Summary
- Report No. 2 - Wisconsin's Water Quantity Resources
- Report No. 3 - Water Use in Wisconsin: 1985
- Report No. 4 - Water Demand in Wisconsin: 1990-2010
- Report No. 5 - Economic Overview of Wisconsin's Water Resource
- Report No. 6 - Water Use: Legal and Regulatory Framework
- Report No. 7 - Water Conservation: Summary of Techniques and Impacts
- Report No. 8 - Maintenance of Instream Flow
- Report No. 9 - Summary

If there are any questions or comments, please feel to contact Bruce Baker, Director of the Bureau Water Resources Management, at 266-8631.

Sincerely,  
C. D. BESADNY  
Secretary

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-71**

Relating to the location of, and receipts provided by, remote service units, customer bank communications terminals and remote terminals.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioners of Banking, Credit Unions and Savings and Loan.

Report received from agency, August 3, 1988.

Referred to committee on Aging, Banking, Commercial Credit and Taxation, August 3, 1988.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-80**

Relating to nursing student stipend loans.

Submitted by Higher Educational Aids Board.

Report received from agency, July 29, 1988.

Referred to committee on Education, August 3, 1988.

The committee on Housing, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-68**

Relating to the conversion of sick leave days to credits for paying health insurance premiums.

No action taken.

John R. Plewa  
Chair

The committee on Labor, Business, Insurance, Veterans' and Military Affairs reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-59**

Relating to membership requirements and reporting responsibilities of the insurance security fund board.

No action taken.

Jerome Van Sistine  
Chair

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The committee on Urban Affairs, Energy, Environmental Resources and Elections reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-33**

Relating to the Wisconsin pollutant discharge elimination system.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-34**

Relating to the ineligibility of costs incurred in contracts which create an appearance of a conflict of interest.

No action taken.

Mordecai Lee  
Chair