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Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform

Assembly Bill 177

Relating to: requirements for executive budget bill or bills.

By Representatives Wieckert, Gard, Hahn, Kestell, Lamb, Gunderson, Hundertmark, Loeffelholz, Musser, Nass, Nischke, Ott, Owens, Pettis, Pridemore, Stone, Townsend, Nerison, Montgomery, Krawczyk, Underheim, Bies, Hines, Honadel, Wood, Petrowski and Strachota; cosponsored by Senators Leibham, Lazich, Reynolds and Brown.

April 08, 2005 Referred to Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform.

August 3, 2005 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Brown, Zien, Breske and Wirch.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (1) Senator Kanavas.

Appearances For

- Steve Krieser, Stoughton — Representative Steve Wieckert

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Bob Lang — LFB

Registrations For

- Joe Leibham — State Senator

Registrations Against

- None.

August 24, 2005

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (4) Senators Brown, Zien, Breske and Wirch.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (1) Senator Kanavas*.

*** - POLLING**

Moved by Senator Zien, seconded by Senator Brown that **Assembly Bill 177** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (4) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas and Wirch.
Noes: (1) Senator Breske.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Daniel Lindstedt
Committee Clerk

ASSEMBLY BILL 177 (LRB -1627)

An Act to amend 16.47 (1); and to create 16.47 (1e) of the statutes; relating to: requirements for executive budget bill or bills.

2005

03-08. A. Introduced by Representatives **Wieckert, Gard, Hahn, Kestell, Lamb, Gunderson, Hundertmark, Loeffelholz, Musser, Nass, Nischke, Ott, Owens, Pettis, Pridemore, Stone, Townsend, Nerison, Montgomery, Krawczyk, Underheim, Bies, Hines, Honadel, Wood and Petrowski**; cosponsored by Senators **Leibham, Lazich and Reynolds**.

03-08. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Budget Review 108

03-09. A. Public hearing held.

03-09. A. Executive action taken.

03-10. A. Report passage recommended by committee on Budget Review, Ayes 4, Noes 2 121

03-10. A. Referred to committee on Rules 121

03-10. A. Placed on calendar 3-16-2005 by committee on Rules.

03-15. A. Senator Brown added as a cosponsor 130

03-16. A. Read a second time 142

03-16. A. Ordered to a third reading 142

03-16. A. Refused to suspend rules to read a third time, Ayes 59, Noes 36 142

04-07. A. Representative Strachota added as a coauthor 173

04-07. A. Read a third time and **passed**, Ayes 93, Noes 3 173

04-07. A. Ordered immediately messaged 174

04-08. S. Received from Assembly 159

04-08. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform 160

08-03. S. Public hearing held.

08-24. S. Executive action taken.

08-31. S. Report concurrence recommended by committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform, Ayes 4, Noes 1 334

08-31. S. Available for scheduling.

2006

03-08. S. Placed on calendar 3-9-2006 by committee on Senate Organization.

03-09. S. Read a second time 729

03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 offered by Senators Cowles, Ellis, Darling, Zien and Brown (**LRB a2806**) 729

03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 **adopted**, Ayes 20, Noes 13 729

03-09. S. Ordered to a third reading 729

03-09. S. Rules suspended 729

03-09. S. Read a third time and **concurrred in** as amended, Ayes 20, Noes 13 729

03-09. S. Ordered immediately messaged 730

03-09. A. Received from Senate amended and concurred in as amended (Senate amendment 1 adopted) 961

03-09. A. Laid on the table 961

04-25. A. Taken from the table 1043

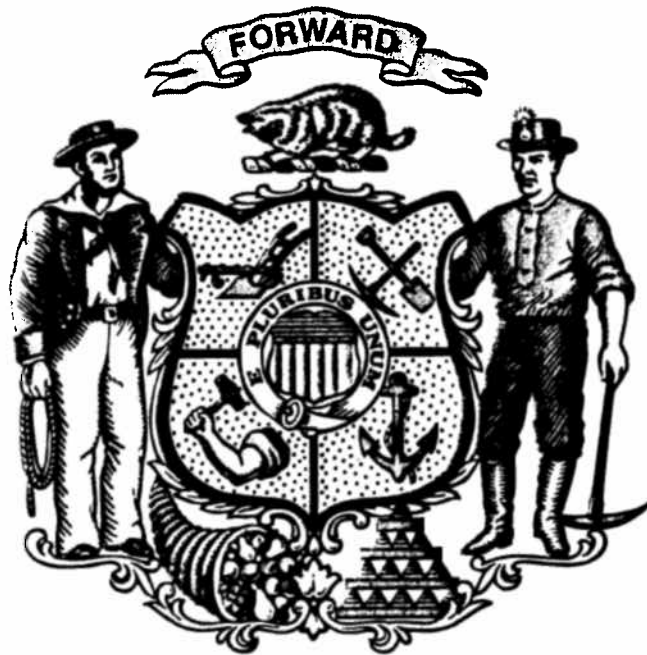
04-25. A. Senate amendment 1 **nonconcurrred in**, Ayes 65, Noes 28 1043

04-25. A. Ordered immediately messaged 1043

04-26. S. Received from Assembly, Senate amendment 1 nonconcurrred in 796

04-26. S. Available for scheduling.

05-11. S. Failed to concur in pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1 853





March 9, 2005

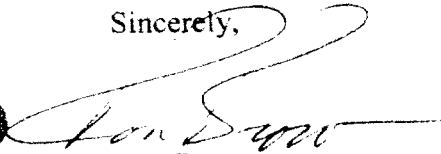
Patrick E. Fuller, Assembly Chief Clerk
17 W. Main St., Room 208
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I would like to request that my name be added as a co-sponsor to the following Assembly bills:
Assembly Bill 178 and Assembly Bill 177.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



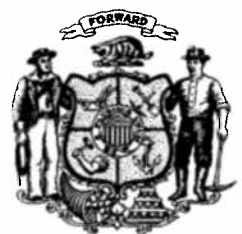
Ron Brown
State Senator
31st District

RB: kl

Cc: Rob Marchant, Senate Chief Clerk



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Testimony of
Representative Steve Wieckert
Before the
Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small
Business and Government Reform
Regarding
Assembly Bill 177 - Requirements For Executive Budget Bill or Bills

August 3, 2005

I would like to thank the chairman and members of the committee for holding a hearing on AB 359, which I believe to be both important and timely legislation to help improve Wisconsin's current budgeting weaknesses.

Because of the economy and for other reasons, these are certainly not normal times when it comes to budgeting. Nonetheless, the current difficulties do present us with an excellent opportunity to examine the way the state does its budgeting, to question old rules and procedures, and to advance reforms if necessary.

Today, I would like to focus on the importance of having a balanced budget.

The importance of having a balanced budget is clear and obvious. Just as our own family budgets and those of businesses, the State of Wisconsin should not spend more than it takes in revenues. We all know that this is not an automatic task, that of balancing the budget. It takes hard work, lots of discussion and compromise. Hopefully, during this process, what is not done is using budget

gimmicks, commonly referred to as smoke and mirrors, to make the budget seem balanced, when in reality, it is not.

Balancing the budget is important for the economic growth of our state. It is important because we do not want to excessively tax our citizens. It is also important to maintain preferred bond ratings for borrowing money for capital projects.

Unfortunately, our bond rating has been downgraded over the past several years. It had not been downgraded before that since 1982. One of the chief reasons cited by Moody's bond-rating service for its reduction in Wisconsin bond rating was because of "the deterioration of the state's financial condition due to emerging budget imbalances." Since the downgrade, Wisconsin's borrowing has been at higher interest costs because of the downgrade, in large part because Wisconsin's budget was not really balanced.

I believe the entire state government needs to work together as a team to help balance the budget and protect Wisconsin citizens against excessive taxation. It is surprising to note that this is not the case under current law. Wisconsin statutes require the legislature to balance the budget, but not so for the governor.

The governor is not now required to develop or submit a balanced state budget under current law. This legislation would change that structural

weakness in preparing the budget and require Wisconsin's chief executive, whether Democrat or Republican, to submit a balanced budget to the legislature.

This legislation will encourage both the governor and the legislature to work together as a team to develop a state budget that is really balanced and thereby benefits all the citizens in Wisconsin.

It is always important for the executive branch and the legislative branch to work together and be mutually responsible for producing a balanced budget for our state, which is what this legislation encourages.

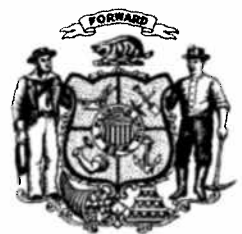
The challenge of balancing the budget now and in the near future is great. State government, including the governor and the legislature, must work together to ensure a balanced budget can be achieved. This legislation provides an additional tool to be used in the efforts to balance the budget.

I would hope this legislation would be viewed as above partisan politics and looked at as basic common sense good government public policy.

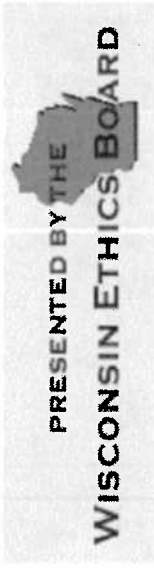
I would be happy to answer any questions from members of the committee.



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