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STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Seventy-Ninth Regular Session

TUESDAY, September 2, 1969.

9:00 A.M.

The assembly met.

Assemblyman Warren in the chair.

Roll call was dispensed with.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 1067

By Assemblymen Nikolay and Dueholm.
To committee on Education.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

August 29, 1969.

To The Honorable, The Assembly:

I am returning **Assembly Bill 75** to you without my approval.

Assembly Bill 75 amends Section 176.05 (4a), Wisconsin Statutes, and provides that "country clubs incorporated with 100 members or more and operating a golf course may make the golf course available to the public except the premises of such club licensed under Section 66.054 and this sub-section shall be restricted to club members only."

The apparent intent of this legislation is to help alleviate the continuing financial difficulties experienced by certain private golf clubs in Wisconsin by allowing these clubs to open only their playing facilities to the public and charge a green fee. While I am aware of the financial burdens being experienced by some clubs, certain features of this bill appear inconsistent with its purpose. **Assembly Bill 75** restricts use of the club facilities by the general public only to the golf course but the language used is such that a member of the club could not entertain one of his personal guests in the bar facilities. This is contrary to the present interpretation of existing law and is counter to the purpose of a private club, which envisions club members having their guests use all facilities. In passing this bill, I wonder whether the Legislature intended to restrict bar facilities to members only.

In addition, provisions of this bill would only apply to golf clubs incorporated with 100 members or more. This figure seems arbitrary and serves no useful purpose. The Enforcement Bureau of the Department of Justice recommends granting of a retail liquor license under Section 176.05 (4a), Wisconsin Statutes, only after thoroughly reviewing the financial standing of the club and its ability to meet all requirements for the license. Also, it is unclear whether the figure of 100 members or more is to be applied at the time of incorporation or at the time that the club desires to make use of the provisions of this bill.

It might also be noted that enforcement of the provisions of this bill would prove difficult as determination has to be made whether an individual using the bar facilities of the club is a member of the club or a member of the public supposedly using only the golf course.

For the above reasons, I am returning **Assembly Bill 75** without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN P. KNOWLES,
Governor.

The assembly adjourned to 9:00 A.M. Friday, September 5, 1969.