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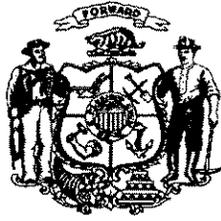
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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting Under s.13.10

June 23, 1998

Co-chair Gard presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Senators Weeden, Farrow, Cowles, Schultz, Rosenzweig, Burke, Decker  
Representatives Gard, Ourada, Harsdorf, Porter, Kaufert, Linton, Coggs

Absent: Panzer, Albers

### I. Department of Corrections

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the transfer of an amount necessary, from the 1998-99 appropriation under s. 20.410(3)(cg), to pay the actual costs of juvenile care in 1997-98 under s. 20.410(3)(cg) that exceed the 1997-98 appropriation amount of \$6,569,600. Require the Department to provide the Committee with final 1997-98 population and cost-of-care data relating to s. 20.410(3)(cg), under a 14-day passive review process.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 3 [Rosenzweig, Ourada, Linton]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

### II. Department of Corrections

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to transfer in 1998-99 \$30,018,100 to the contracts appropriation in the Department of Corrections (s. 20.410(1)(ab)) from the following appropriations: [a] \$17,570,500 from the Committee's supplemental appropriation (s. 20.865(4)(a)); [b] \$1,215,800 from the federal projects appropriation (s. 20.410(1)(m)); [c] \$6,185,200 from the intensive sanctions program (s. 20.410(1)(b)); [d] \$1,600,000 from the intensive sanctions program (s. 20.410(1)(d)); [e] \$400,000 from the intensive sanctions program (20.410(1)(a)); and [f] \$3,046,600 from the Department of Workforce Development's appropriation for the Kids Information Data System (s. 20.445(3)(a)). Further, authorize the Department of Corrections to amend the current contract with Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) to increase the number of beds provided in Whiteville, Tennessee

by 300 beds to 1,500 beds. Authorize Corrections to contract for 300 beds at CCA's Sayre, Oklahoma facility. Authorize Corrections to submit a final contract for female offenders to the Committee under a 14-day passive review process. In 1998-99, authorize Corrections to submit amendments related to the number of beds in authorized contracts to the Co-chairs for certification to the Committee Secretary, as long as the total projected cost for the contract beds (including currently authorized beds) does not exceed the total amount of funding available for prison contracts in 1998-99. Rename the CCA facility formerly known as the Hardeman County 2 Facility to be the Whiteville Correctional Facility and eliminate 123.75 GPR positions in 1998-99 associated with the intensive sanctions program.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 3 [Burke, Harsdorf, Coggs]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

Moved by Representative Coggs and seconded by Representative Kaufert to provide 4.0 GPR contract monitor positions for out-of-state prison contract monitoring and transfer \$325,700 from the contracts appropriation to the general program operations program.

Ayes, 8; Noes, 6 [Weeden, Cowles, Gard, Ourada, Harsdorf, Porter]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

*Secretary's Note: The funds in the motion by Representative Coggs were transferred from s. 20.410(1)(ab) to s. 20.410(1)(a) in 1998-99.*

III. Department of Administration

The Joint Committee on Finance acted to approve the following allocations of "Stripper XVIII" oil overcharge funds:

**Approved "Stripper XVIII" Oil Overcharge Allocation Amounts  
 (FED Funds)**

<u>Program Element</u>	<u>Administering Agency</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
A. Campaign to Keep Wisconsin Warm	Administration (Energy)	\$700,000 <sup>a</sup>
B. Community Services Energy Efficiency Rewards	Administration (Energy)	255,000
C. Renewable Energy Assistance Program	Administration (Energy)	200,000
D. Home Energy Rating/Energy Efficiency Financing	Administration (Energy)	150,000
E. Milwaukee Energy Efficient Housing Redevelopment	Administration (Energy)	175,000
G. Environmental Monitoring of Energy Impacts	Administration (Energy)	50,000
H. Energy Education Partnership	Administration (Energy)	50,000
I. Energy Program Management Costs	Administration (Energy)	10,426 <sup>b</sup>
	TOTAL	\$1,590,426

<sup>a</sup>The Department of Administration is required to forward certification materials to the Committee.

<sup>b</sup>Consisting of \$10,426 in "Stripper XVIII" funds, plan accrued and future unallocated "Stripper XVIII" interest earnings and certain residual funds from "Stripper V" and Diamond Shamrock.

The Joint Committee on Finance acted to modify the Governor's proposed oil overcharge allocation plan to: (a) delete the proposed allocation for the K-12 energy efficiency program (\$50,000 FED) and, instead, allocate this funding to the Milwaukee energy efficient housing redevelopment program; and (b) require the Department of Administration to forward materials to the Committee related to the Campaign to Keep Wisconsin Warm program which certify that:

a. Releasing the monies to Energy Services, Inc., will result in a significant increase in the overall funds available for energy assistance statewide; and

b. All funds, including the raised match, will be distributed statewide in an equitable manner and in coordination with the state's LIEAP program.

The Joint Committee on Finance acted to approve the following amendments to previously approved oil overcharge expenditure plans as proposed by the Governor:

Amendment to the "Stripper I" Allocation Plan. Deobligate and reprogram \$4,912, representing the remaining balance in the business energy efficiency incentives program, originally allocated as part of the "Stripper I" expenditure plan, as part of the "Stripper XVIII" proposal.

Amendment to the "Stripper II" Allocation Plan. Deobligate and reprogram \$143,060, representing the remaining balance in the nursing home energy efficiency grant program, originally allocated as part of the "Stripper II" expenditure plan, as part of the "Stripper XVIII" proposal.

Amendment to the "Stripper III" Allocation Plan. Deobligate and reprogram \$28,016, representing the remaining balance in the community energy conservation demonstration program, originally allocated as part of the "Stripper III" expenditure plan, as part of the "Stripper XVIII" proposal.

Amendment to the "Stripper V" Allocation Plan. Deobligate and reprogram \$4,857, representing all but \$130 of the remaining balance in the fuel saving furnaces for farmers program, originally allocated as part of the "Stripper V" expenditure plan, as part of the "Stripper XVIII" proposal. Deobligate the remaining balance and reprogram these funds to energy program management costs.

Amendment to the "Stripper VII" Allocation Plan. Deobligate and reprogram \$18,007, representing the remaining balance in the child care facility energy efficiency grants program, originally allocated as part of the "Stripper VII" expenditure plan, as part of the "Stripper XVIII" proposal.

Amendment to the "Stripper XIV" Allocation Plan. Deobligate and reprogram the following amounts, originally allocated as part of the "Stripper XIV" expenditure plan, as part of

the "Stripper XVIII" proposal: (a) \$18,116, representing the remaining balance in the nursing home energy efficiency grant program; and (b) \$74,620, representing the remaining balance in the community-based residential facilities energy efficiency improvements program. In addition, modify the "Stripper XIV" allocation plan to allow grant funds from the small business energy efficiency program, currently limited to small businesses not served by a major utility, to be used by an expanded number of businesses.

Amendment to the "Stripper XVI" Allocation Plan. Deobligate and reprogram \$835, representing the remaining balance in the Weyauwega disaster recovery assistance program, originally allocated as part of the "Stripper XVI" expenditure plan, as part of the "Stripper XVIII" proposal.

Amendment to Previous Allocation of Exxon Oil Overcharge Restitution Funds Deobligate and reprogram \$500,000 from the low-income energy assistance program (LIEAP), originally allocated as part of the Exxon oil overcharge restitution expenditure plan, as part of the "Stripper XVIII" proposal.

Amendment to Previous Allocation of Diamond Shamrock Oil Overcharge Restitution Funds Deobligate and reprogram the following amounts, originally allocated as part of the Diamond Shamrock oil overcharge restitution expenditure plan, as part of the "Stripper XVIII" proposal: (a) \$794, representing the remaining balance in the child care facility energy efficiency grants program; (b) \$12,248, representing the remaining balance in the rental energy conservation incentive program; and (c) \$39,717, representing all but \$3,928 of the remaining balance in the fuel saving furnaces for farmers. Deobligate the remaining balance in the farm furnace program and reprogram these funds to energy program management costs.

Ayes, 13; Noes, 1 [Schultz]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

#### IV. Department of Veteran Affairs

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to approve a supplement, from the Veterans Trust Fund, in 1998-99 of: (a) \$111,800 SEG to fund costs related to the renovation and acquiring of additional space for the veterans museum; and (b) \$61,000 SEG on a one-time basis for permanent property.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent [Panzer, Albers]

*The appropriation providing the supplements is under s. 20.865(4)(u) and the one receiving them is under s. 20.485(2)(wd).*

V. Department of Employee Trust Funds

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to approve a supplement of \$76,400 SEG (one-time funding) in 1998-99 from the Committee's s. 20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the Department of Employee Trust Funds' s. 20.515(1)(w) appropriation and authorize 2.0 SEG one-year project positions to undertake duty disability benefits recalculations.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

VI. Department of Employee Trust Funds

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded Representative Gard to approve a supplementation of \$120,400 SEG in 1998-99 from funds currently reserved in the Committee's s. 20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the Department of Employee Trust Funds s. 20.515(1)(ut) health insurance data collection and analysis appropriation to provide for the continuation of an existing third-party vendor contract to maintain the agency's group health insurance membership enrollment database.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

VII. Department of Health and Family Services

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to: [a] transfer \$468,300 PR from reserved amounts in the Committee's 1997-98 program supplements appropriation (s. 20.865(4)(g)) to the MA administration appropriation (s. 20.435(1)(bm)); [b] authorize 3.0 project positions (0.3 GPR positions and 2.7 FED positions), terminating September 30, 1999; [c] transfer \$200,900 GPR in 1997-98 from the Division of Health's [DOH] general program operations appropriation (20.435(1)(a)) to the MA administration appropriation; and [d] transfer \$33,200 GPR from the 1997-98 DOH general program operations appropriation to the 1998-99 DOH general program operations appropriation. In addition, require DHFS to support the proposed evaluation with GPR base funding and federal funds available under P.L. 104-193 if DHFS is not awarded an AHCPR grant.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

*Secretary's Note: The evaluation referenced in this motion is intended to characterize the population of individuals that are eligible for medical assistance but are not enrolled in MA or BadgerCare and to evaluate the Department's three outreach strategies: (a) direct consumer communications; (b) outstationing of eligibility workers; and (c) public health agency outreach efforts.*

VIII. Department of Health and Family Services

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to transfer \$140,200 in 1997-98 from the reserved amounts in the Committee's appropriation available from proceeds of a recent land sale to the GPR general program operations appropriation for the Division of Care and Treatment Facilities [DCTF] under s. 20.435(2)(a) to reduce the deficit at the mental health institutes. In addition, reduce DCTF's program revenue appropriation under s. 20.435(2)(gk) by \$140,200 PR in 1997-98 to reflect the availability of GPR funds to support costs that would otherwise be supported by PR in 1997-98.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

*Secretary's Note: The supplement provided in the motion is from the reserved balance of the supplement is under s. 20.865(4)(a).*

IX. Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to approve a supplement of \$359,400 SEG in 1998-99 from the Committee's 20.865(4)(u) appropriation and place these amounts in unallotted reserve in the Patients Compensation Fund's s. 20.145(2)(u) appropriation for release by the Department of Administration for costs of the Year 2000 Project and the Oracle upgrade.

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

*Secretary's Note: The funds released in this motion are a one-time supplement in 1998-99.*

X. Department of Workforce Development

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to: [a] transfer \$10,607,700 GPR in 1998-99 from the reserved amounts in the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to DWD's appropriation under 20.445(3)(a) for the KIDS computer system; [b] transfer \$117,100 GPR in 1998-99 from the reserved amounts in the Committee's appropriation to DWD's appropriation under s. 20.445(3)(a) for the centralized receipt and disbursement system; [c] carry over unexpected KIDS funding of \$787,000 GPR from 1997-98 to 1998-99 in DWD's appropriation under s. 20.445(3)(a); [d] authorize use of \$695,700 in excess federal funds along with federal matching revenues for change orders requested by counties; and [e] provide 6.0 FTE two-year project positions in the Bureau of Child Support beginning July 1, 1998. In addition, of the funding transferred to DWD's appropriation under s. 20.445(3)(a): [a] place \$532,000 GPR for federal change orders in unallotted reserve for release by the Department of Administration [DOA] as needed; [b] place \$969,900 GPR for centralized receipt and disbursement in unallotted reserve for release by DOA, if needed; and [c] place \$498,000 GPR

for reimbursement to other state agencies in unallotted reserve for release by DOA after more precise cost estimates are available.

Ayes, 13; Noes, 1 [Kaufert]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

*Secretary's Note: The \$10,607,700 GPR transferred from the Committee's appropriation to DWD's appropriation in 1998-99 is a decrease of \$448,200 GPR from the Department's request which reflects: [a] a reduction of \$500,000 (\$170,000 GPR and \$330,000 FED) for centralized receipt and disbursement based on a revised estimate of revenues from the \$25 receipt and disbursement fee; [b] a decrease of \$433,200 (\$147,300 GPR and \$285,900 FED) in funding for the new hire reporting system vendor contract to correct an error in calculating these costs; [c] a reduction of \$312,200 (\$106,100 GPR and \$206,100 FED) in the budget for centralized mailing; [d] a decrease of \$50,000 (\$17,000 GPR and \$33,000 FED) for the KIDS help desk, 800 number and automated voice response unit; and [e] a reduction of \$23,000 (\$7,800 GPR and \$15,200 FED) for e-mail services.*

Ayes, 13; Noes, 1 [Kaufert]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

XI. State Historical Society – Not considered

XII. Department of Revenue  
Department of Transportation

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to provide \$130,600 SEG (\$99,700 SEG in one-time funding) from the transportation fund in 1998-99 to the appropriation under s. 20.566(1)(qm) to administer the rental vehicle fees. Delete 4.0 authorized SEG positions.

Ayes, 11; Noes, 3 [Cowles, Schultz, Burke]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

XIII. Department of Commerce

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard authorize 1.0 GPR project position under s. 20.143(1)(a) for the period September 14, 1998 to September 13, 1999 for the Dairy 2020 program.

Ayes, 12; Noes, 2 [Cowles, Burke]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

XIV. Department of Transportation

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to reduce the state highway rehabilitation appropriation (s. 20.395(3)(cq)) by \$375,000 SEG in 1997-98 and transfer a corresponding amount from the transportation fund to the transportation infrastructure loan appropriation (s. 20.395(2)(pq)).

Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

XV. Department of Transportation

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to provide a supplement of \$425,200 SEG in 1997-98 for the appropriation for supplemental payments to the Sesquicentennial Commission (s. 20.395(5)(qt)).

Ayes, 13; Noes, 1 [Schultz]; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

XVI. Department of Administration

Moved by Senator Weeden and seconded by Representative Gard to approve the gift to the state of the tract of land and the historical residence in Walworth County commonly referred to as the Black Point Estate.

Ayes 14; Noes. 0; Absent, 2 [Panzer, Albers]

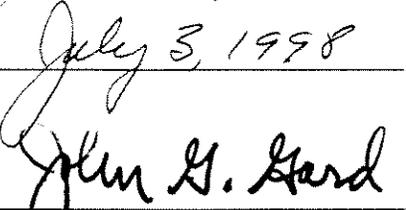
The following reports were received by the Committee:

R-1 Department of Administration's Position Report Required Under s.16.50 (January 1 through March 31, 1998).

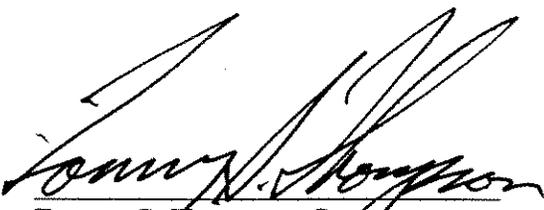
R-2 Ethics Board report on costs of investigating possible violations of Wisconsin's ethics code and lobbying law.

  
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Daniel Caucutt, Secretary

Date: July 3, 1998

  
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John Gard, Co-Chair

Date: July 3, 1998

  
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Tommy G. Thompson, Governor

Date: July 6, 1998

I. Department of Corrections – Michael J. Sullivan, Secretary

The department requests a one-time transfer in fiscal year 1997-98 of \$1,496,200 from the s. 20.410(1)(ab) Intergovernmental Corrections appropriation to the s. 20.410(3)(cg) Serious Juvenile Offender appropriation to pay for a deficit that has been incurred in the department's Division of Juvenile Correction's Serious Juvenile Offender appropriation.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request of the Department of Corrections for a one-time transfer in FY98 of \$1,496,200 from appropriation s. 20.410 (1) (ab) Intergovernmental Corrections to s. 20.410 (3) (cg) Serious Juvenile Offender in order to offset a projected deficit in this appropriation.

II. Department of Corrections--Michael J. Sullivan, Secretary

The department requests the following Committee action:

1. Approve an amendment to the existing jail contract with Texas counties to add 540 beds, approve an amendment to the existing prison contract with Corrections Corporation of America to add 840 beds and approve a new 200-bed contract for women with the State of Virginia Department of Corrections for fiscal year 1998-99.
2. Transfer funds from the Committee's supplemental appropriation reserved for the Department of Correction (DOC) and reallocate existing DOC funds totaling \$24,592,900 to cover per diem, transportation, and administration for new and existing jail/prison contract beds in fiscal year 1998-99 with Texas counties, Corrections Corporation of America, the State of Virginia Department of Corrections and the federal prison at Duluth, Minnesota.
3. Approve an increase of 4.0 FTE GPR positions in fiscal year 1998-99 to administer new and existing jail/prison contracts.

Governor's Recommendation

1. Approve the changes in participating counties in the Texas Counties contract and increase the contract by up to 540 beds. Under the existing contract, this would not obligate DOC to use any of the additional beds. No increase in funding would be authorized, but the beds would be available as an alternative placement if needed.
2. Approve an increase of 300 beds in Tennessee and 480 beds in Oklahoma in the existing contract with CCA.
3. Approve DOC's negotiation of a contract with the Virginia DOC for 100 beds for women at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, Troy Virginia, at a rate of \$60 per day. Request the Committee's approval to submit the finalized contract under 14-day passive approval after both parties sign the contract.
4. Approve funding of \$22,700 for inmate transportation related to contract beds. Deny the additional 4.0 FTE GPR positions until the existing staffing for the contract monitoring unit is fully implemented and the efficiency of the unit can be evaluated.

5. Authorize DOC to submit changes to the approved contracts to the JCF for 14-day passive approval if the total number of beds and total cost does not exceed the amounts authorized by the JCF at this meeting.
6. Approve the following appropriation transfers to reflect the additional funding needed for the above recommendations:

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
20.865 (4) (a)	20.410 (1) (ab)	\$15,207,700
20.410 (1) (m)	20.410 (1) (ab)	1,163,800
20.410 (1) (b)	20.410 (1) (ab)	6,185,200
20.410 (1) (d)	20.410 (1) (ab)	1,600,000
20.410 (1) (a)	20.410 (1) (ab)	400,000
20.410 (1) (m)	20.410 (1) (a)	22,700
20.445 (3) (a) (from KIDS)	20.410 (1) (ab)	3,046,600
20.865 (4) (a) (from KIDS)	20.410 (1) (ab)	338,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$27,964,500</b>

III. Department of Administration – Nathaniel E. Robinson, Administrator, Division of Energy and Intergovernmental Relations

Pursuant to s. 14.065, the department requests approval of the Stripper XVIII 1998 Oil Overcharge Plan involving the disposition of \$1,590,426 in Stripper monies in order to implement low income energy assistance pilot programs and to administer other energy efficiency and conservation initiatives.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request as submitted.

IV. Department of Veterans Affairs – Robert Cocroft, Deputy Secretary

The department requests the following fiscal year 1998-99 supplements: \$62,800 SEG from the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(u) to the appropriation under s. 20.485(2)(wd), operation of Wisconsin veterans museum; \$138,700 SEG from the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(u) to the appropriation under s. 20.485(2)(u), administration of loans and aids to veterans; \$176,500 SEG from the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(u) to the appropriation under s. 20.485(3)(s), general program operations; and \$105,500 GPR from the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the appropriation under s. 20.485(2)(c), operation of Wisconsin veterans museum, to cover additional rent, security and equipment costs related to the department's building expansion.

Governor's Recommendation

Modify the department's request to include \$105,100 GPR on-going (under appropriation s. 20.485 (2)(c)) for the museum's rent and security costs and \$61,000 SEG one-time and \$6,800 SEG on-going (under appropriation s. 20.485 (2)(wd)) for the museum's equipment costs.

Modify the department's request to include \$168,300 SEG (\$54,700 on-going and \$102,200 one-time) under appropriation s. 20.485 (2)(u), and include \$214,200 SEG (\$69,600 on-going and \$130,100 one-time) under appropriation s. 20.485 (3)(s) to fund the expansion to the ninth floor.

V. Department of Employee Trust Funds -- Tom Korpady, Administrator of the Division of Insurance Services, and Robert Weber, Chief Counsel

The department requests a supplement of \$130,500 SEG from the Committee's 20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the department's s. 20.515(1)(w) administration appropriation, to pay for costs associated with reviewing and recomputing disability payments pursuant to the Supreme Court's decision in the *Coutts v. Wisconsin Retirement Board* case.

Governor's Recommendation

Provide \$99,200 for salary and fringe benefits costs for three FTE project positions, \$10,800 for computers and monitors, and \$7,900 for records retrieval, office supplies, printing and postage. Reduce the request by \$12,700, or the cost of telephones, rent, and office furniture.

VI. Department of Employee Trust Funds – Dave Hinrichs, Executive Assistant and Tom Korpady, Administrator of the Division of Insurance Services

The department requests the release of \$120,400 SEG from the Committee's s. 20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the department's s. 20.515(1)(ut) health insurance data collection and analysis contracts appropriation, to pay for a third-party vendor's operating costs of the departmental database on health care membership. The department also requests the release of \$20,000 SEG from the Committee's s. 20.865(4)(u) appropriation to the s. 20.515(1)(ut) appropriation to be used for consultant services to evaluate the best way of collecting and reporting information on group health insurance plan enrollee complaints.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the Department's request.

Joint Committee on Finance, June 23, 1998

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VII-a. Department of Health and Family Services -- Withdrawn

VII-b. Department of Health and Family Services -- Joe LEEAN, Secretary

The department requests approval of a detailed budget for Medical Assistance (MA) outreach and administrative costs related to federal welfare reform. This budget contains \$468,300 GPR that 1997 Act 27 placed in the committee's s. 20.865(4)(a) appropriation for these costs. This budget also contains a requested 3.0 FTE project positions (.30 FTE GPR and 2.70 FTE FED). The department also requests a transfer of \$200,900 GPR from s. 20.435(1)(a) to 20.435(1)(bm). Act 27 inadvertently budgeted this \$200,900 for MA outreach and administrative costs in the general program operations appropriation.

The Committee deferred a decision on this request at its June 4th meeting pending further information. That information was provided by the department to the co-chairs in a letter dated June 12, 1998.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the release of \$468,300 GPR from s. 20.865(4)(a) to s. 20.435(1)(bm) and transfer of \$200,900 from s. 20.435(1)(a) to s. 20.435(1)(bm). Approve only .30 FTE GPR project positions for s. 20.435(1)(a).

VIII. Department of Health and Family Services – Tom Alt, Administrator of the Division of Care and Treatment Facilities

The Department of Health and Family Services, acting under s. 13.101(13)(b), requests the transfer of \$140,200 GPR from the Joint Committee on Finance supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a), to the s. 20.435(2)(a) Division of Care and Treatment Facilities general operations appropriation, from the sale of surplus land at Mendota Mental Health Institute. The requested funds represent one-half of the selling price (\$280,400) of the land and will be used to reduce the deficit at the mental health institutes.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request. In addition, reduce the institutes' program revenue operating budget by the same amount as the request.

IX. Office of the Commissioner of Insurance – Peter Farrow, Executive Assistant

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) requests a supplement in fiscal year 1998-99 from the Committee's appropriation s. 20.865(4)(u) of \$546,200 SEG in s. 20.145(2)(u), the Patients Compensation Fund Administration appropriation, and an increase under s. 16.515/505 for fiscal year 1998-99 of \$ 83,500 PR-S in expenditure authority and 1.0 PR-S FTE in s. 20.145(1)(k), the Administrative and Support Services appropriation. The expenditure authority will cover the costs of upgrading the software of the computer system for the Patients Compensation Fund and making the system year 2000 compliant.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request for the contracting (\$337,200), the computer upgrade (\$125,500) and the cost for 1.0 permanent PR-S FTE programmer (\$83,500).

X. Department of Workforce Development -- Jean Rogers, Division Administrator,  
Division of Economic Support

The department requests the transfer of \$11,173,000 GPR in fiscal year 1998-99 from the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the general program operations appropriation under s. 20.445(3)(a). The department also requests the Committee's approval of the carryover of \$787,000 GPR in the s. 20.445(3)(a) appropriation from fiscal year 1997-98 to 1998-99, the use of \$695,700 in excess federal matching funds and approval of 6.0 new FTE project positions in the Bureau of Child Support. All of these actions are requested to support the modifications to and ongoing operation of the Kids Information Data System (KIDS) in fiscal year 1998-99.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request.

XII. Department of Revenue – Cate Zeuske, Secretary  
Department of Transportation – Charles H. Thompson, Secretary

The departments request a supplement of \$130,600 SEG from the committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(u) and authorization of a 0.5 FTE SEG permanent position in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Department of Revenue's s. 20.566(1)(qm) administration of the rental vehicle fee appropriation. The source of the requested funding is the transportation fund. Of the amount requested, \$30,900 is for ongoing funding.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the dollar amounts as requested. Delete 4.0 FTE positions previously approved to leave only the half-time position now desired.

XIII. Department of Commerce – Christopher Mohrman, Executive Assistant

The department requests authorization of 1.0 GPR FTE Grants Specialist-Advanced project position for one year, with possible extensions of up to three more years, in the general program operations appropriation under s. 20.143(1)(a), to assist in the financing and management of awards associated with the department's Dairy 2020 program.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request.

XIV. Department of Transportation – Sandra Beaupre, Director, Office of Policy and Budget

Pursuant to section 2485(3)(cm) of 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, the department requests transferring \$250,000 SEG in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$125,000 SEG in fiscal year 1998-99 from appropriation s. 20.395(3)(cq), state highway rehabilitation, state funds, to appropriation s. 20.395(2)(pq), transportation infrastructure loans, state funds, to match the receipt of \$1,500,000 FED for the Transportation Infrastructure Loan Program.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request.

XV. Department of Transportation – Sandra Beaupre, Director, Office of Policy and Budget

Pursuant to section 9128(1x) of 1997 Wisconsin Act 237, the department requests an increase of \$425,200 SEG in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission supplement appropriation under s. 20.395(5)(qt).

Governor's Recommendation

Modify the request to provide \$600,000 in the DOT supplemental appropriation for the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission. This will ensure that the commission receives the \$4.15 million it needs to meet anticipated commitments. As required in 1997 Act 237, any excess funds above \$4.15 million will be returned to the transportation fund by the DOA Secretary on July 1, 1999.

XVI. Department of Administration -- John C. Marx, Administrator, Division of Building and Police Services

Pursuant to s. 20.907 (1), the department requests approval for the gift of the Black Point Estate to the Department of Administration.

Governor's Recommendation

Approve the request as submitted.

XI. State Historical Society -- George Vogt, Director; Peter Gottlieb, State Archivist

The society requests a supplement of \$62,900 GPR in fiscal year 1998-99 from the Committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the archives, research and library services general program operations; archives and research services s. 20.245(1)(a) appropriation, and authorization for 2.0 GPR FTE archivist positions to implement an electronic records program.

Governor's Recommendation

Deny the request. The Society should consider discussing alternatives for addressing the electronic records storage issue with the Department of Administration and other interested parties in anticipation of its 1999-01 budget request.