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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 136

Relating to: hunting approvals issued to persons born on or after January 1, 1973.

By Senators Shibilski, Decker, Jauch, Burke, Wirch, George, Grobschmidt, C. Potter, Clausing, Breske, Moore, Risser, Plache, Chvala, Wineke, Schultz, Rude, Moen, Welch, A. Lasee, Zien, Darling, Rosenzweig, Fitzgerald, Farrow, Panzer, Buettner and Cowles; cosponsored by Representatives Johnsrud, Hasenohrl, Powers, Kreuser, Freese, Huber, Albers, Ott, Turner, Musser, Gronemus, Hahn, Rutkowski, Lorge, Underheim, Seratti and Grothman.

To committee on **Agriculture and Environmental Resources**.

Senate Bill 137

Relating to: authorization for the attorney general and district attorneys to issue subpoenas to investigate alleged violations of the open meetings law.

By Senator Adelman, by request of Attorney General James E. Doyle.

To committee on **Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs**.

Senate Bill 138

Relating to: treatment of child care expenses, ordering trusts for the support of children, order of disbursement of wages for Huber law inmates, ordering payment of postmajority support for a child with exceptional educational needs and paternity judgments and blood test costs.

By Senators Weeden, Huelsman and Buettner; cosponsored by Representatives Ainsworth, R. Young, Albers, Kedzie, Springer, La Fave, Turner, Gunderson, Owens, M. Lehman and Hahn.

To committee on **Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs**.

Senate Bill 139

Relating to: enacting traffic regulation ordinances that conform with rules of the department of transportation.

By Senators Drzewiecki, Huelsman, Cowles, Farrow, Schultz and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Brandemuehl, Musser, Goetsch, Dobyns, Ainsworth, Albers, Hanson, La Fave, Urban, Seratti, Grothman and Gunderson.

To committee on **Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions**.

Senate Bill 140

Relating to: access to public records.

By Senators Buettner, Drzewiecki, Cowles, Ellis, Fitzgerald, Huelsman, Welch, Farrow and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Goetsch, Otte, Dobyns, Gard, Ziegelbauer, Underheim, Freese, Gunderson, M. Lehman, Seratti, Wasserman, Ladwig, Duff, F. Lasee, Brandemuehl, Olsen, Skindrud, Kreibich, Plale and Grothman.

To committee on **Health, Human Services, Aging, Corrections, Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Senate Bill 141

Relating to: motor vehicle hit–and–run offenses and providing penalties.

By Senators Plache, Huelsman, Weeden and Buettner; cosponsored by Representatives Kaufert, Black, Walker, Bock, Musser, Hasenohrl, Kelso, Hanson, Dobyns, Turner, Ziegelbauer, Cullen, Plale, Ryba, Riley, Robson and Huber, by request of Attorney General James E. Doyle.

To committee on **Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions**.

Senate Bill 142

Relating to: sexual assaults causing substantial bodily harm.

By Senators Burke, Buettner, Clausing, Drzewiecki, Farrow, Huelsman, Plache, Rosenzweig, Schultz and Welch; cosponsored by Representatives Rutkowski, Ainsworth, Baldwin, Bock, Boyle, Coggs, Cullen, Dobyns, Duff, Gunderson, Hahn, Hasenohrl, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Musser, Plale, Riley, Ryba, Seratti, Turner, Walker and Wasserman.

To committee on **Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

March 24, 1997

The Honorable, The Legislature:

During the course of financial audits we perform, we identified four fiscal control and budgetary issues that we would like to bring to your attention. One concern is the determination by the Department of Administration that it had legal authority to disburse \$2.15 million from a sum sufficient appropriation in the Capitol Improvement Fund to redeem revenue bonds for a student loan program. We have concluded that the Department acted beyond its authority in making this disbursement.

A second concern revolves around the treatment of agency requests to transfer funds budgeted for fringe benefits to other expenditure categories. Although Department of Administration budget and allotment instructions explicitly prohibit such transfers, approvals were given. Most

significantly, one agency was allowed to use \$480,000 in funds set aside for fringe benefits for the purchase of computers.

Our third issue relates to the statutory exemption on sales tax for food that is provided under contracts by public and private colleges. The exemption benefit was created for students who rely on meal contracts while attending college. We found the University of Wisconsin—Madison also applies the exemption to faculty and staff, as well as the catering business run by the student union. Other University of Wisconsin campuses similarly use the sales tax exemption benefit, which we learned is applied to food contracts with the three National Football League teams that use campus facilities for training. For example, the Chicago Bears football team does not pay sales tax on the \$181,000 annual food contract it has with the University of Wisconsin—Platteville.

Our final topic may affect budget calculations. Due to problems in implementing the State's current accounting system, the General Fund made disbursements on behalf of the segregated funds for certain payroll taxes. The General Fund was reimbursed for these disbursements, but not for the interest earnings it had lost. In October 1995, we asked the Department of Administration to calculate the lost interest and make appropriate adjustments to benefit the General Fund. The needed calculations were made in January 1997 but have not yet been factored into budget considerations. When all the repayments are made, the General Fund will receive \$2.757 million in additional revenue, while the Transportation Fund will lose \$1.564 million, the Conservation Fund will lose 4626,275, and other segregated funds will lose \$566,654.

We hope that you find this information useful. Please advise me if you desire further information on any of these issues.

Sincerely,

DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services

March 21, 1997

The Honorable, The Senate:

Enclosed is a copy of the Annual Wisconsin Report on Child Abuse and Neglect pursuant to s.48.981. The report includes a full statistical analysis of suspected child abuse and neglect reports received by county child protective services agencies in 1995. This report describes the extent of abuse and neglect in

Wisconsin and discusses steps Wisconsin has taken to address the needs of maltreated children and their families.

Sincerely,

JOE LEEAN
Secretary

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96–194

Relating to evidence required to obtain a veterinary license for a candidate who is not a graduate of a school that has been approved by the board.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, March 25, 1997.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations**, March 26, 1997.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96–193

Relating to the regulation of cemetery authorities, cemetery salespersons and preneed sellers of cemetery merchandise.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, March 21, 1997.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations**, March 26, 1997.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 97–001

Relating to educational requirements for real estate salesperson's and broker's licenses.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, March 21, 1997.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations**, March 26, 1997.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96–127

Relating to conditions under which the department of employe trust funds will treat payments received under a court order or compromise settlement as earnings for retirement benefit purposes and will restore a reinstated employe's insurance coverages.

Submitted by Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Report received from Agency, March 26, 1997.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations**, March 26, 1997.