

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Senate Journal
Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, July 23, 2008

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Friday, July 18, 2008.

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

The committee on **Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Workforce Development, Technical Colleges and Consumer Protection** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–020

Relating to child care copayments and affecting small businesses.

No action taken.

ROBERT WIRCH
Chairperson

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Tuesday, July 22, 2008.

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 17, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SIMPSON, LUANN, of Racine, as a member of the Health Insurance Risk–Sharing Plan Authority, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation**.

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 18, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint WEIDEN, MIKE, of Madison, as a

member of the UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation**.

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–116

Relating to meat and inedible animal by–products.
Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from Agency, July 21, 2008.

Referred to committee on **Agriculture and Higher Education**, July 21, 2008.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–048

Relating to internet and telephone call–in fees.
Submitted by Department of Transportation.
Report received from Agency, July 18, 2008.

Referred to committee on **Transportation and Tourism**, July 21, 2008.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

July 11, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As required by s. 13.94(1)(dm), Wis. Stats., we have completed our annual financial audit of State Fair Park. We have issued an unqualified opinion on State Fair Park's fiscal year (FY) 2006–07 financial statements. In addition, we have continued to monitor State Fair Park's financial condition and its efforts to improve its financial performance.

In FY 2006–07, State Fair Park's revenue exceeded expenditures by \$1.3 million, the first time since FY 1998–99. As a result, State Fair Park was able to reduce the accumulated cash deficit to \$9.9 million. The positive operating results are primarily attributable to reduced operating costs as a result of the licensing of the Milwaukee Mile racetrack to a private promoter. However, the promoter has reported financial difficulty, and in February 2008 the license agreement was renegotiated and the annual license fee paid by the promoter

was lowered from approximately \$1.8 million to \$1.0 million. Further, a portion of the amount due has been deferred. As a result, State Fair Park will receive only \$725,000 in license fees in 2008.

As part of our audit, we also reviewed conflict of interest allegations related to the management of State Fair Park's Agriculture Department. State Fair Park has begun to take steps to address concerns raised by members of the agriculture community. We include several recommendations for further improvement, including increased communication among the Board, management staff, various advisory committees, and the agriculture community in Wisconsin. In addition, we recommend State Fair Park seek an opinion from the Government Accountability Board on the perceived conflicts of interest between the Agriculture Director's outside business interests and his responsibilities to State Fair Park.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the staff of State Fair Park. A response from State Fair Park's executive director follows the appendices.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 21, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint BLAIR, KARLA, of Kaukauna, as a member of the Accounting Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Economic Development.**

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 21, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint GOTTFREDSSEN, EUGENE, of Beloit, as a member of the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.**

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 21, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint PATTERSON, JEFFREY, of Madison, as a member of the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.**

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 21, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint PORTER, E. GLEN, of New Berlin, as a member of the Cemetery Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.**

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 21, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint WEIX, LOU ANN, of Green Bay, as a member on the Board of Nursing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.**

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 21, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint WILKIE, GERALD, of Eau Claire, as a member on the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Judiciary, Corrections, and Housing.**