

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Senate Organization

Senate Resolution 5

Relating to: proclaiming September as "Citizenship Month."
By Senator Grobschmidt.

March 23, 2000 Referred to committee on Senate Organization.

March 28, 2000 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: (5) Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Panzer and Rude.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Chvala, seconded by Senator Moen, that **Senate Resolution 5** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Panzer and Rude.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 0


Sue Meinholz
Committee Clerk

Senate

Committee Report

The committee on Senate Organization, reports and recommends:

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ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 0

Ayes: (5) Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Panzer and Rude.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

Senate Joint Resolution 39

Relating to: commending and congratulating Chancellor David Ward for his contribution to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the state of Wisconsin.

By Senators Risser, Erpenbach, Grobschmidt, Farrow, George, Huelsman and Rude; cosponsored by Representatives Black, Ward, Klusman, Walker, Jensen, Underheim, Hutchinson, Berceau, Rhoades, Stone, Krebich, Brandemuehl, Ott, Miller, Young, Huber, Boyle, Schoof, Urban, Ladwig, Hahn, Bock, Ainsworth and Hebl.

ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 0

Ayes: (5) Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Panzer and Rude.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

Assembly Joint Resolution 106

Relating to: urging all Wisconsinites to observe March as "Women's History Month".

By Representatives Berceau, Sherman, Young, Turner, Bock, Travis, Spillner, Musser, Krug, Porter, Sinicki, J. Lehman, Owens, Pocan, Ladwig, Waukau, Hasenohrl, Albers, Sykora, Kreuser, Boyle, Gunderson, Huber, Riley, Miller, Coggs, Morris-Tatum,

Richards, Vrakas and Ryba; cosponsored by Senators Burke, Moen, Risser, Moore, Roessler, Plache, Erpenbach, Wirch, George and Darling

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 0

Ayes: (5) Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Panzer and Rude.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

Senate Bill 518

Relating to: division of municipalities into wards; redistricting of supervisory and aldermanic districts; election districts in 1st class city school systems; recording of certain municipal annexations; the effective date of certain annexation and detachment actions; and making an appropriation. By joint committee on Legislative Organization.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 0

Ayes: (5) Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Panzer and Rude.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.



Senator Charles Chvala
Chair



State Senator
Chuck Chvala
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

TO: Members of the Committee on Senate Organization

FROM: Senator Chuck Chvala
Chair

Date: March 23, 2000

SUBJECT: **Senate Resolution 5**

Relating to proclaiming September as "Citizenship Month".

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution. Please review and indicate your approval by signing below. Please forward this ballot to the next office listed. Thank you.

Chuck Chvala

3-23-00

Senator Chuck Chvala

(Date)

Fred A. Risser

3-23-00

Senator Fred Risser

(Date)

R. C. Moen

3-24-00

Senator Rodney Moen

(Date)

Mary E. Panzer

3/26/00

Senator Mary Panzer

(Date)

Brian Rude

3/27/00

Senator Brian Rude

(Date)



1999 SENATE RESOLUTION 5

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming September as "Citizenship Month".

2 Whereas, the American experiment of representative, self-governing
3 democracy can only function effectively with the consent and participation of an
4 enlightened, competent and responsible citizenry; and

5 Whereas, the various levels of governing — local, state, federal — must be
6 understood by citizens if they are to communicate their views and ideas to
7 representatives to shape and implement public policy; and

8 Whereas, overwhelming evidence exists that citizens have low opinions about
9 the work of state legislatures and have relatively little knowledge about what their
10 representatives do; and

11 Whereas, civic education is essential for citizens to develop a common language
12 and understanding of politics and governing; and

13 Whereas, civic education is an important tool to develop the habits of civic
14 virtue including civility, individual responsibility, self-discipline, open-mindedness,

1 compromise, tolerance of others, patience, persistence, compassion, generosity and
2 loyalty to one's nation and community; and

3 Whereas, civic education is most effective when the principles that sustain
4 representative democracy are instilled at an early age; and

5 Whereas, civic education programs in school classes, such as *We the People...*
6 *Project Citizen* for middle school classes, are effective, successful tools for teaching
7 young citizens how to address state and local community public policy issues by
8 identifying a public policy problem in their community, gathering and evaluating
9 information on the problem, examining and evaluating solutions, selecting or
10 developing a proposed public policy and developing an action plan; and

11 Whereas, classes participating in such programs learn that government and
12 public service cannot just be observed, but must be experienced with hands-on
13 action and communication; and

14 Whereas, participation in such programs involves numerous segments of the
15 community in teaching students about the legislative process; and

16 Whereas, the federal government has proclaimed September 17 as Citizenship
17 Day, and the week of September 17 is Constitution Week; now, therefore, be it

18 ***Resolved by the senate, That*** civic education programs are ideal tools to teach
19 students about the reality and promise of citizenship in a representative democracy;
20 and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** September is proclaimed "Citizenship Month" in Wisconsin.

22 (END)