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THURSDAY, December 18, 1975.

The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution 52

Making an application to the Congress of the United States pursuant to article V of the constitution of the United States, for a convention for proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States guaranteeing the right to life.

By Senator Flynn; cosponsored by Representatives Duren, Plewa, Matty and Klicka, by request of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jost of Wauwatosa.

Read and referred to committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

BILLS INTRODUCED

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 713

Relating to authorizing court commissioners to hold preliminary examinations.

By Senators Dorman, Frank and Keppler; cosponsored by Representatives Ferral, Dandeneau and Barbee.

To committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

Senate Bill 714

Relating to exempting the Young Women's Christian Association from day care licensing.

By Senators Dorman, Devitt, Risser, and Petri; cosponsored by Representatives Lingren, DeLong, Dandeneau, Miller, and Shannon.

To committee on Agriculture, Human Services, Labor and Taxation.

Senate Bill 715

Relating to speed limits at school crossing intersections when children are present.

By Senators Flynn and Parys; cosponsored by Representatives Hauke, Vanderperren and Klicka.

To committee on Commerce.

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Senate Bill 716

Relating to a study of the effects and advantages of the utilization of methane and wood alcohol for commercial and domestic use.

By Senator Chilsen, by request of Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives.

To committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill 717

To create a special committee on volunteerism and providing for a report to the legislature.

By Senator Chilsen.

To committee on Agriculture, Human Services, Labor and Taxation.

Senate Bill 718

Relating to allowing elected officials to request exclusion from the retirement fund.

By Senator Chilsen, by request of Mayor Francis Jones, Antigo.

To Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems.

Senate Bill 719

Relating to the option of mayors and aldermen to accept lower salaries.

By Senator Chilsen, by request of Mayor Francis Jones, Antigo.

To committee on Governmental and Veterans' Affairs.

Senate Bill 720

Relating to labeling of Indian products.

By Senator Chilsen, by request of Angelo CaMere, Stevens Point.

To committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

Senate Bill 721

Relating to registering snowmobiles used for rental purposes and increasing the fee charged for additional dealer's plates.

By Senator Chilsen, by request of Robert Prott, Wausau.

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To committee on Natural Resources.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Commerce reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 415

Relating to placement of bank communication devices and granting rule-making authority.

Introduction of senate amendment 2 to senate amendment 1 to senate substitute amendment 1; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

RONALD G. PARYS
Chairman

The committee on Governmental and Veterans' Affairs reports and recommends:

SCHURCH, FRIEDA, of Kenosha, as a member of the Board of Veterans' Affairs, to succeed Adjutant General James J. Lison, Jr., to serve for the term ending May 1, 1981.

Confirmation; Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

SKORNICKA, JOEL, of Madison, as a member of the Wisconsin Arts Board, to succeed David Previant, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1976.

Confirmation; Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

HAMILTON, VELMA, of Madison, as a member of the Wisconsin Arts Board, to succeed herself, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1978.

Confirmation; Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

SUPPAN, ADOLPH, of Milwaukee, as a member of the Wisconsin Arts Board, to succeed himself, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1978.

Confirmation; Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

CARROLL, WILLIAM, of Eau Claire, as a member of the Wisconsin Arts Board, to succeed himself, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1978.

Confirmation; Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

UTECH, SANDRA, of Oshkosh, as a member of the Wisconsin Arts Board, to succeed herself, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1978.

Confirmation; Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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HILL, ROY C., of Milwaukee, as a member of the Athletic Examining Board, to succeed himself, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1978.

Confirmation; Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

MONROE SWAN

Chairman

The committee on Commerce reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 501

Relating to public service commission procedures for contract motor carriers.

Introduction of senate amendment 1; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Adoption of senate amendment 1; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Passage as amended; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Senate Bill 531

Relating to a refund of a jury fee in traffic forfeiture actions in cases where the defendant is found innocent.

Passage; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Senate Bill 590

Relating to relocation payments for mobile home owners.

Passage; Ayes, 8; Noes, 1.

Senate Bill 616

Relating to providing life insurance fund coverage for nonstandard risks and making an appropriation.

Passage; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Senate Bill 632

Relating to insurance underwriting restrictions and granting rule-making authority.

Passage; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Senate Bill 643

Relating to fraternal insurance enterprises, granting rule-making authority and providing a penalty.

Adoption of senate amendment 1; Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

Passage as amended; Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

Senate Bill 660

Relating to requiring school busses to be equipped with flashing warning lamps and to operate them while approaching and traversing a railroad crossing.

Introduction of senate amendment 2; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Adoption of senate amendment 2; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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Passage as amended; Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

Assembly Bill 555

Relating to educational requirements for real estate brokers and salesmen and granting rule-making authority.

Concurrence; Ayes, 6; Noes, 3.

RONALD G. PARYS

Chairman

REPORT OF JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS

Appendix to Senate Bill 471

Public Policy Involved

This is not desirable as public policy. Servicemen presently receive tax benefits as a result of their status. The first \$1,000 of income received from the United States as an active or reserve member of the armed forces is excluded from Wisconsin income. In addition, combat zone pay is excludable in full for enlisted men while commissioned while officers receive a \$500 monthly exclusion for such pay.

Servicemen who maintain their Wisconsin residence but who are stationed outside the state would seem to impose little direct burden to the state. Yet, like other Wisconsin citizens, they may claim certain privileges which all Wisconsin residents pay toward but not all claim, like resident university tuition, resident hunting and fishing licenses, and veterans' benefits. The fact that their status is somewhat different from other residents is already recognized in the two exclusions previously cited which are offered no other group of Wisconsin residents.

The use tax exemption provided in this bill would also be unfair in that other residents of Wisconsin temporarily stationed outside the state's boundaries, such as peace corp volunteers, foreign service officers, and other civilian governmental and private employes, have to pay Wisconsin use taxes on motor vehicles purchased outside the United States, which are registered in Wisconsin.

**JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE
ON TAX EXEMPTIONS**

GARY R. GOYKE

Chairman

Read and referred to joint committee on Finance.

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REPORT OF JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS

Appendix to **Senate Bill 508**

Public Policy Involved

This bill is not desirable as public policy. It would provide without any basis of need a tax exemption to Wisconsin residents receiving payments from the public teachers retirement system in certain states. Although present Wisconsin law exempts payments received from the Milwaukee public school teachers annuity and retirement fund and the Wisconsin state teachers retirement fund, this exemption is being phased out and only applies to those persons who were a member of such fund as of December 31, 1963.

It would be unfair to provide a tax exemption for those persons specified in this bill, while many other persons would continue to pay tax on their retirement income. It is also undesirable to have Wisconsin exemptions dependent upon whether or not another state has similar exemptions.

JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS

GARY R. GOYKE
Chairman

Read and referred to joint committee on Finance.

REPORT OF JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS

Appendix to **Senate Bill 558**

Public Policy Involved

This bill is not desirable as public policy. The existing Homestead Credit program presently provides financial relief for those persons with low incomes (with household income up to \$7,500 for 1975). This bill would also cause numerous administrative problems because of different appeal procedures, rates of interest and other ambiguities.

JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS

GARY R. GOYKE
Chairman

Read and referred to joint committee on Finance.

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**REPORT OF JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON
TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Appendix to Senate Bill 608

Public Policy Involved

This bill is not desirable as public policy because it would extend substantial tax benefits, regardless of need, to those estates which include family farms. This bill would result in unjustified discrimination against estates which do not include such farms or fail to meet the conditions for the \$75,000 exemption. Certain parts of the bill should be clarified to minimize litigation relating to its interpretation.

**JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE
ON TAX EXEMPTIONS**

GARY R. GOYKE

Chairman

Read and referred to joint committee on Finance.

**REPORT OF JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

Appendix to Senate Bill 685

Recommendation

Senate Bill 685 would increase the dollar amount of earned monthly retirement annuities which could be paid instead in a lump sum single payment. This committee believes that the present conversion maximum of \$25 per month is still relevant. The committee, therefore, recommends against the passage of Senate Bill 685.

**JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE
ON RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

CARL W. THOMPSON

Chairman

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Read and referred to joint committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison, Wisconsin

December 15, 1975.

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Chapter No.	Date Approved
263 -----	144 -----	December 15, 1975
502 -----	145 -----	December 15, 1975

Sincerely,
PATRICK J. LUCEY
Governor

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison, Wisconsin

December 10, 1975.

To the Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to the provisions of the statutes governing, I have nominated and with the advise and consent of the senate do appoint Paul L. Brown, of Madison, as a member of the Health Facilities Authority, effective October 13, 1975, to serve for the term ending June 30, 1977.

Sincerely,
PATRICK J. LUCEY
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Agriculture, Human Services, Labor and taxation.

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State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison, Wisconsin

December 10, 1975.

To the Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to the provisions of the statutes governing, I have nominated and with the advise and consent of the senate do appoint Mary Schlimgen, of Middleton, as a member of the Nursing Home Administrators Board, to succeed herself, effective November 12, 1975, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1978.

Sincerely,
PATRICK J. LUCEY
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Agriculture, Human Services, Labor and taxation.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 471** by Senator Thompson.

Senate amendment 4 to **Assembly Bill 387** by Senator Bablitch by request of Representative Mittness.

CHIEF CLERK'S CORRECTION

Suggested by Legislative Reference Bureau

Relating to **Senate Bill 705**:
On page 1, delete line 7.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

Senate Bill 263

Senate Bill 502

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on December 15, 1975.