

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Select Committee on Taxpayer Protection Amendment**

##### **Senate Joint Resolution 63**

Relating to: creating a revenue limit for the state and local governmental units, depositing excess revenue into an emergency reserve, returning excess revenue to taxpayers, elector approval for exceeding the revenue limit, state and local governmental approval for reducing the revenue limit, allowing local governmental units to raise revenue to compensate for reductions in state aid, requiring the state to reduce its revenue limit in conjunction with reduction in state aid, reimbursing the reasonable costs of imposing state mandates, standing to bring a suit to enforce the revenue limits, and requiring the approval of only one legislature to amend the revenue limit provisions (first consideration).

By Senators Grothman, Lazich, Darling, S. Fitzgerald, A. Lasee, Kedzie, Kanavas, Zien, Leibham, Reynolds, Schultz and Stepp; cosponsored by Representatives Wood, Honadel, Huebsch, Gard, Pridemore, Strachota, Kerkman, Nass, Lothian, F. Lasee, J. Fitzgerald, Gundrum, Hundertmark, Jensen, Musser, Pettis, Nischke, LeMahieu, Vos, Kleefisch, Gunderson, Newcomer, Kestell, Vukmir, Suder and Montgomery.

February 14, 2006      Referred to Select Committee on Taxpayer Protection Amendment.

February 15, 2006      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (2)      Senators Grothman and Lazich.  
Absent:    (4)      Senators Lasee and Fitzgerald.  
Democratic Senators refused to show.

##### Appearances For

- None.

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Dan Vrakas — Waukesha County Administrator
- Barry Poulson — Dr., Americans for Prosperity
- Joan Hansen — Americans for Prosperity
- Mike Monson — former Mayor of Antigo
- Craig Thompson — WI Counties Association
- Curt Witynski, Madison — League of WI Municipalities
- Michael Pollocoff — Pleasant Prairie Village Administrator
- James Haney — WI Manufacturers and Commerce
- Gail Sumi, Madison — AARP Wisconsin
- Adam Payne — Sheboygan County Administrator

- Daniel Clancy — WI Technical College System President
- Paul Gabriel — WI Technical College District Boards Assoc. Executive Director
- Jeff Pertl — WI Association of School Boards

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- Mickey Beil, Madison — Dane County
- Constance Threinen, Middleton — League of Women Voters of WI
- Mark Wadium, Appleton — Outagamie County

March 1, 2006

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Grothman, Lazich, Fitzgerald, Kanavas\* and Taylor\*.

Absent: (1) Senator Carpenter

\*Kanavas subbed for Lasee, Taylor subbed for Plale.

Appearances For

- Frank Lasee — Representative
- Art Marquardt
- Bob Geason
- Mark Block — Americans for Prosperity
- Michael Birkley — Wisconsin Property Taxpayers, Inc.
- Arden Degner — Oak Creek Citizens Action
- Owen Robinson
- Paul Ellefson
- Chris Lufter
- Orville Seymer — CRG Network
- Nick Zahn — Americans for Limited Government

Appearances Against

- Gary Becker — Mayor, Racine
- Ken Bates — Columbus School District
- Joe Damyecker — MDS, WI Assoc. of School Boards
- Russ Kaeske — Whitnal, WI Assoc. of School Boards
- Robert Borch — School Districts
- Matt Gibson — School Districts
- Vanessa Clayborn — MATC
- Bob Roska — Glendale-River Hills School Board
- Jo Ellen Burke — Eau Claire Assoc. of Educators
- Jeff Horner — WEAC
- Carl Eisenberg, M.D.

- Laurie Hintz — CAPOW
- Dan Brereton — Florence School Board
- William Audrekopolus — Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools
- Tom Bunker — Racine Wastewater Utility
- Sandra Duckett — Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- Susan McMurray — AFSCME
- David Arbuthnot
- Kelly Herda — Nicolet High School
- John Krauss — Waukesha County Labor Council
- Ed Huck, Madison — WI Alliance of Cities
- Hedy Eischeid — Fond du Lac Education Assoc. & Fond du Lac School District
- Nancy Habeger — Markesan District Schools
- Susan Alexander — Markesan District Schools
- Barry Curci
- Julie Addison-Fulton — Educators
- Dean DeBroux
- Tariq Akmut
- Thomas Reinke — Wisconsin
- Jeff Lunz
- David Bretl — Walworth County

Appearances for Information Only

- Tom Luljak — University of Wisconsin System (Kevin Reilly)
- Karl Hertz — Village of Thiensville

Registrations For

- Marilyn Kruchell
- Paul Zimmerman — WI Farm Bureau
- Ed Lump — WI Restaurant Association
- Joan Hansen
- Robert Hall — Franklin WI
- Tom Streicher — Mukwonago WI
- John Bruskewitz
- Scott Briscoe
- Gerald Tobin
- Michael Beckemeier
- Robert Collison — Independent Business Association
- Cameron Sholty — Freedom Works, Inc.
- Peter Sirko
- Ken Reese
- Peter Wolff
- Gerald Verduyn
- Virginia Verduyn
- Thomas Brodek

- Rosemarie Brodek
- Dave Cornwell
- Chuck Roamer
- Luonne Dumak
- Bill Kramer
- Lorri Pickens — AFP
- Leah Vukmir — Representative
- Thomas McGilvra
- Jim Erceg
- Jeanine Kissinger
- Geri Mesecc
- Joe Mesecc
- Laura Bucaro — Small Business Owners
- Dan Vrakas — Waukesha County Administrator
- Mary Charles
- Gordon Sailer
- Paul Beard
- Ginny Marschman — Wisconsin Federation of Republican Women
- William Berglund

Registrations Against

- Don Mrosz
- Miguel Salas
- Luann Livingston
- Steven Schmuki
- Katherine Schreiber
- Laurie Longtine
- Nancy Skebbe
- Linda Ziefle
- Julie Stringer
- Mark Wadium, Appleton — Outagamie County
- Leigh Barker Cheesebro
- Stan Johnson — WEAC
- Elizabeth Ludeman — West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
- Sam Froiland
- Lynn Walker
- Guy Costello
- Daniel Ewert — AFSCME
- Larry Konopacki — Municipal Environmental Group
- Peggy Bull
- Tom Bull
- Gregg Wiczorek
- Bruce Nielson
- John Quaal

- Lisa Fusw
- Pat Nolan-Burger
- Charity Elesn — WI Council on Children and Families
- Shaun McAugh — International Union of Operating Engineers
- Kathy Zingsheim — WI Alliance for Excellent Schools
- Ken Sajdak
- Brent Foye
- Holly Falik — WI Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Richard Gasso
- Lev DeBack
- Paul Wilant
- Louanne Jozwiak
- Mike Shimshak — School District of Lodi
- Lousie Petering — League of Women Voters WI
- Evan Teich — Waukesha County Municipal Executive
- Barbara Hussin
- Steven Williams — AFSCME Council 24
- Glenn Morgan
- Deb Sybell
- Sharm Corl — City of Milwaukee
- Cathryn Atkinson
- Janice Potter
- Michelle Mader — Health and Mental Services
- Ellen MacFarlane
- Ann Meyers
- Sandra Nass
- Chrystyna Mursky
- Tracy Ojeda
- Kathy Ceel
- Michael Jakus
- Heather Ragen
- Joseph Krechel
- Suzanne Woggon
- Rose Locander
- Sarah Wehmeier
- L.D. Rockwell
- Steven Johnson
- Steven Cupevy
- Bob Burke
- Joan Raveling — Kettle Moraine Schools
- Nate Rice
- Valerie Gabriel
- Malena Koplin
- Laura Sussmor

- Anne Haverfield
- Edna Pfeiffer
- Carol Krogmann
- Rob Helfenstein
- Sue Huhn — Franklin School District
- Jim Rocheleau
- Kathleen Heidemann
- Charles Albrecht
- Joseph Wieser — School District of New Holstein
- Jamie Schmitz
- Jason Corbin
- Robbyn Marcinkevic Corbin
- Amy Gilgenbach
- Jeannette Bell — Mayor, City of West Allis, Milwaukee Area Tech College
- John Stefanski
- Joseph Murray — Village of Greendale
- Barbara Begale
- Kevin Malloy
- Lynn Malloy
- Teresa Grimm
- Stuart Wilke — West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools
- Ray Heideman
- Mark Cardinal
- Jim Krueck
- Lonnie Benning
- Lynn Van Eumeren
- June Egan
- Keith Butterfield
- Gene Flanagan
- John Rosenberg
- Abigail Kean
- Christine Wolf
- Robert Suhr
- Jon Ingle
- Andrew Lyons
- Peggy Fullmer
- Judy Hogan — Kettle Moraine School District
- Lindsay Hesse, Pewaukee — KMSD
- ? Delzer
- Patricia Ludwig
- Forrest Ceel
- Bill Mollenhauer
- Kim Plaunt
- Kris Batchelet — Project ABC

- Judy King
- Terry Meyer
- Linda Riesen
- Judy Hoepfner
- Susan Wood
- Judy Postuma
- Ruth Jones
- Christine Dir/Jones
- Sarah Jerome
- Laura Probst
- Nancy Gapinski
- Gale Ryczek
- John Linehan
- Rebecca John — AFSCME
- Britt Hall
- Mary Moore-Geissler
- Robert Krippendorf
- Brad Gollman — Common Sense
- Debbie Kucek
- Julie McIntosh-Mrosz
- Nancy Waddell
- Richard Engel
- James Jastrow
- Marianne Bergs
- Becky Hipp
- George Prudent — Concern for Education in Community
- Steve Wright — Waukesha Educators
- Glenn Lehman
- Ellen Lehman
- Jacob Clement
- Joyce Lex — Taxpayer/Educator
- Kelly Page — Taxpayer & Educator
- Beth Krippendorf
- Meta Rice
- Carolyn Hauger
- Renae Booth
- Helen Lambrou
- Patricia Yunk
- Karen Peterson — Teacher, ULE
- Tim Elverman — Milwaukee Area Tech College
- Darnell Cole — Dr., Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Tom Cheesebun
- Douglas Repta
- Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein
- Vicky Voelker

- Jim Merchant
- Deborah Martin
- Bob Beaver — Mid-State Tech/Princeton Public Schools
- Lance Nielsen — Citizens of All of Wisconsin
- Linda Kleinschmidt — WI Council on Children and Families
- Shirley Wehmeier
- Laura Westcott
- Connie Holzmiller
- Dan Holzmiller
- Bruce Wery — AFSCME Local 97
- Timothy Graham
- Patricia Boffoni
- Sara Trampf — Norris School District
- Phyllis Lardinois
- Doug Walters
- Ann Miller Holman — RSA/CAPOW
- Tamara Johnson
- Margo Greer — Schools
- James Blank
- Michael Kalzmarzinski
- Clayton Smits — WI Children and Families
- Rosalie Hanstedt
- Martin Frederiksen
- Melissa Kirby
- Cheryl Frymark
- Mary Ellen Duchin
- Jeff Duchin
- Joanne Ricca — WI State AFL-CIO
- Linda Melton
- Michael Neitzke — Mayor, City of Greenfield
- Jean Hollaway
- Jeannie Lehmann
- Mark Lichte — Stone Bank/Lake Country
- Keith Jamieson — AFSCME
- Annie Wacker
- Jerry Voigt
- Paul Kreutzer — North Lake School District
- Gerald Flakas
- Linda Mayfield — WI Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Tom Beirl — Oconomowoc Area School Education Association
- Sally Jo Nelson
- Eugene Reuter, Jr.
- Keith Hetzel
- Henry Golner



- Dennis Friedrich — AFSCME
- Jeff Clammack
- Dave LePine
- Tobie Tyler
- Jim Olson
- Sharon Olson
- Jeff Wiesna
- Laurie Herriges
- Bill Szakacs — Dr., Franklin Public Schools
- Gerald Martin — WI ARA
- Pete Michaelis
- Barbara Ricchio
- Charles Ricchio
- Jennifer Berg
- Gregory Berg
- Nancy Solfest
- Gary Solfest
- David Ewald
- Curt Witynski, Madison — League of WI Municipalities
- David Wenzel — Retired Professional Firefighters of WI
- Thomas Benner
- Janet Benner
- Gary Adamowicz — Racine Fire
- Michael Swartz — School District of Jefferson
- Victoria Berenz — Lake Country School
- Pauline Jaske — A Big Taxpayer
- Ben Hunsawger
- Patricia Halon
- Sally Heideman
- Mary Bacon
- Melissa Matz
- Laretta Wenger
- Marilyn Grainger
- Claudia Halaska
- Joy Roberts
- Gerald Rickman
- Diane Craney — WEAC
- Patricia Koshak — Taxpayers
- John Forester — School Administrators Alliance
- Joe Heinzelman — Oakfield School District
- John Engstrom — Friess Lake
- Dennis Oulohan — Milwaukee Teachers Education Association
- Laura Vernon — MTEA
- Oliver Haase

- Linda Spaulding
- Wendy Strout — AFSCME
- Peter Mischke
- Elfriede Both
- Ted Haschke — New Lisbon School District
- Ed Dombrowski — New Lisbon School District
- Kim Suhr — Grassroots of Waukesha County
- JoAnn Sternke
- Mary Jo Foye
- Kathleen Cooke
- Jeffrey Klaisner — Swallow School District
- Ken Barczynski — AFSCME Local 40
- Rick Brackmann — Taxpayers/AFSCME
- Doreen Eicher
- Daniel Simonson
- Jack Miller — Operating Engineers
- Shane Griesbach — Operating Engineers
- Terry Dabb — Operating Engineers Local 139
- Dave Rupnow
- Sharon Brown
- Nicole Gillette
- James Giombi — Schools & Children
- Roger Mroczenski
- Thad Steinke — International Union of Operating Engineers
- Helen Smith
- Kay Steinmetz
- Mark Daniels
- Richard Lathrop — AFSCME
- Mark Brounacker — Operating Engineers Local 139
- Leonard Shelton — Operating Engineers Local 139
- Ryan Oehlhof — Operating Engineers Local 139
- Kenneth Hodel — AFSCME
- Betty Hindo
- Meredith Welling
- Sheila Cochran
- Mary Pat Gurk
- Sally Pla — Lake Country School Board
- Robert Jozwiak
- Lyle Charles
- Margaret Wilbir
- Dennis Batchelet — Our Future
- Jamel Hinds

April 5, 2006

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Grothman, Lazich, Reynolds\*, Jauch,  
and Taylor\*

Absent: (1) Senators Lasee.

\*Reynolds subbed for Fitzgerald, Taylor for Risser

#### Appearances For

- Mark Gusho — The Manitowoc Company, Inc.
- James Buchen — WMC
- Ed Lump — WI Restaurant Association
- Bill Smith, Madison — National Federation of Independent Business
- Michael Birkley — Wisconsin Property Taxpayers, Inc.
- Bret Strong

#### Appearances Against

- Craig Thompson — WI Counties Association
- David Walsh — UW System Board of Regents
- Rick Wells — UW Oshkosh
- Doug Hastad — UW La Crosse
- John Forester — School Administrators Alliance
- Robert Borch — School Districts
- John Grabel — AFSCME
- Susan McMurray — AFSCME
- Mary Von Ruden — AFSCME
- Paul Oosterhouse — AFSCME Council 24
- Mary Bell — WEAC
- Curt Witynski, Madison — League of WI Municipalities
- Ed Huck, Madison — WI Alliance of Cities
- Dave Romstad — Highland School District, WASB
- Steve O'Malley — La Crosse County
- Debra Kadon — Green Bay Education Association
- Gail Kuhl — Teachers, WEAC
- Ed Johnson — WEAC
- Ken Sullivan — WEAC
- Kraig Brownell — WEAC
- Mark Harris — Winnebago County
- Brian Tanner — United Council of UW Students
- Alicia Bagley — UW Milwaukee
- Angel Wood — UW Washington County
- Nancy Anderson — WI Personal Services Association
- Charity Eleson — WI Council on Children and Families
- Theodore Voth, Jr.

#### Appearances for Information Only

- Frank Lasee — Representative
- Rick Stadelman, Shawano — WI Towns Association

### Registrations For

- Melanie Foxcroft

### Registrations Against

- Constance Threinen, Middleton — League of Women Voters of WI
- Jason Johns — Alliance of Cities
- Carol Stemler — AFSCME
- Paula Dorsey — AFSCME
- Joe Oswald — WI Laborers District Council
- Mark Reihl, Madison — WI State Council of Carpenters
- Amy Schmook
- William Huisheere
- John Eyster — Janesville School District
- Kristen Hall — Portage Community School
- John Huebscher — WI Catholic Conference
- Arnold Chandler — WREA
- Leigh Roberts — WI Retired Educators Association
- Mickey Beil, Madison — Dane County
- Mark Wadium, Appleton — Outagamie County
- Joseph Quick — Madison Metropolitan School District
- Jeff Lanphear
- Charles Waity — WREA
- Gloria Waity — WREA
- Nancy Kosseff
- Charlene Needham — WREA
- Annaliece Rynes — WREA
- Spencer Coggs — Senator
- Wendy Henderson
- Zach Carlson
- Pamela Abel
- Susan Aiello
- Richard Berling — CAPOW
- Peggy Rosenzweig — WI Chapter of American College of Emergency Physicians, WI Academy of Opthomologists
- Jodi Bloch — WI Hospital Association
- Mari Frederick — WI Council on D.D.
- Donald Martiniak
- Ellen Roberts
- Harry Sorenson
- Jeff Pertl — WI Association of School Boards
- Ellen Lindgren, Middleton — Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District
- Lisa Maronisy — UW Health
- Carol Beals

- Paula Evenson
- Gary Mitchell — AFSCME Local 2412
- Peter Bakken — WI Council of Churches
- Sue Moline Larson — Reverend, Lutheran Office for Public Policy
- Mary Ellen Havel-Lang — School Board Member
- Loren Eilbes
- Janice Kepka
- Jack Connell — AFSCME-WSEU
- Joe Heinzelman — Oakfield School District
- Peggy Haack
- Maryan Stubbs — United Faculty, Academic Staff, AFT 223
- Brian Boehm — Verona Area High School
- Douglas Lueck
- David Steffenson, Ph.D. — Reverend, Upstream Institute for Ecological Ethics
- Magda Kmiecik
- Shel Gross — Mental Health Association
- Timothy Collins — UW Stevens Point
- Elisabeth Montemurro — UW Stevens Point
- Russ Rueden — UW Milwaukee Student Association
- Adam Lofquist — United Council of UW Students
- Helen Kitchel
- Charles Lohmann
- Allen Knop
- Helen Sweeney
- Linda Sweeney — School Administrators
- Daniel Ross
- Kristi Minahan
- Jane Smith
- Emily Laga
- Niles Schrelks — UW Sheboygan
- Brittany Burt — UW Sheboygan
- Theo Bialti — UW Sheboygan
- Terry Marshall — ATTIC Correctional Services
- Jeff Miller — Dane County Cities & Villages Association
- Tom Nowak — Residential Services Association of WI
- Jim Murphy — WI Assisted Living Association
- Kathy Erdman — WI Speech-Language Pathology Audiology Association
- Robert Wierenga — WI County Police Association
- John Schettle
- Tim Wong
- Linda Andrews
- Steven Williams — AFSCME Council 24

- David Newby — WI State AFL-CIO
- Larry Hedrich — Chilton School Board, WASB
- Kenneth Kmiecik
- Joe Strohl — Retired Professional Firefighters, Professional Firefighters of WI, Operating Engineers Local 139
- Annita Lardy
- Jon Peacock
- John Keckhaver
- Linda Kleinschmidt — WI Council on Children and Families
- Mary Wagner — Waushara County, City of Wautoma
- Michael Walsh — WEAC
- Dianne Gross
- Joshua Smith — Rock County

May 1, 2006

### **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Grothman, Lazich, Fitzgerald, Risser and Jauch.

Absent: (1) Senator Lasee.

#### Appearances For

- James Buchen, Madison, WMC
- Joan Hansen, Milwaukee, Americans For Prosperity
- Michael M. Birkley, Madison, WI Property Taxpayers, Inc.

#### Appearances Against

- Cindy Harrington, Fitchburg
- Nancy Anderson, Madison, WI Personal Services Assoc.
- Dan Bush, Madison, WI Assisted Living Assoc.
- David Walsh, Madison, WI Board of Regents
- Ken Olson, Madison, AFT
- David Krieg, La Crosse, AARP
- Terry Meyer, Green Bay, WEAC
- Jeff Pertl, WASB

#### Appearances for Information Only

- Mark Green, Milwaukee, Extendicare Health Services

#### Registrations For

- None.

#### Registrations Against

- Constance Threinen, Middleton, League of Women Voters of WI
- Pete Christianson, Madison, SE Wisconsin of Schools Alliance
- John Huebscher, Madison, WI Catholic Conference

- Rev. Sue Moline Larson, Madison, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI
- Coral Rae Choinski, Madison
- Ellen Roberts, Madison, AARP
- Leigh Roberts, Madison, WI Retired Educators Assn
- Peter Bakken, Sun Prairie, WI Council of Churches
- Michael Moore, Madison, WEAC
- Tom Stoebig, Madison, AARP
- Gabe Kirchner, Madison, AFT
- Scott Specter, Madison, AFT
- Ed Huck, Madison, WI Alliance of Cities
- Chris Taylor, Madison, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin
- Tony Schultz, Athens
- Eric Borgerding, Madison, WI Hospital Assoc.
- Joe Strohl, Madison, Operating Engineer Local 139
- Jodi Bloch, Madison, WI Hospital Assoc.
- Mark Beichl, Madison, WI State Council of Carpenters
- Jeff Miller, DeForest, President of Dane County City and Village Association.
- Doug Zwank, Middleton, Mayor of Middleton
- Pat Corraggie, Germantown, Labor Association of WI
- Jeffrey Schueller, Marshfield
- Tom Nowak, Milwaukee, Residential Services Association of WI
- Marc Herstand, Madison, National Assoc. of Social Workers
- Dr. Gary Cohen, Mequon
- Steve Struss, Cambridge, Village Trustee
- Gina Dennik-Champion, Madison, WI Nurses Association
- Bob Wierngar, Delavan, WI County Police Association
- Sue Peck, Marshall
- Patti Mueller, Milwaukee, CAPOW
- Steve Johnson, Brookfield, Fivestar Quality Care
- Larry Saeger, Verona
- Randy Krentz, Greenfield, Kindred Healthcare
- Kathy Erdman, Madison, WI Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Assoc.
- Terry Marshal, Madison, Attic Correctional Services
- Jeremy Levin, WI Medical Society
- John Forester, Madison, Assoc of WI. School Administrators
- Linda Kleinschmidt, Madison, WI Council on Children and Families
- John Keckhaver, Madison
- Jon Peacock, Madison
- Wendy Henderson, Madison
- Charity Elesin, Madison, WI Council on Children and Families

- Mickey Beil, Madison, Dane County
- Allen Knop, Madison
- Curt Witynski, Madison, League of WI Municipalities
- Jennifer Gonda, Milwaukee, City of Milwaukee
- Nancy A. Johnson, Madison
- Katherine Wenban, Madison
- Paul Gabriel, Madison, WI Technical College District Boards Association
- Morna Fon, Madison, WI Technical College System
- Susan McMurray, AFSCME
- Joseph Quick, Madison, Madison Metropolitan School District
- Mark Wadium, Appleton, Outagamie County
- Lisa Maroney, Madison, UW Health
- Craig Thompson, WI Counties Association
- Scott McDonell, Madison, Dane County

May 3, 2006

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (6) Senators Grothman, Lasee, Fitzgerald, Lazich, Risser and Jauch.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Grothman, seconded by Senator Lazich that **Senate Joint Resolution 63** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (4) Senators Grothman, Lasee, Fitzgerald and Lazich

Noes: (2) Senators Jauch and Miller.

ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 2

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James Emerson  
Committee Clerk