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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**2007-08**

(session year)

**Senate**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Labor, Elections and Urban  
Affairs (SC-LEUA)**

**COMMITTEE NOTICES ...**

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
- Executive Sessions ... **ES**
- Public Hearings ... **PH**

**INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL**

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
  - (**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
  - (**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                              (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs**

##### **Senate Bill 366**

Relating to: unfunded pension liability financing in populous counties and membership on the pension study committee.

By Senators Coggs, Taylor, Darling, Plale and Lazich; cosponsored by Representatives Stone, Honadel, Young, Zepnick, Fields, Sinicki, A. Williams, Ballweg, Hahn, Turner and Vos.

January 09, 2008      Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

January 16, 2008      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (0)    None.

Absent:     (0)    None.

##### Appearances For

- Steve Cady — Milwaukee County
- Pamela Bryant — Milwaukee County

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Spencer Coggs — Senator
- Josh Zepnick — Representative
- Lena Taylor — Senator
- John Grabel — AFSCME
- Susan McMurray — AFSCME
- Monica Groves Batiza — Wisconsin Counties Association
- Jeff Stone — Representative

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

January 23, 2008

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, Grothman  
and A. Lasee.

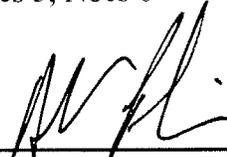
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Wirch, seconded by Senator A. Lasee that  
**Senate Bill 366** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, Grothman  
and A. Lasee.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

  
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Adam Plotkin  
Committee Clerk



## Vote Record Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

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Date: Wed. Jan. 23, 2008

Moved by: Wirch                      Seconded by: Lasee

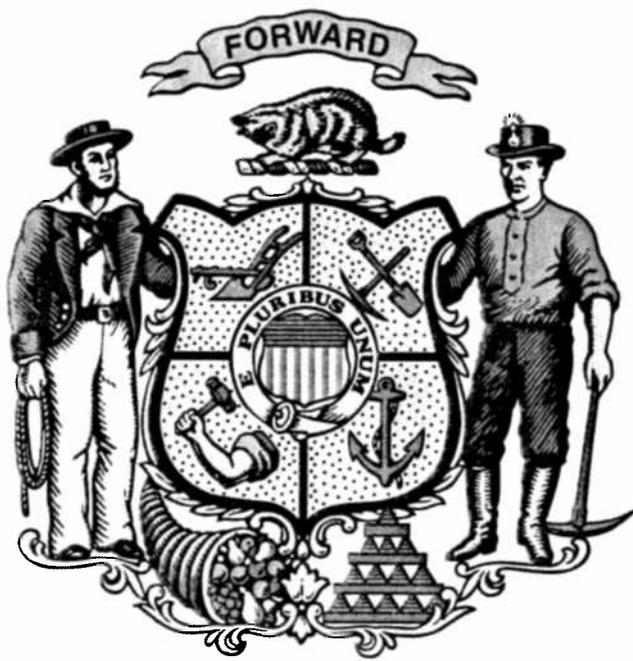
AB \_\_\_\_\_ SB **366** \_\_\_\_\_ Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR \_\_\_\_\_ SJR \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:  
 Passage       Adoption       Confirmation       Concurrence       Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction       Rejection       Tabling       Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<b>Senator Spencer Coggs, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Robert Wirch</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator John Lehman</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Glenn Grothman</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Alan Lasee</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	_____

Motion Carried                       Motion Failed





# *Milwaukee County*

County Executive Scott Walker

Board Chairman Lee Holloway

January 14, 2008

Senator Spencer Coggs  
Chairman, Committee on Urban and Local Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 123 South  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Coggs:

Thank you for agreeing to hold a public hearing on Senate Bill 366 in the Committee on Urban and Local Affairs. We also thank both Representative Jeff Stone and you for authoring Senate Bill 366, and its companion legislation Assembly Bill 666, at our request. These bills would allow Milwaukee County, on a one-time basis, to issue appropriation bonds to pay all or part of the County's unfunded accrued pension liability.

Upon the recommendation of the *State Task Force on Milwaukee County Finances*, Governor Jim Doyle included similar enabling language in his 2007-09 Budget. As the Joint Committee on Finance Co-Chairs identified the measure as a non-fiscal policy item, we now ask the State Legislature to grant Milwaukee County this authority through separate legislation. The December 12, 2007, Legislative Fiscal Bureau report you requested details the legislation, including an explanation of how Senate Bill 366 and Assembly Bill 666 compare to the Governor's budget provision. Specifically, Senate Bill 366 and Assembly Bill 666 would:

- ✓ Extend the repayment period for promissory notes from 10 years to 20 years;
- ✓ Allow Milwaukee County to issue long-term obligations for a term in excess of the 20-year limit applicable to general obligation debt;
- ✓ Apply only to debt issued for the purpose of financing Milwaukee County's unfunded pension obligations.
- ✓ Require Milwaukee County to fund its pension contribution each year as determined by the actuary.

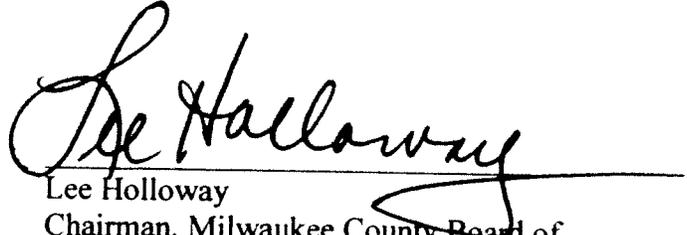
We ask that this Committee partner with us and endorse Senate Bill 366, which would provide Milwaukee County with the same type of financial flexibility the State utilized when financing its unfunded prior service liabilities for employee pensions. Milwaukee County stands eager to work with the State Senate and State Assembly in order to secure

this statutory authority. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance. Thank you again for hearing Senate Bill 366.

Sincerely,



Scott Walker  
Milwaukee County Executive

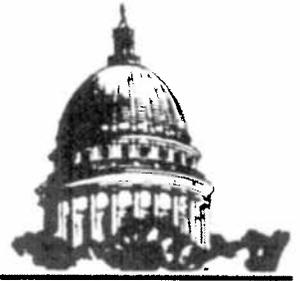


Lee Holloway  
Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

- cc: Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Representative Jeff Stone  
Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs, members  
Governor Jim Doyle  
Senate Majority Leader Russell Decker  
Assembly Speaker Michael Huebsch  
Representative Jason Fields, Chair Milwaukee Caucus  
AFSMCE District Council 48 Executive Director Rich Abelson  
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce President Timothy Sheehy



# Spencer Coggs



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## State Senator

### Pension Obligation Bonds Testimony Senator Spencer Coggs January 16, 2008

Members,

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 366, which would allow Milwaukee County to issue one time bonds to cover outstanding obligations in their pension fund.

The idea for this legislation was first introduced by the Governor's Task Force on Milwaukee County Finances, co-chaired by Secretary Mike Morgan and Sheldon Lubar. The proposal was included in the original version of the biennial budget introduced by Governor Jim Doyle, but was removed as policy.

This bill allows one time bonding for Milwaukee County and includes the following provisions:

- 1) The bonds can only be used for the unfunded pension obligations
- 2) The County would be required to fully fund its annual pension contribution
- 3) The repayment period on the bonds would be extended beyond the 20 year term applicable to general obligation bonds

It is important to note that the bill only applies to Milwaukee County and that the State Legislature in 2003 authorized the same process for Milwaukee Public Schools to cover its unfunded pension liability within the Wisconsin Retirement System.

The current bill introduced by myself and Representative Stone has the full support of Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Chairman Lee Holloway and Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker, as well as the full Milwaukee County Board.

Again, thank you for your consideration and support of SB 366.