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

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 3 to **Assembly Bill 536** offered by Representative Molepske.

Assembly amendment 4 to **Assembly Bill 536** offered by Representative Albers.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 556** offered by committee on **Highway Safety**.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 587** offered by Representative Stone.

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 646** offered by Representative Friske.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Joint Resolution 55

Relating to: honoring the mighty 8th Air Force.

By Representatives Wieckert, Loeffelholz, Gard, Suder, Hines, Hundertmark, Owens, Turner, McCormick, Sheridan, Towns, Bies and Nass; cosponsored by Senators Zien, Hansen, Roessler, Cowles and Erpenbach.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 669

Relating to: access to a presentence investigation report.

By Representatives Vruwink, Zepnick, Ott, Musser, Albers and Berceau.

To committee on **Criminal Justice and Homeland Security**.

Assembly Bill 670

Relating to: distributing the school levy and lottery and gaming property tax credits.

By Representatives Sherman, Vos, Albers, Seidel, Berceau, Lothian and Zepnick; cosponsored by Senators Jauch and A. Lasee.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 671

Relating to: designating and marking a portion of STH 21 as the 2nd Infantry Division Memorial Highway.

By Representatives Musser, Suder, Jeskewitz, Pocan, Freese, Lothian, F. Lasee, Nerison, Ott, Sheridan, Gunderson, Albers, Hines, Owens, Van Roy, Krawczyk and McCormick; cosponsored by Senators Brown, Decker and Grothman.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Assembly Bill 672

Relating to: creating a refundable individual income tax credit for sales and use taxes paid to replace damaged or destroyed tangible personal property and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Gunderson, Davis, Nerison, Moulton, Towns, Berceau, Fields, Gronemus, Hahn, Hines, LeMahieu, Musser, Pettis, Vos and Van Roy; cosponsored by Senator Roessler.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 673

Relating to: Veteran Awareness Week and veterans who volunteer in schools.

By Representatives Wieckert, Loeffelholz, Gard, Suder, Hines, Ainsworth, Hundertmark, Owens, Turner, McCormick, Sheridan, Towns and Bies; cosponsored by Senators Zien, Hansen, Roessler and Erpenbach.

To committee on **Veterans Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 674

Relating to: development zone tax credits for providing full-time jobs to veterans of the United States armed forces.

By Representatives Wieckert, Loeffelholz, Gard, Suder, Hines, Hundertmark, Musser, Owens, Turner, McCormick, Sheridan, Towns, Bies and Nass; cosponsored by Senators Zien, Hansen, Leibham, Roessler and Erpenbach.

To committee on **Veterans Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 675

Relating to: compensation for the reduction in the fair market value of private real property.

By Representative Albers.

To committee on **Property Rights and Land Management**.

Assembly Bill 676

Relating to: the creation of a tax incremental financing district in the city of Madison.

By Representatives Davis and Gard.
To committee on **Ways and Means**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Highway Safety** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 556

Relating to: trailers or semitrailers used to transport livestock.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Petrowski, Bies, Ainsworth, Van Roy, Musser and Colon.
Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Petrowski, Bies, Ainsworth, Van Roy, Musser and Colon.
Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 618

Relating to: child safety restraint systems, safety belt use requirements in motor vehicles, and providing a penalty.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Petrowski, Bies, Ainsworth, Van Roy, Musser and Colon.
Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Petrowski, Bies, Ainsworth, Van Roy, Musser and Colon.
Noes: 0.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

JERRY PETROWSKI
Chairperson
Committee on Highway Safety

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

Assembly Bill 593

Relating to: various modifications to housing loan programs and loan guarantee programs, increasing the bonding authority of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), and removing limitations on WHEDA's authority to acquire property.

Passage:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Wieckert, Townsend, Kreibich, Montgomery and Young.
Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

STEVE WIECKERT
Chairperson
Committee on Housing

The committee on **Military Affairs** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 525

Relating to: prohibiting employment discrimination because an individual is or applies to be a member of, or performs, has performed, applies to perform, or has an obligation to perform active service in, the national guard, state defense force, or any reserve component of the military forces of the United States or this state.

Passage:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Musser, Pettis, Petrowski, Townsend, Loeffelholz, Schneider, Boyle and Sinicki.
Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 533

Relating to: creating the Wisconsin naval militia and making an appropriation.

Passage:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Musser, Pettis, Petrowski, Townsend, Loeffelholz, Schneider, Boyle and Sinicki.
Noes: 0.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

TERRY MUSSER
Chairperson
Committee on Military Affairs

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

Assembly Bill 382

Relating to: the display of POW/MIA flags at certain Department of Transportation rest areas.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 13 – Representatives Ainsworth, Petrowski, Hahn, Suder, Friske, Ott, Lamb, Van Roy, Davis, Gronemus, Vruwink, Molepske and Nelson.
Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 13 – Representatives Ainsworth, Petrowski, Hahn, Suder, Friske, Ott, Lamb, Van Roy, Davis, Gronemus, Vruwink, Molepske and Nelson.
Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 405

Relating to: special distinguishing registration plates for groups that are military in nature.

Assembly Amendment 2 adoption:

Ayes: 14 – Representatives Ainsworth, Petrowski, Hahn, Suder, Friske, Ott, Lamb, Van Roy, Davis, Steinbrink, Sherman, Vruwink, Molepske and Nelson.

Noes: 0.

Assembly Amendment 3 adoption:

Ayes: 14 – Representatives Ainsworth, Petrowski, Hahn, Suder, Friske, Ott, Lamb, Van Roy, Davis, Steinbrink, Sherman, Vruwink, Molepske and Nelson.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 14 – Representatives Ainsworth, Petrowski, Hahn, Suder, Friske, Ott, Lamb, Van Roy, Davis, Steinbrink, Sherman, Vruwink, Molepske and Nelson.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

JOHN AINSWORTH
Chairperson
Committee on Transportation

REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

Assembly Bill 648

1. Page 6, line 15: delete that line and substitute: “custodial interrogations PR–S A –0– –0–”.

Assembly Amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 648**

1. Page 1, line 10: delete that line and substitute: “custodial interrogations PR–S A –0– –0–”.

Assembly Bill 656

1. Page 1, line 3: after “is” insert “renumbered 32.09 (1m) (a) and”.

2. Page 1, line 4: after ““(1m)”” insert “a”.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Joint Legislative Council
Madison

September 14, 2005

Mr. Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 208
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Patrick:

I am pleased to transmit to you the following report to the 2005 Legislature on legislation introduced by the Joint Legislative Council:

RL 2005–10 Special Committee on Navigable Waters Recodification
(2005 Assembly Bill 500)

RL 2005–12 Special Committee on Recodification of Ch. 938, the Juvenile Justice Code
(2005 Assembly Bill 443)

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Journal for the information of the membership. Additional copies of this report are available in the Legislative Council Staff offices, One East Main, Suite 401, or from our web page at www.legis.state.wi.us/lc

Sincerely,
TERRY C. ANDERSON
Director

September 19, 2005

Chief Clerk Patrick Fuller
17 W. Main St, Suite 208
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I would like to be added as a co–sponsor of Assembly Bill 657. Thank you.

Sincerely,
MARK GUNDRUM
State Assembly
84th Assembly District

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Public Service Commission
Madison

September 13, 2005

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is a copy of the annual report the Public Service Commission (Commission) shall submit to the Legislature as provided for in Wis. Stat. § 1.11(2)(j). It reports on the number and type of proposed actions requiring the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement by the Commission between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005.

If you have any questions on this report, please contact our Environmental Analysis and Review Coordinator, Kathleen Zuelsdorff, at (608) 266-2730.

Sincerely,
DANIEL R. EBERT
Chairperson

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

September 16, 2005

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

We have completed an evaluation of voter registration in Wisconsin, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Currently, voter registration is required by statute in only 172 large municipalities. Another 167 smaller municipalities choose to maintain voter registration lists. However, the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, which requires all states to develop a computerized voter registration system, will require voter registration statewide beginning in January 2006.

We found great variation in the implementation of existing voter registration laws. For example, 46.0 percent of municipalities that responded to our survey did not send address verification cards to individuals who registered by mail or at the polls on Election Day in November 2004, although doing so is an important step in verifying the residency of voters and detecting improper registrations. Only 85.3 percent of survey respondents reported updating

their voter registration lists to remove inactive voters, as required by law.

Current voter registration practices are not sufficient to ensure the accuracy of voter registration lists used by poll workers or to prevent ineligible persons from registering to vote. We identified 105 instances of voting irregularities in six municipalities, including 98 ineligible felons who may have voted. The names of these individuals have been forwarded to appropriate district attorneys for investigation.

Implementation of the statewide voter registration system may address some concerns, but we make numerous recommendations to the Elections Board to improve the voter registration process. We also present policy options for the Legislature's consideration, including establishing uniform voter registration requirements, limiting the use of outside parties to register voters, and requiring enhanced training for municipal clerks.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation provided to us by the municipal clerks we interviewed and surveyed, as well as by Elections Board staff. A response from the Executive Director of the Elections board follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor