

Eighty-Ninth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, December 12, 1990

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board

December 12, 1990

To the Honorable the Senate

At the direction of s. 13.685(7), *Wisconsin Statutes*, I am furnishing you with recent changes in the Ethics Board's registry of principals and lobbyists.

AUTHORIZATION TO LOBBY IS GRANTED:

The following organization(s) indicated they have newly authorized as their paid lobbyist(s) the individuals identified below:

James Boullion Jr.,

1) State Telephone Association, Wisconsin

Peter J. Theo,

1) Whittle Communications

Sharon Cook and Brian Mitchell,

1) Citizens for the Arts, Inc., Wisconsin Contact: Sue Ann Kaestner, P. O. Box 1812, Madison, WI 53701

Statements that identify state agency officers and employes whose job duties include attempting to influence legislation s. 13.695 and principal expense statements s. 13.68 are available for review at the Wisconsin Ethics Board.

Sincerely,
R. ROTH JUDD
Executive Director

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
November 23, 1990

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Enclosed is the letter sent to all Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Village, city, town, and county governments offering financial assistance in fulfillment of s. 30.437, Stats.

To date, no requests for special assistance under s. 30.437, Stats., have been received, so no needs have been identified. We continue to offer financial aid assistance to State Riverway communities and local governments through the following programs:

1. Recreational Boating Facilities
2. Land and Water Conservation Fund
3. Aids for Acquisition and Development of Local Parks
4. Urban Green Space
5. Outdoor Recreational Action - Local Park Aids

An additional observation is included in this report because it impacts agency community service previously called to Governor Thompson's attention by the new Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (enclosed). The subject is trash containers at state-owned boat access sites.

The Department's master plan developed following about 4 years of very intensive public involvement identified trash disposal facilities at Department controlled boat access sites (8 of 22 on the river) as a "proposed minimum" for upgrading these sites. Because of labor and financial limits, we have chosen not to initiate this portion of the plan at this time because:

1. The State Riverway law (s. 30.47(2) clearly intended river users to remove their trash from the river area.
2. Agency experience proves such unsupervised sites attract large quantities of household trash.
3. The hiring of a full-time conservation warden assigned to the Riverway improves compliance with littering regulations.
4. Using limited operational monies for limited term employee hiring and focusing their field activities on litter pickup and user education is more effective than providing containers.

The results of this policy following one season of application was, in the Department's judgment, a success. Riverway litter associated with boaters, canoeists and shoreline campers was minimal. Compliance with the new recreational regulations involving waterproof container possession and no glass containers was very high. Problem areas were limited to late night, land-oriented beer parties and some household trash dumped on state-owned lands.

The Department staff strongly endorses continuation of the current policy through the 1991 season before reassessing their position on the matter.

Sincerely,
C. D. BESADNY
Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
November 30, 1990

To the Honorable the Legislature:

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, 1991. 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

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

The committee on Labor, Business, Insurance, Veterans' and Military Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-85

Relating to health and safety standards for public fire department employees.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-126

Relating to defining liabilities excluded from coverage in liability insurance policies for bodily injury and property damage for the purpose of specifying costs

that are ineligible for reimbursement from the petroleum storage environmental cleanup fund.

No action taken.

Jerome Van Sistine
Chair

The committee on Urban Affairs, Environmental Resources, Utilities and Elections reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-51

Relating to the establishment of a waste tire management or recovery grant program.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-59

Relating to safe drinking water.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-134

Relating to the well compensation grant program.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-135

Relating to voluntary delegation of portions of the state well code to counties.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-136

Relating to well driller and pump installer regulation.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-137

Relating to the program for clean water fund assistance for water pollution control facilities.

No action taken.

Fred A. Risser
Chair