STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Seventy-Ninth Session

TUESDAY, August 19, 1969.

2:00 o'clock P.M.

The senate met.

The senate was called to order by the president protempore.

The senate stood for a moment of silent prayer.

The senate remained standing and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with, upon motion of Senator Roseleip, with unanimous consent.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senate Bill 661

Relating to fraud on a hotel or restaurant keeper.

By Senator LaFave, by request of Lt. Governor Jack B. Olson.

Read first time.

To committee on Governmental and Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Senate Petition 477

A petition by 26 citizens of the 20th Senatorial District urging the defeat of Senate Bill 274 and Assembly Bill 411.

By Senator Keppler.

To committee on Transportation.

Senate Petition 478

A petition by 25 citizens of the 20th Senatorial District urging defeat of Senate Bill 274 and Assembly Bill 411 relating to 65-foot truck trains.

By Senator Keppler.

To committee on Transportation.

Senate Petition 479

A petition by 40 citizens of Milwaukee County urging passage of Senate Bill 222 and Assembly Bill 342 which would restore 35% of the Liquor Tax to the Veterans Trust Fund.

By Senator Keppler.

To committee on Governmental and Veterans' Affairs.

To The Honorable, The Senate

Gentlemen: I have the honor to transmit to you, pursuant to Section 13.67 (2), a list of registered lobbyists for the period beginning August 12, 1969, and ending August 18, 1969.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT C. ZIMMERMAN, Secretary of State.

Name, Address and Occupation of Lobbyist—Name and Address of Employer—Subject of Legislation—Date of Employment—Length of Time of Employment.

Paul A. Hahn, Attorney, 110 E. Main Street, Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin Daily Newspaper League, 220 First Avenue, S., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.—Matters affecting newspapers—August 8, 1969—Session.

Carl Lauri, 2202 Aspen Road, Madison, Wis.—Wis. Clerks of Circuit Court Assn., Court House, % Ralph Becker, Hudson, Wis.—Clerks salary—August 13, 1969—Session.

CANCELLATION:

Thomas R. Holter, Public Relations, 106 E. Doty St., Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin Public Welfare Association, 106 E. Doty Street, Madison, Wis.—Public welfare—Cancelled as of August 1, 1969.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The State of Wisconsin Executive Office Madison 53702

August 15, 1969.

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill, originating in the senate, has been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

Senate Bill Chapter No. Date Approved 525 _____ 144 ____ August 15, 1969

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN P. KNOWLES, Governor.

August 18, 1969.

To The Honorable, The Senate:

I am returning herewith Senate Bill 602 without my approval.

Senate Bill 602 provides that no program or system of uniform administrative districts or regions in this state shall become effective until ratified by both houses of the Legislature following statewide public hearings.

I have worked with the members of my cabinet and other representatives of state agencies for the past several months to reach agreement on a preliminary districting plan.

Districting for administrative purposes poses problems which will find their best solution through the utilization of data and expertise of our administrative agencies. I have today issued an Executive Order which establishes a districting plan based upon the best considered opinion of these sources.

Uniform districting will offer a multiplicity of advantages to the citizens of Wisconsin. It will enable state services to be delivered more efficiently and will allow better coordination of private and local problems with these services. In addition, it will facilitate participation in federally funded assistance programs. As a result, we can expect operational cost savings for the state, and an increased flow of money and services into regions which now are unorganized or overlap. The districting plan is not intended to disrupt existing working relationships among local units of government but, rather, is designed to encourage such alliances and to enhance their effectiveness.

The deliberations preliminary to the issuance of the Executive Order involved consideration of political boundaries, geographic characteristics, population distribution, economic factors, and previous organization of state and local service programs.

Obviously, the state does not fall naturally into areas which share all of the above characteristics. Nevertheless, it is possible to select districts which exhibit homogeneity based on a majority of the criteria applied.

I share the concern of the Legislature that all interested parties to this new plan be given an opportunity to be heard. Consequently, my Executive Order provides that the districting plan will be on a one-year temporary, or interim, basis. During the one-year interim, state agencies are directed to review all operations based on the new plan and to maintain flexibility in order to adjust to changes which would improve the district structure.

So that the citizens of the state may be heard, a local review process has been established and will be formally conducted. Upon resolution of any county board requesting a public hearing on the state district system, a representative of the Executive Office will conduct public hearings in the locality, on either a single county or multi-county basis.

After the local hearings are completed and after the first year's experience with temporary districting, a thorough review of the system will be undertaken with a view toward making appropriate adjustments in a subsequent Executive Order providing for final implementation of administrative districting.

Because of the uniquely administrative character of districting, and because districting must proceed now in an orderly and effective manner, I am constrained to withhold my signature from Senate Bill 602. It is my belief that sufficient safeguards to ensure public participation in the decision-making process have been provided to meet the intent

of the Legislature. If the bill were signed, it could seriously impede progress toward achieving uniform districting with a resultant loss of operational savings and federal funding of regional plans.

For the above reasons, I am returning Senate Bill 602 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN P. KNOWLES, Governor.

To calendar of October 8th.

Upon motion of Senator Kendziorski the senate adjourned until 9:00 A.M. Friday, August 22, 1969.

CHIEF CLERK'S CORRECTIONS Suggested by Legislative Reference Bureau

Senate Bill 355

On page 49, line 7, substitute "of the board" for "of the board".

On page 51, line 1, before "The" insert "(intro.)".

On page 148, lines 2 and 3, substitute ", with the approval of the board of veterans affairs," for ", with the approval of the board of veterans affairs,".

On page 176, line 18, strike through "state".

On page 203, line 17, substitute "102.49" for "12.49".

On page 214, line 18, strike through "board" and insert thereafter "commission".

On page 291, line 14, after "purchases" insert "and services".

On page 297, line 12, delete "(1), as renumbered".

On page 300, line 7, delete "13.48 (10),".

On page 300, line 9, after "44.12," insert "44.13 (1),".

On page 801, line 20, substitute "and 31.33" for ", 31.33, 44.12 and 44.13".

On page 305, line 15, delete "(2) (d) and" and substitute "(21)".

On page 306, line 19, delete "176.62 (2) and (3) (b)".

On page 306, line 21, delete "341.25" and substitute "341.17".

On page 307, line 11, delete ", 176.71".

On page 307, line 16, delete "(1)," and "(3),".

On page 307, line 16, delete "(5b), (5c)" and substitute "(b) and (c)".

On page 308, line 5, delete ", (2)".

On page 311, line 1, change "(6)" to "(4)".

On page 311, line 7, change "(1)" to "(intro.)".

On page 313, line 14, change "25.17 (2) (c)" to "25.17 (3) (c)".

On page 314, line 7, change "commission" to "commissioner".

On page 314, line 15, delete "(title),".

On page 318, line 25, after "36.06 (title)," delete "(1),".