

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 243

Relating to the minimum age limitation for the operation of certain boats, requirements for boating safety certificates for certain operators of certain boats, fees for the issuance or renewal of certificates of number for boats, granting rule-making authority and making appropriations.

By Senators Farrow, Huelsman, Burke, Ulichny, Lorman and Petak; cosponsored by Representatives Holperin, Schneiders, Hamilton, Urban, Prosser and Vrakas.

To committee on Urban Affairs, Environmental Resources and Elections.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

July 5, 1991

To the Honorable the Legislature:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 75 in its entirety. This bill statutorily increases the state minimum wage to a rate equal to the current federal minimum wage and in 1992 to a rate beyond the federal minimum.

SB 75 increases the state minimum wage for most employees from \$3.80 per hour to \$4.25 per hour effective April 1, 1991 and to \$4.65 per hour on April 1, 1992. While periodic increases in the minimum wage are important to ensure that it is not eroded by inflation, my administration increased the rate as recently as April 1, 1990 to \$3.80 per hour. This was the third increase by administrative rule since 1987 and represents a rate 17 percent greater than the \$3.25 rate in place when I took office. I believe that further increases at this time of economic uncertainty would be detrimental to individuals seeking employment.

Further, although the subject of much discussion, the adequacy of the current minimum wage has never been studied. We have no concrete evidence of whether the minimum wage increases employment or hinders it, particularly among first-time job seekers. Because of this the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations has established a Minimum Wage Task Force to analyze the effect of the minimum wage on employes, on jobs, and as a tool to reduce poverty. The task force will be reporting its recommendations regarding the minimum wage on September 1, 1991.

Until we have the benefit of this independent study to determine the impact of the minimum wage, I believe it would be inappropriate to make changes to the current minimum wage law. Once the Task Force issues its report and we have an opportunity to review its findings, my administration will move to administratively increase the minimum wage as appropriate.

Sincerely,
Tommy T. Thompson
Governor

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-242

Relating to erosion control procedures. Submitted by Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Report received from agency, July 8, 1991. Referred to committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs, July 10, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-39

Relating to 1992 hunting regulations. Submitted by Department of Natural Resources. Report received from agency, July 2, 1991. Referred to committee on Urban Affairs, Environmental Resources and Elections, July 10, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-74

Relating to 1991 gun deer season in deer management unit 61. Submitted by Department of Natural Resources. Report received from agency, July 2, 1991. Referred to committee on Urban Affairs, Environmental Resources and Elections, July 10, 1991.

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-1

Relating to grants to day care providers. No action taken.

John R. Plewa
Chair

The committee on Transportation and Utilities reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-47

Relating to prohibiting the operation on interstate highways by vehicles operating under certain types of overweight permits. No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-48

Relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other combination vehicles greater than 60 feet in overall length on the specified highways.

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No action taken.

Thomas Barrett
Chair

The committee on Education, Economic Development, Financial Institutions and Fiscal Policies reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-23

Relating to minor deficiencies and educational interpreter-bearing impaired licenses.

No action taken.

Barbara Ulichny
Chair

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

Senate Bill 75.

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on July 5, 1991.