

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
**Senate Journal**  
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WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2006

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

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**CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES**

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Wednesday, August 11, 2006.

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**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

August 7, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint HANNA, MARK, of Sheboygan, as a member of the Wisconsin Aerospace Authority, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2009.

Sincerely,  
*JIM DOYLE*  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs.**

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**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

August 8, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint FINORA, ROSEMARY, of Pewaukee, as a member of the Employee Trust Funds Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2009.

Sincerely,  
*JIM DOYLE*  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform.**

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**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 06–061**

Relating to procedures for the administration of the municipal employment relations act.

Submitted by Employment Relations Commission.

Report received from Agency, August 11, 2006.

Referred to committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**, August 11, 2006.

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Monday, August 14, 2006.

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The committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 05–118**

Relating to definitions, microdermabrasion, chemical skin peels, managers, ear piercing, waxing, nail enhancement, licensing requirements, and reinstatement of license.

No action taken.

*CAROL ROESSLER*  
Chairperson

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

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 06–064**

Relating to CDL exemptions.

No action taken.

*NEAL KEDZIE*  
Chairperson

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**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin  
Joint Legislative Council**

August 10, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

Enclosed is a copy of the General Report of the Joint Legislative Council to the 2005–06 Legislature, prepared and submitted pursuant to s. 13.81 (3), Stats.

I would appreciate your noting in the Senate Journal, pursuant to s. 13.172, Stats., that this report has been delivered to your office.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*TERRY C. ANDERSON*  
Director

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**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

August 10, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

At the request of the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), we have completed a financial audit of the Health Insurance Risk–Sharing Plan (HIRSP) for fiscal year (FY) 2004–05. HIRSP provides medical and prescription drug insurance for almost 19,000 policyholders who are unable to obtain coverage in the private market or who have lost employer–sponsored group health insurance. We have provided an unqualified opinion on HIRSP's financial statements.

Enrollment has begun to moderate following years of double-digit increases. It increased 5.4 percent during FY 2004–05, then decreased slightly during FY 2005–06. However, net claims costs increased 25.5 percent during FY 2004–05, to a total \$130.4 million. That size of increase was unexpected and contributed to a \$7.1 million decrease in HIRSP’s accounting balance, which showed a small deficit of \$300,000 as of June 30, 2005. The deficit appears to have been addressed in FY 2005–06.

DHFS and HIRSP’s Board of Governors increased the usual and customary discounts applied to medical bills for the period from January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. However, we found another change to the discounts mistakenly was not implemented July 1, 2005. If uncorrected, this oversight would have materially affected HIRSP’s financial statements for FY 2005–06, and corresponding funding levels. In May 2006, DHFS took steps to address this oversight.

[2005 Wisconsin Act 74](#) made significant changes to HIRSP. Among the most significant is the creation of the HIRSP Authority, which assumed oversight responsibility from DHFS on July 1, 2006. Other significant changes include simplifying HIRSP’s complex funding formula, providing increased flexibility for plan design, and establishing income tax credits for insurers that pay assessments for HIRSP. Under Act 74, the Audit Bureau will continue to conduct annual financial audits of HIRSP.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DHFS and the plan administrator for HIRSP.

Respectfully submitted,  
*JANICE MUELLER*  
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin  
Ethics Board**

August 15, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2005–2006 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board’s web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us/>

Bender, David	Sierra Club – John Muir Chapter
Boyer, Amy	Anheuser–Busch Companies Inc
Essie, Patrick	Association of Settlement Companies
Franken, Andrew	Anheuser–Busch Companies Inc
Mathewson, Judith	Wisconsin Energy Corporation

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,  
*R. ROTH JUDD*  
Executive Director