

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
**Assembly Journal**  
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THURSDAY, December 27, 1990

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

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,  
DAVID PROSSER, JR.  
Minority Leader

COMMUNICATIONS

November 29, 1990

The Honorable Tom Loftus  
Assembly Speaker  
Room 211 West, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Tom:

As Chair of the Assembly Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, I have appointed a Subcommittee on Crime Prevention and Deterrents to hold hearings and make recommendations as to how to eliminate or reduce the possession the possession and use of dangerous weapons while recognizing legal possession and use of firearms. The Subcommittee is to bring a report and recommendations to the Criminal Justice in January.

I have appointed Representative Peggy Krusick as Chair of the Subcommittee with Representatives Richard Grobschmidt, Greg Huber, Robert Goetsch and Lolita Schneiders as members.

Sincerely,  
WAYNE W. WOOD  
State Representative  
44th Assembly District

December 21, 1990

Representative Marlin Schneider, Chair  
Legislative Council  
Room 321 NE, State Capitol  
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Representative Schneider:

As you know, Representative Lepak is giving up his seat on the Legislative Council Study Committee on Homelessness.

I would like to appoint Representative Michael Lehman to fill the vacant position on this Committee, effective immediately.

Please know that I have no objection to the appointment of other legislators who wish to continue serving on Council Committees as public members.

November 30, 1990

Thomas T. Melvin, Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Donald J. Schneider, Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Senate  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Messrs. Melvin and Schneider:

Under the new recycling law, 1989 Wisconsin Act 335, s. 85(2p), the Department was to submit a study on December 1, 1990, concerning supplemental grants to defray the cost of transporting recyclables to market.

I'd like to bring you up to date on the status of our work so far. In the past few weeks we have finally been able to bring on several new staff authorized by the recycling law and have assigned one person to work on the transportation cost issue. We have considerable work to do before we will be ready to transmit the results of our study to you. We are currently gathering information from state governments, federal agencies, and private organizations about transportation issues facing recycling programs and what other states are doing to address transportation cost concerns. We are also contacting some local governments, recycling companies, and markets to understand how the cost of transportation affects recycling in Wisconsin. We plan to include several alternative approaches to address transportation cost issues in our report to you.

Based on these factors, we expect to have the study and recommendations to you by no later than February 1, 1990. I apologize for the delay and thank you for your patience and understanding in this important matter.

If you have any questions on our study, please contact Sarah Dunning in our Solid Waste Recycling Section at (608) 267-7595.

Sincerely,  
C. D. BESADNY  
Secretary, DNR

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December 21, 1990

Mr. Thomas T. Melvin  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Mr. Melvin:

Enclosed is the Report on Insurance Coverage for Immunizations prepared by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. This report is required by SECTION 10(l) of October 1989 Special Session Senate Bill 13. It is for distribution to the appropriate standing committees in the manner provided under s. 13.172 (3), Wis. Stats.

Sincerely yours,  
ROBERT D. HAASE  
Commissioner of Insurance

October, 1990

Thomas T. Melvin  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Melvin:

I am pleased to submit to the Governor and to the Legislature the 1989 "Detailed Guide To Wisconsin Hospitals". This report consolidates the "Annual Hospital Directory and Fact Book" previously prepared by the Center for Health Statistics, Division of Health, and the statutory report prepared by the Office of Health Care Information in 1989 entitled "Revenue and Expenses for Wisconsin Hospitals (1987-1988)".

The inclusion of hospital revenue and expense information in the detailed guide fulfills the statutory requirement contained in s. 153.35(2), Wis. Stats., to provide "*comparisons, among hospitals, of increases or decreases in gross revenue, net revenues, revenues and expenditures*". Also, the Office was able to eliminate a separate statutory report by reformatting the annual hospital directory to create a more complete and useful annual report.

OHCI wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all Wisconsin hospitals that were part of the reporting process. In addition, I would like to personally thank members of the Hospital Data Systems Unit (Center for Health Statistics, Division of Health) and my staff who worked to successfully consolidate multiple reports into a single improved statewide hospital guide.

Printed copies of this report are available from the Office. Please contact our office should you or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely,  
R. NICHOLAS TRANE II  
Director  
Office of Health Care Information

October, 1990

Thomas T. Melvin  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Melvin:

Pursuant to ss. 153.10(1) and 153.35(1), Wis. Stats., I am pleased to submit to the Governor and to the Legislature the first annual "Health Care Data Report". This report is based on hospital inpatient discharge data reported to the Office of Health Care Information by all non-federal operating general medical-surgical and specialty hospitals in Wisconsin for 1989.

I wish to express my appreciation to all Wisconsin hospitals that were part of the reporting process. Printed copies of the report are available from the Office. Please contact our office should you or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely,  
R. NICHOLAS TRANE II  
Director  
Office of Health Care Information

December, 1990

Thomas T. Melvin  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Melvin:

Pursuant to s. 153.25, Wis. Stats., the Office of Health Care Information is pleased to submit to the Governor and the Legislature its first hospital report on mortality and morbidity. As stipulated in s. 153.40 (6), Wis. Stats., the Office provided hospitals the opportunity to review and comment on their data. Written hospital comments have been included in the report.

The Office wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to the members of Mortality/Morbidity Technical Advisory Committee for their valued assistance in the planning and organization of this report. In addition, I would like to thank the Center for Health Statistics for its efforts in conducting meaningful analysis of data.

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Printed copies of this report are available from the Office. Please contact our office should you or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely,  
R. NICHOLAS TRANE II  
Director  
Office of Health Care Information

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December, 1990

Thomas T. Melvin  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Melvin:

Pursuant to the requirements of section 153.10 (1), Wis Stats., I am pleased to submit to the Governor and to the Legislature the quarterly *Health Care Data Report*. This report is based on hospital inpatient discharge data reported to the Office of Health Care Information by all operating general medical-surgical and specialty hospitals in Wisconsin for the second quarter of 1990 (*April-June*).

This report fulfills the statutory requirement to report *"in a manner that permits comparisons among hospitals ... the charges for up to 100 health care services or diagnostic-related groups selected by the office"*.

I wish to express my appreciation to all Wisconsin hospitals for their cooperation in the collection of the data which enabled us to prepare this report. Printed copies of this report are available from the Office. Please contact our office should you or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely,  
R. NICHOLAS TRANE II  
Director  
Office of Health Care Information

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December 21, 1990

Thomas T. Melvin  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Melvin:

Pursuant to Ch. 153, Wis. Stats., sections 153.10 through 153.35, the Office of Health Care Information is required to "prepare and submit to the governor and the chief clerk of each house of the legislature..." a number of reports on health care information for the state of Wisconsin. During calendar 1990, the office will have

published 10 quarterly or annual reports as contained in statute, 5 of which were new or revised reports developed during the year. The office, however, was unable to develop and publish two additional new reports as called out in Chapter 153 due to time constraints, which resulted from the development of the 5 new reports published in 1990, plus data limitations. The two reports in question are:

- 1 - Small Area Analysis Report (s. 153.15), a report comparing health care delivery costs and utilization on a geographic basis; and
- 2 - Report by the Office (s. 153.10(2)), a report analyzing health care costs in Wisconsin compared to neighboring midwest states and the nation.

If you have any questions regarding the preceding reports, please contact OHCI at (608) 266-7568.

Sincerely,  
R. NICHOLAS TRANE II  
Director  
Office of Health Care Information

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December 28, 1990

Thomas Melvin  
Donald Schneider  
Chief Clerks  
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Chief Clerks Melvin and Schneider:

Legislative Report  
USH 151 Corridor Study

In 1987 Senate Bill 100, Section 3052(12m), the Legislature requested the Department of Transportation to perform a study of the traffic volumes upon and projected development of lands in the vicinity of USH 151 between the Columbus Bypass and USH 41 near Fond du Lac. The purpose of the study was to determine whether that portion of USH 151 should be improved or reconstructed as a freeway or expressway.

The enclosed report recommends that USH 151, between the Columbus Bypass and USH 41 near Fond du Lac, be reconstructed as an expressway with provisions in the designs for future upgrading to a freeway in those areas where traffic capacity, safety, and/or operational needs warrant.

Please distribute this report under Section 13.172(3) of the Statutes.

Sincerely,  
RONALD R. FIEDLER, P.E.  
Secretary