



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Fifth Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, June 21, 2001

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Fred Risser.

The Chair, with unanimous consent, asked that the proper entries be made in the journal.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 208

Relating to: a sales tax and use tax exemption for energy-efficient motor vehicles.

By Senators Risser, Schultz and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Grothman, Sinicki, Staskunas, Sykora, Musser, Krawczyk, Plouff, Lassa and Berceau.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Senate Bill 209

Relating to: zoning of upland environmental corridors, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Senators Risser and Burke; cosponsored by Representatives Berceau, Pocan, Miller and Bock.

To committee on **Environmental Resources**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Education** reports and recommends:

Senate Joint Resolution 38

Relating to: honoring and commending the devoted public service of John T. Benson.

Adoption.

Ayes, 10 – Senators Grobschmidt, Jauch, Shibilski, Baumgart, Robson, Erpenbach, Roessler, Darling, Lazich and Harsdorf.

Noes, 0 – None.

Richard Grobschmidt
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

June 21, 2001

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As required by s. 13.94(1)(o), Wis. Stats., we have completed an evaluation of the implementation and operating agreements between the University of Wisconsin (UW) and the UW Hospital and Clinics Authority. The Authority is an

independent, nonprofit entity established by the Legislature in 1996 to operate the 536-bed hospital and a number of clinics on the UW-Madison campus, as well as other outpatient clinics and facilities in the Madison area. In fiscal year (FY) 1999-2000, the Authority had revenue of \$400.0 million and operating expenses of \$395.0 million; in September 2000, it employed 4,263 full-time equivalent staff.

The Authority was created to allow increased management flexibility in hospital operations and greater competitiveness in a changing health care environment. Although it has not engaged in networking activities to the extent that had been envisioned at the time it was established, it has established relationships with a number of health care entities. It has also used the \$106.5 million in bonding authority authorized by the Legislature to engage in an aggressive building program, including construction of two outpatient clinics in Madison.

The Authority's financial performance, like that of other academic medical centers, has been mixed. Revenue in excess of expenses declined from \$13.8 million in FY 1996-97, the Authority's first year of operation, to \$5.0 million in FY 1999-2000; however, it increased during the first ten months of FY 2000-01.

The Authority is generally fulfilling its statutory mission of delivering comprehensive, high-quality health care, including charity care; providing medical instruction; sponsoring and supporting health care research; and providing medical outreach services stateside. In FY 1999-2000, the Authority transferred \$16.3 million to UW medical, nursing, and pharmacy schools and spent another \$14.7 million in support of medical education.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Authority. The Authority's response is Appendix 5.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin

June 20, 2001

The Honorable, The Senate:

Attached for the information of the members is a copy of the report of the Senate 2001–2003 Biennial Budget Committee on Senate Bill 55, relating to state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2001 legislature.

Sincerely,

BOB JAUCH
Chair

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 01–043

Relating to the licensure and regulation of speech–language pathologists, audiologists, temporary licensees and supervision of unlicensed individuals.

Clearinghouse Rule 01–043 was withdrawn from the committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs** and referred to committee on **Human Services and Aging** pursuant to **Senate Rule 46 (2)(b)**.

The committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00–091

Relating to licensing of emergency medical technicians–paramedic and approval of emergency medical technician–paramedic operational plans.

Report objection in part recommended, Ayes 7, Noes 2.

Ayes, 7 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig and Cowles.

Noes, 2 – Senators S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.

Rodney Moen
Chairperson

Referred to joint committee for **review of Administrative Rules**, June 21, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Risser, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, June 26 at 10:00 A.M..

Adjourned.

10:01 A.M.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 9

Presented to the Governor on June 20, 2001.