



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

Ninety-Fourth Regular Session

2:10 P.M.

MONDAY, January 4, 1999

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol. Pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Assembly Rule 5, the Assembly was called to order by the chief clerk of the 1997-98 session, Charles Sanders.

The prayer was offered by Rabbi Francis Barry Silberg of Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun Temple in Milwaukee:

“Dear God, Bless the stewards of this great state, its Speaker and Assembly, its styles and scenes, its bluffs and valleys, its rivers and resources, with stout hearts, keen minds and souls in sturdy service of truth.

Bless its people, their homes and the homeless in their havens, their cultures in colorful array, their past, with a present not pressed by glad hands, but goodness, with government impartial and just, with merit rewarded and prejudice remanded.

Bless its proud and its poor, its healthy and worn, its bright and benighted with hope, and the wisdom to walk patiently with each other.

Bless Wisconsin's bold, for they will be its leaders, and its skilled, for they will lay its foundations, and the dreamers who cut the cloth of its character, and the critics whose keys are reason, and the councils that labor for comity, and the thoughtful who strive for civility.

More, dear God, bless its peacemakers for theirs is the broadest burden and theirs the brightest future.”

The Colors were presented by Company K, 2nd Battalion, Wisconsin Regiment, from Madison.

Representatives—Elect Lassa and Leibham led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Representative Judy Klusman led the membership in singing the “Star Spangled Banner”, accompanied by the 1st Brigade Band of Watertown.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Elections Board
Madison

December 10, 1998

Dear Mr. Sanders:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the official canvass of the November 3, 1998 General Election vote for representative to the assembly along with the determination by the Chairperson of the State Elections Board of the winners.

With this letter, I am delivering the Certificates of Election and transmittal letters for the winners to you for distribution.

If the State Elections Board staff can provide you with any further information or assistance, please contact our office.

State Elections Board
KEVIN J. KENNEDY
Executive Secretary

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- 1st - Dave Hutchison
N8915 State Road 57
Luxemburg 54217
Republican
- 2nd - Frank G. Lasee
1735 Keehan Lane
Bellevue 54311
Republican
- 3rd - Alvin R. Ott
W2168 Campground Road
P.O. Box 112
Forest Junction 54123
Republican
- 4th - Phil Montgomery
1305 Oak Crest Drive
Green Bay 54313
Republican
- 5th - Lee P. Meyerhofer
903 Shamrock Court
Kaukauna 54130
Democrat

- 6th - John H. Ainsworth
W6382 Waukechon Road
Shawano 54166
Republican
- 7th - Peter E. Bock
4710 West Bluemound Road
Milwaukee 53208-3648
Democrat
- 8th - Pedro A. Colon
338 West Walker Street
Milwaukee 53204
Democrat
- 9th - Timothy W. Carpenter
2957 South 38th Street
Milwaukee 53215
Democrat
- 10th - Annette Polly Williams
3927 North 16th Street
Milwaukee 53206-2918
Democrat
- 11th - Johnnie Morris-Tatum
3711 West Douglas Avenue
Milwaukee 53209
Democrat
- 12th - Shirley I. Krug
6105 West Hope Avenue
Milwaukee 53216
Democrat
- 13th - David A. Cullen
2845 North 68th Street
Milwaukee 53210
Democrat
- 14th - Scott K. Walker
2334 North 73rd Street
Wauwatosa 53213-1210
Republican
- 15th - Tony Staskunas
2010 South 103rd Court
West Allis 53227
Democrat
- 16th - Leon D. Young
2351 North Richards Street
Milwaukee 53212
Democrat
- 17th - G. Spencer Coggs
3732 North 40th Street
Milwaukee 53216
Democrat
- 18th - Antonio R. Riley
1132 North 22nd Street
Milwaukee 53233
Democrat
- 19th - Jon Richards
1823 North Oakland Avenue
Milwaukee 53202
Democrat
- 20th - Christine Sinicki
3132 South Indiana Avenue
Milwaukee 53207
Democrat
- 21st - Jeffrey T. Plale
1404 18th Avenue
South Milwaukee 53172
Democrat
- 22nd - Sheldon A. Wasserman
3487 North Lake Drive
Milwaukee 53211
Democrat
- 23rd - John La Fave
7237 West Wabash Avenue
P.O. Box 23410
Milwaukee 53223-0410
Democrat
- 24th - Suzanne Jeskewitz
N80 W15239 Hilltop Drive
Menomonee Falls 53051
Republican
- 25th - Robert F. Ziegelbauer
1213 South 8th Street
P.O. Box 325
Manitowoc 54221-0325
Democrat
- 26th - Joseph K. Leibham
60 Lincoln Avenue
Sheboygan 53081
Republican
- 27th - Steve Kestell
W3829 State Highway 32
Elkhart Lake 53020
Republican
- 28th - Mark L. Pettis
3830 State Road 70
P.O. Box 257
Hertel 54845
Republican
- 29th - Joe Plouff
1421 Messenger Street
Menomonie 54751
Democrat
- 30th - Kitty Rhoades
708 4th Street
Hudson 54016
Republican
- 31st - Steve Nass
W8948 Willis Ray Road
Whitewater 53190
Republican

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| 32nd - Scott R. Jensen
850 South Springdale Road
Waukesha 53186
Republican | 45th - Dan Schooff
744 Wisconsin Avenue
Beloit 53511
Democrat |
| 33rd - Daniel P. Vrakas
N45 W28912 Capitol Drive
Hartland 53029
Republican | 46th - Tom Hebl
306 Windsor Street
Sun Prairie 53590-0046
Democrat |
| 34th - Joe Handrick
8768 Handrick Drive
Minocqua 54548
Republican | 47th - Eugene Hahn
W3198 Old B Road
Cambria 53923
Republican |
| 35th - Thomas D. Ourada
425 Dorr Street
Antigo 54409
Republican | 48th - Mark Miller
4903 Roigan Terrace
Monona 53716
Democrat |
| 36th - Lorraine M. Seratti
HC2, Box 588
Florence 54121
Republican | 49th - David A. Brandemuehl
13081 Pine Road
Fennimore 53809
Republican |
| 37th - David W. Ward
N3401 Highway G
Fort Atkinson 53538
Republican | 50th - Sheryl K. Albers
S6896 Seeley Creek Road
Loganville 53943
Republican |
| 38th - Steven M. Foti
1117 Dickens Drive
Oconomowoc 53066
Republican | 51st - Stephen J. Freese
310 East North Street
Dodgeville 53533
Republican |
| 39th - Robert G. Goetsch
N6485 High Point Road
Juneau 53039
Republican | 52nd - John F. Townsend
297 Roosevelt
Fond du Lac 54935
Republican |
| 40th - Jean L. Hundertmark
E8815 River Road
Clintonville 54929
Republican | 53rd - Carol Owens
144 County Road C
Oshkosh 54904
Republican |
| 41st - Luther S. Olsen
N2021 Highway 49
Berlin 54923
Republican | 54th - Gregg Underheim
1652 Beech Street
Oshkosh 54901
Republican |
| 42nd - Joan Wade Spillner
N5095 Town Hall Road
Montello 53949
Republican | 55th - Dean R. Kaufert
1360 Alpine Lane
Neenah 54956
Republican |
| 43rd - Neal J. Kedzie
N7661 Highway 12
Elkhorn 53121
Republican | 56th - Judith A. Klusman
7539 Green Meadow Road
Oshkosh 54904
Republican |
| 44th - Wayne W. Wood
2429 Rockport Road
Janesville 53545
Democrat | 57th - Steve Wieckert
3038 North Ballard #214
Appleton 54911
Republican |
| | 58th - Michael A. Lehman
1317 Honeysuckle Road
Hartford 53027
Republican |

- 59th - Glenn Grothman
111 South 6th Avenue
West Bend 53095
Republican
- 60th - Tim Hoven
204 South Webster Street
Port Washington 53074
Republican
- 61st - Robert L. Turner
36 McKinley Avenue
Racine 53404
Democrat
- 62nd - John W. Lehman
2421 James Boulevard
Racine 53403
Democrat
- 63rd - Bonnie L. Ladwig
6437 Norfolk Lane
Racine 53406
Republican
- 64th - James Kreuser
3313 24th Avenue
Kenosha 53140
Democrat
- 65th - John P. Steinbrink
8602-88th Avenue
Kenosha 53142
Democrat
- 66th - Cloyd A. Porter
28322 Durand Avenue
Burlington 53105
Republican
- 67th - Tom Sykora
10688 State Highway 178
Chippewa Falls 54729
Republican
- 68th - Larry C. Balow
2007 Plante Street
Eau Claire 54703
Democrat
- 69th - Scott Suder
302 South 1st Avenue
Abbotsford 54405
Republican
- 70th - Donald W. Hasenohrl
9516 Bluff Drive
Pittsville 54466-9763
Democrat
- 71st - Julie M. Lassa
3530 Ann Marie Drive
Plover 54467
Democrat
- 72nd - Marlin D. Schneider
3820 Southbrook Lane
Wisconsin Rapids 54494
Democrat
- 73rd - Frank Boyle
4900 East Tri-Lakes Road
Superior 54880
Democrat
- 74th - Gary E. Sherman
11800 Sherman Road
P.O. Box 157
Port Wing 54865
Democrat
- 75th - Mary Hubler
1966 21-7/8 Street
Rice Lake 54868
Democrat
- 76th - Terese Berceau
4181 Cherokee Drive
Madison 53711
Democrat
- 77th - Spencer Black
5742 Elder Place
Madison 53705
Democrat
- 78th - Mark Pocan
1029 Spaight Street #6B
Madison 53703
Democrat
- 79th - Rick Skindrud
1261 LaFollette Road
Mount Horeb 53572
Republican
- 80th - Mike Powers
N6772 Attica Road
Albany 53502
Republican
- 81st - David Travis
4229 Mandrake Road
Madison 53704
Democrat
- 82nd - Jeff Stone
7424 West Forest Home Avenue
Greenfield 53220
Republican
- 83rd - Scott L. Gunderson
23401 Hanson Road
Union Grove 53182
Republican
- 84th - Mark Gundrum
10620 West Scharles Avenue
Hales Corner 53130
Republican

85th - Greg Huber
406 South 9th Avenue
Wausau 54401
Democrat

86th - Jerry Petrowski
720 North 136th Avenue
Marathon 54448-9580
Republican

87th - Marty Reynolds
219 West 2nd Street North
Ladysmith 54848
Democrat

88th - Carol Kelso
416 East LeCapitaine Circle
Green Bay 54302
Republican

89th - John G. Gard
481 Aubin Street
P.O. Box 119
Peshtigo 54157
Republican

90th - John J. Ryba
714 Wilson Avenue
Green Bay 54303
Democrat

91st - Barbara Gronemus
36301 West Street
P.O. Box 676
Whitehall 54773-0676
Democrat

92nd - Terry M. Musser
W13440 Murray Road
Black River Falls 54615
Republican

93rd - Rob Kreibich
3437 Nimitz Street
Eau Claire 54701
Republican

94th - Mike Huebsch
419 West Franklin
West Salem 54669
Republican

95th - Mark Meyer
920 South 16th Street
La Crosse 54601
Democrat

96th - DuWayne Johnsrud
Route 1, Box 91A
Eastman 54626
Republican

97th - Peggy Krusick
3426 South 69th Street
Milwaukee 53219
Democrat

98th - Marc C. Duff
1811 South Elm Grove Road
New Berlin 53151
Republican

99th - Frank H. Urban
3645 Emberwood Drive
Brookfield 53005
Republican

OATH OF OFFICE

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 28 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Honorable Justice David Prosser of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to the members en masse.

The attendance roll was called by the clerk.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Coggs, Colon, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Handrick, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Jensen, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Kestell, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, Meyer, Meyerhofer, Miller, Montgomery, Morris-Tatum, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Ourada, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Porter, Powers, Reynolds, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Seratti, Sherman, Sinicki, Skindrud, Spillner, Staskunas, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, Young and Ziegelbauer – 94.

Absent – Representatives Black, Cullen, Jeskewitz, Plale and Steinbrink – 5.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Representative Foti nominated Representative Jensen for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Bock nominated Representative Schneider for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the chair declared nominations closed.

Representative Bock asked unanimous consent that all democratic members of the Assembly be recorded as voting for Representative Schneider for position of Speaker of the Assembly. Granted.

Representative Foti asked unanimous consent that all republican members of the Assembly be recorded as voting

for Representative Jensen for position of Speaker of the Assembly. Granted.

For Representative Jensen – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Brandemuehl, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Handrick, Hoven, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Jensen, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Kestell, Klusman, Kreibich, Ladwig, F. Lasee, M. Lehman, Leibham, Montgomery, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Ourada, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Porter, Powers, Rhoades, Seratti, Skindrud, Spillner, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward and Wieckert – 54.

For Representative Schneider – Representatives Balow, Berceau, Bock, Boyle, Carpenter, Coggs, Colon, Gronemus, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Huber, Hubler, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Lassa, J. Lehman, Meyer, Meyerhofer, Miller, Morris-Tatum, Plouff, Pocan, Reynolds, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Sherman, Sinicki, Staskunas, Travis, Turner, Wasserman, Williams, Wood, Young and Ziegelbauer – 40.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Black, Cullen, Jeskewitz, Plale and Steinbrink – 5.

Representative Jensen was elected Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Hundertmark and Colon escorted Representative Jensen to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Supreme Court Justice David Prosser.

Speaker Jensen in the chair.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

“Thank you very much.

Today is a day for thank you’s. Each of us privileged to be on this floor owes a debt of gratitude to the voters of Wisconsin who sent us. Each of us owes a debt of gratitude to the family and friends who sustained us during our campaigns, who celebrated with us at the peaks, who carried us through the valleys and who now proudly stand here with us. We thank you all very much.

I also want to thank our former Speaker, Supreme Court Justice David Prosser, for coming home to the Assembly to swear in this new legislature.

Finally, I want to thank my colleagues for once again granting me the enormous honor and great responsibility of being your Speaker.

Over the past four years, this house, the people’s house, has led the way in Wisconsin with bold initiatives in welfare reform, tax relief, school choice, and charter schools. And just as Wisconsin blazed a trail for the nation with its progressive reforms at the start of this century, we have taken the lead again at the century’s end.

Our record of bipartisan accomplishments here in Wisconsin stands in stark contrast with the poisoned and polarized politics of Washington D.C. Now, we most assuredly will disagree from time to time in this chamber – even vigorously so. For there are issues that are so important to Wisconsin’s future that they deserve to be debated passionately. But our debates must focus on policies not personalities, on what is right not who has been wronged. In the end, if we are to be faithful to the oath we took today, we must all work harder at working together.

Fourteen months ago, I stood here and told you that my top priority as Speaker would be to reduce the tax burden on Wisconsin families. And since then, we have made a good start.

We cut taxes on our families from the bottom up. First, we eliminated income taxes entirely for lower income families, then we eliminated the marriage penalty for middle class families. We indexed our tax rates so working families don’t pay more in taxes just because they got a cost of living raise. We made the premiums for long term care insurance 100% deductible so seniors can afford to stay in their homes and we provided a \$3000 tax deduction for tuition so families can afford to send their kids to college. We eliminated capital gains taxes on the sale of a family business to another member of the family so we can keep these businesses in the family and in business. And finally, we recognized that everyone in Wisconsin pays too much in taxes so we cut income tax rates across the board by 2.5%.

In the end, working together, we have reduced the tax bill for our families over the next five years by \$1.3 billion. And that is a good start, but it must only be the beginning.

For despite all of our efforts in the last session, Wisconsin’s families still work too hard and too long to pay for their government. That is why I pledge to our families that this house will cut taxes again this year... and we will cut taxes again next year ... and we will keep cutting taxes until they are finally in line with our families’ ability to pay.

Reducing our families’ tax burden is not merely an economic necessity, it is a moral imperative if we are to maintain a civil society. Our democracy is commonly understood as a system of government, but our founding fathers understood it as a system to limit government. They understood that government can never replace and should not ever undermine the real foundations of our civil society: family, faith, and community.

A healthy civil society can only be built on the foundation of strong families. And yet, it has been estimated that every dollar we require a family to pay in taxes costs parents 20 minutes with their children. Simply put, the time parents spend earning the money needed to pay the taxes we levy is time they cannot spend helping their children with their homework, eating a family meal together, reading favorite stories or saying family prayers. It is time lost that frays family ties, puts children at risk and ultimately weakens our families.

In the months ahead, as we work to cut taxes, we must summon the courage to make difficult choices about the state budget so that parents won’t have to make even more painful decisions about their family budgets.

The growth of government and the tax burden has also stifled the role of faith in building up and maintaining our civil society. For thousands of years, we relied on organizations of faith to educate our children, care for our poor, and shape our values. But in the middle of this century, government elbowed faith out of the public square and attempted to fill the "God-shaped hole" in our cultural fabric with legions of bureaucrats, reams of regulations, and a torrent of taxes. Only in recent years, have we finally understood the damaging effects of both the incapacity of government alone to solve so many of our social problems and the dispiriting atrophy of faith-based institutions once so instrumental in healing these ills.

The founders of our republic foresaw a vigorous role for faith in our society to moderate selfish passions and to reinforce shared values. In fact, they viewed this foundation of virtue as essential to the concept of liberty. For too long, though, government has made communities of faith adversaries in its bureaucratic attempts to build a civil society. It is time we welcome back our churches and temples, our synagogues and mosques as full participants in our work to address the pressing issues facing our state.

Our communities have suffered too from an overbearing and outsized government. Government in Madison will never be as responsive to an individual's needs as the neighbor next door. Yet, through high taxation we force people to work longer hours for less pay and make it difficult for them to interact with their neighbors. At the same time, we have offered the false promise of government taking care of neighbors we once viewed as our own individual responsibility.

At this point, I am sure some of you think I am exaggerating how dramatically government has undermined the concept of community. I invite you to think back just three summers ago. In the wake of a serious heat wave that gripped our state, government programs were set up to call elderly residents in our neighborhoods to check on their well being. Now think about that: The government was taking money from you in taxes so that it could check up on your next door neighbor's well-being. Our first response to this crisis was not to rely on families, or neighbors, or fellow parishioners but rather to call on the government.

That same year, in his State of the Union speech, President Clinton proclaimed that "the era of big government is over." But reality has yet to match the rhetoric. Government still too often continues to flail away at problems it is ill-equipped to solve while at the same time hamstringing the efforts of the individuals and organizations that are best equipped to solve these problems.

As we search for the real answers to the challenges that face our state, we will most often find them in our own neighborhoods in the hearts of our families, in the souls of our churches.

So let us begin this new session, this new year, with these resolutions:

For each of us who sits here in this chamber because of the support and love of family, let us resolve today to work this session for stronger, healthier families throughout Wisconsin.

For each of us here who have been lifted by our faith in God, let us resolve to remove the obstacles that stand in the way of all of our society knowing the same restorative power.

And for each of us here who have seen firsthand the dynamic possibilities in our communities, let us resolve to unleash this potential so that as we strengthen our neighborhoods we might also build brotherhood.

In this, the last year of the last decade of the last century of this millennium, let us resolve to rebuild the foundations of our civil society: to strengthen our families, to restore our faith and to reinvigorate our communities."

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Representative Powers nominated Representative Freese for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Foti asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly be recorded as voting for Representative Freese for Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore. Granted.

For Representative Freese – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Coggs, Colon, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Handrick, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Kestell, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, Meyer, Meyerhofer, Miller, Montgomery, Morris-Tatum, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Ourada, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Porter, Powers, Reynolds, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Seratti, Sherman, Sinicki, Skindrud, Spillner, Staskunas, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, Young, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Jensen – 94.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Black, Cullen, Jeskewitz, Plale and Steinbrink – 5.

Representative Freese was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Albers and Brandemuehl escorted Representative Freese to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Jensen.

Speaker Pro Tempore Freese in the chair.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK

Representative Jensen nominated Charles Sanders for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Krug seconded the nomination of Charles Sanders for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Foti asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly be recorded as voting for Charles Sanders for Assembly Chief Clerk. Granted.

For Charles Sanders – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Cogg, Colon, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Handrick, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Kestell, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, Meyer, Meyerhofer, Miller, Montgomery, Morris-Tatum, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Ourada, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Porter, Powers, Reynolds, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Seratti, Sherman, Sinicki, Skindrud, Spillner, Staskunas, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, Young, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Jensen – 94.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Black, Cullen, Jeskewitz, Plale and Steinbrink – 5.

Charles Sanders was elected Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Spillner and Meyerhofer escorted Charles Sanders to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Pro Tempore Freese.

CHIEF CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Charlie Sanders announced that he has appointed Linda Hanson as Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Vrakas and Bock escorted Linda Hanson to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Pro Tempore Freese.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Representative Jensen nominated Denise Solie for the position of Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Foti asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Denise Solie for Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms. Granted.

For Denise Solie – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Cogg, Colon, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Handrick, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Kestell, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, Meyer, Meyerhofer, Miller, Montgomery, Morris-Tatum, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Ourada, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Porter, Powers, Reynolds, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Seratti, Sherman, Sinicki, Skindrud, Spillner, Staskunas, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, Young, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Jensen – 94.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Black, Cullen, Jeskewitz, Plale and Steinbrink – 5.

Denise Solie was elected Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Albers and Schneider escorted Denise Solie to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Pro Tempore Freese.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Denise Solie announced that she has appointed Anne Tonnon as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the Ninety-Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Ourada and Huber escorted Anne Tonnon to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Pro Tempore Freese.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Representative Foti introduced a privileged resolution.

Assembly Resolution 1

Relating to: notifying the senate and the governor that the 1999–2000 Assembly is organized.

By Representative Foti.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 1** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Coggs, Colon, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Handrick, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Kestell, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, Meyerhofer, Miller, Montgomery, Morris–Tatum, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Ourada, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Porter, Powers, Reynolds, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Seratti, Sherman, Sinicki, Skindrud, Spillner, Staskunas, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, Young, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Jensen – 93.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Black, Cullen, Jeskewitz, Meyer, Plale and Steinbrink – 6.

Motion carried.

Representative Meyer asked unanimous consent to be recorded as voting “Aye” on the previous question. Granted.

Representative Colon introduced a privileged joint resolution.

Assembly Joint Resolution 1

Relating to: the life and public service of Representative Joseph C. Czerwinski.

By Representative Colon.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Joint Resolution 1** be adopted?

Motion carried.

Representative Bock asked unanimous consent that all members of the Assembly be made coauthors of **Assembly Joint Resolution 1**. Granted.

Representative Foti asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Joint Resolution 1** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

Representative Foti introduced a privileged resolution.

Assembly Resolution 2

Relating to: establishing the committee structure and names for the 1999–2000 legislative session.

By Representatives Jensen, Freese, Albers and Duff.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 2** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Coggs, Colon, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Handrick, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Kestell, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, Meyerhofer, Miller, Montgomery, Morris–Tatum, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Ourada, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Porter, Powers, Reynolds, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Seratti, Sherman, Sinicki, Skindrud, Spillner, Staskunas, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, Young, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Jensen – 92.

Noes – Representative Carpenter – 1.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Black, Cullen, Jeskewitz, Meyer, Plale and Steinbrink – 6.

Motion carried.

Representative Meyer asked unanimous consent to be recorded as voting “Aye” on the previous question. Granted.

The roll was called by the clerk, and the members, as their names were called, came to the desk to sign the oath of office book.

Speaker Jensen in the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

From Donald J. Schneider, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate:

Is organized and ready to proceed to the business of the 1999-2000 legislative session.

Passed and asks concurrence in:

Senate Joint Resolution 1

ACTION ON THE SENATE MESSAGE

Senate Joint Resolution 1

Relating to: the session schedule for the 1999–2000 biennial session period and extending the deadline for the governor’s budget message.

By joint committee on Legislative Organization.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be concurred in?

The roll was taken.

January 4, 1999

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Coggs, Colon, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Handrick, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Kestell, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, Meyer, Meyerhofer, Miller, Montgomery, Morris-Tatum, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Ourada, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plouff, Pocan, Porter, Powers, Reynolds, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Seratti, Sherman, Sinicki, Skindrud, Spillner, Staskunas, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, Young, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Jensen – 94.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Black, Cullen, Jeskewitz, Plale and Steinbrink – 5.

Motion carried.

Representative Foti asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

Mr. Charles Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk
Room 402, One East Main St.
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Charlie:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Democratic members:

- Minority Leader: Shirley Krug
- Assistant Minority Leader: Marlin Schneider
- Minority Caucus Chairperson: Peter Bock
- Minority Caucus Vice-Chair: Bob Turner
- Minority Caucus Secretary: Julie Lassa
- Minority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Mary Hubler

Sincerely,
PETER BOCK
Democratic Caucus Chair

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State
Madison

December 30, 1998

To the Chief Clerk of the Assembly:

I, DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin have been approved by the Regular Session of the 1997-98 legislature and duly published as required by Section 1 of [Article XII of the Constitution](#):

- Enrolled Joint Resolution 19 (Assembly Joint Resolution 80)
- Enrolled Joint Resolution 20 (Assembly Joint Resolution 43)

These joint resolutions, which passed first consideration, are due for second consideration in the 1999-2000 legislature.

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

1997 Assembly Joint Resolution 80

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 19

To amend section 24 (3), (5) and (6) (a) of [article IV of the constitution](#); **relating to:** the distribution of the net proceeds of the state lottery and certain moneys received by the state that are attributable to pari-mutuel on-track betting and bingo (first consideration).

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

COMMUNICATIONS

November 11, 1998

Mr. Charles Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk
Room 402, 1 East Main
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Chief Clerk Sanders:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2(2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Republican Caucus:

- Majority Leader: Steven M. Foti
- Assistant Majority Leader: Bonnie L. Ladwig
- Majority Caucus Chair: Daniel Vrakas
- Majority Caucus Vice-Chair: Glenn Grothman
- Majority Caucus Secretary: Carol Owens
- Majority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Dean R. Kaufert

Sincerely,
DANIEL P. VRAKAS
Republican Caucus Chair

SECTION 1. Section 24 (3) of [article IV of the constitution](#) is amended to read:

[Article IV] Section 24 (3) The legislature may authorize the following bingo games licensed by the state, but all profits shall accrue to the licensed organization and no salaries, fees or profits may be paid to any other organization or person: bingo games operated by religious, charitable, service, fraternal or veterans' organizations or those to which contributions are deductible for federal or state income tax purposes. All moneys received by the state that are attributable to bingo games shall be used for property tax relief for residents of this state as provided by law. The distribution of moneys that are attributable to bingo games may not vary based on the income or age of the person provided the property tax relief. The distribution of moneys that are attributable to bingo games shall not be subject to the uniformity requirement of section 1 of article VIII. In this subsection, the distribution of all moneys attributable to bingo games shall include any earnings on the moneys received by the state that are attributable to bingo games, but shall not include any moneys used for the regulation of, and enforcement of law relating to, bingo games.

SECTION 2. Section 24 (5) of [article IV of the constitution](#) is amended to read:

[Article IV] Section 24 (5) This section shall not prohibit pari-mutuel on-track betting as provided by law. The state may not own or operate any facility or enterprise for pari-mutuel betting, or lease any state-owned land to any other owner or operator for such purposes. All moneys received by the state that are attributable to pari-mutuel on-track betting shall be used for property tax relief for residents of this state as provided by law. The distribution of moneys that are attributable to pari-mutuel on-track betting may not vary based on the income or age of the person provided the property tax relief. The distribution of moneys that are attributable to pari-mutuel on-track betting shall not be subject to the uniformity requirement of section 1 of article VIII. In this subsection, the distribution of all moneys attributable to pari-mutuel on-track betting shall include any earnings on the moneys received by the state that are attributable to pari-mutuel on-track betting, but shall not include any moneys used for the regulation of, and enforcement of law relating to, pari-mutuel on-track betting.

SECTION 3. Section 24 (6) (a) of [article IV of the constitution](#) is amended to read:

[Article IV] Section 24 (6) (a) The legislature may authorize the creation of a lottery to be operated by the state as provided by law. The expenditure of public funds or of revenues derived from lottery operations to engage in promotional advertising of the Wisconsin state lottery is prohibited. Any advertising of the state lottery shall indicate the odds of a specific lottery ticket to be selected as the winning ticket for each prize amount offered. The net proceeds of the state lottery shall be deposited in the treasury of the state, to be used for property tax relief for residents of this state as provided by law. The distribution of the net proceeds of the state lottery may not vary based on the income or age of the person provided the property tax relief. The distribution of the net proceeds of the state lottery shall not be subject to the uniformity requirement of section 1 of article

VIII. In this paragraph, the distribution of the net proceeds of the state lottery shall include any earnings on the net proceeds of the state lottery.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

1997 Assembly Joint Resolution 43

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 20

To amend section 4 (1) of [article VI](#); and *to create* section 4 (7) of [article VI of the constitution](#); **relating to:** 4-year terms of office for district attorneys (first consideration).

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

SECTION 4. Section 4 (1) of [article VI of the constitution](#) is amended to read:

[Article VI] Section 4 (1) Sheriffs, coroners, registers of deeds, ~~district attorneys~~, and all other elected county officers except judicial officers, ~~district attorneys~~ and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 2 years.

SECTION 5. Section 4 (7) of [article VI of the constitution](#) is created to read:

[Article VI] Section 4 (7) Beginning with the first general election which occurs following ratification of this subsection, district attorneys shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 4 years.

SECTION 6. Reconciliation. If the amendment of section 4 (1) of [article VI of the constitution](#) as proposed by 1997 Senate Joint Resolution 43 is ratified by the people prior to the ratification of this amendment, section 4 (1) of [article VI of the constitution](#) shall, in lieu of the treatment shown in SECTION 1, be amended as follows:

[Article VI] Section 4 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), coroners, registers of deeds, ~~district attorneys~~, and all other elected officers except judicial officers, sheriffs, ~~district attorneys~~ and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 2 years.

SECTION 7. Numbering of new provision. The new subsection (7) of section 4 of [article VI of the constitution](#) created in this joint resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if, before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (7) of section 4 of [article VI of the constitution](#) of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a subsection (7) of section 4 of article VI simultaneously with the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections created shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created by the joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other joint resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending

order as are the numbers of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (4), for the 1999-2000 Legislative Session in the Assembly Chamber, Democratic members will be seated on the east (door) side of the center aisle. Republican members will be seated in the seats on the west (window) side of the center aisle. Speaker Jensen will occupy seat number 4. Seat number 59 will remain vacant.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>
Ainsworth	15
Albers	17
Balow	67
Berceau	6
Black	33
Bock	8
Boyle	92
Brandemuehl	49
Carpenter	95
Coggs	65
Colon	12
Cullen	89
Duff	24
Foti	19
Freese	2
Gard	20
Goetsch	76
Gronemus	35
Grothman	44
Gunderson	75
Gundrum	70
Hahn	56
Handrick	23
Hasenohrl	94
Hebl	29
Hoven	22
Huber	88
Hubler	63
Huebsch	25
Hundertmark	82
Hutchison	98
Jensen	4
Jeskewitz	71
Johnsrud	48
Kaufert	21
Kedzie	42
Kelso	72
Kestell	83
Klusman	99
Kreibich	53
Kreuser	40
Krug	5
Krusick	11
La Fave	32
Ladwig	1
Lasee, F.	79

Lassa	30
Lehman, J.	37
Lehman, M.	80
Leibham	46
Meyer	68
Meyerhofer	87
Miller	38
Montgomery	78
Morris-Tatum	62
Musser	100
Nass	41
Olsen	73
Ott	84
Ourada	18
Owens	28
Petrowski	51
Pettis	47
Plale	85
Plouff	60
Pocan	39
Porter	77
Powers	27
Reynolds	91
Rhoades	54
Richards	31
Riley	34
Ryba	36
Schneider	7
Schooff	58
Seratti	16
Sherman	66
Sinicki	13
Skindrud	96
Spillner	74
Staskunas	86
Steinbrink	57
Stone	55
Suder	97
Sykora	50
Townsend	43
Travis	10
Turner	93
Underheim	45
Urban	52
Vrakas	3
Walker	69
Ward	81
Wasserman	14
Wieckert	26
Williams	90
Wood	9
Young	61
Ziegelbauer	64

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Klusman sang "The American Hymn" by M. Keller, accompanied by the 1st Brigade Band of Watertown.

Representative Schneider asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of Company K, 2nd Wisconsin Regiment of Madison, and the 1st Brigade Band of Watertown for their assistance in the inaugural ceremonies. Granted.

Representative Pettis asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of his father, Luther Pettis, who is celebrating his eighty-fourth birthday today. Granted.

VISITORS

During today's session, the following visitors honored the Assembly by their presence and were welcomed by the presiding officer and the members:

Marny, Dagny and Leif Skindrud from Mt. Horeb, guests of Representative Skindrud.

Ms. Mary Ann Miller from Beaver Dam, guest of Representative Goetsch.

Monty and Lee Montgomery; Lisa, Michael and Katherine Montgomery; Delphine Stark; Brown County Clerk Darlene Marcele; and Village President Ted Pamperin, all from Ashwaubenon, guests of Representative Montgomery.

Parents Harold and La Verne Kreuser; and Jane, Jimmy, and Justin Kreuser, all from Kenosha, guests of Representative Kreuser.

Daughters Molly and Jeanine Schneider from Wisconsin Rapids; Mrs. Elva Schneider from La Crosse; and Jerry and Bonnie Gartner from Fitchburg; guests of Representative Schneider.

Wife Joan Porter from Burlington; Joli Porter Krismer, Dr. Patrick Krismer, Nathan and Mitchell Krismer, all from Waukesha; guests of Representative Porter.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Foti moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, January 14, 1999, pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution 1**.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

4:45 P.M.