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

SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

May 27, 1994

Representative Robert Wirch
100 N. Hamilton, Room 313
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Bob:

Due to the resignation of Representative Lary Swoboda from the Assembly, there is a vacancy on the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. Pursuant to Section 13.56 of the Wisconsin Statutes, it is my pleasure as Speaker of the Assembly to appoint you as a member of this committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

I'm sure that you will be an asset to the committee.

Sincerely,
WALTER KUNICKI
Assembly Speaker

COMMUNICATIONS

May 25, 1994

Speaker Walter Kunicki
Room 212 North, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Speaker Kunicki:

Earlier this session I notified you of the formation of a subcommittee of the Assembly Transportation Committee. Chaired by Representative Black, the subcommittee reviewed the issue of passenger rail transportation in hearings around the state.

At this time I have decided to expand the scope of the subcommittee on to include review of state implementation of the federal ISTEA act.

Please note that the subcommittee will from now on be called the Subcommittee on Passenger Rail Transportation and ISTEA Implementation. Rep. Black

will continue as chair and the list of subcommittee members will remain the same.

Sincerely,
ROBERT L. TURNER
State Representative

DATE: May 26, 1994
TO: Speaker Walter Kunicki
FROM: Representative Dale Bolle, Chair
Committee on Veterans and Military
Affairs
RE: Formation of a Subcommittee

Assembly Rule 11(2) provides that "committee chairpersons may appoint subcommittees to consider specified subjects and report to the parent committee".

Therefore, today I am appointing the following members of the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs to the following subcommittee:

Subcommittee on Employment and Training

Representative William Vander Loop, Chair
Representative Terry Musser

The subcommittee has jurisdiction over programs relating to job counseling, training and placement services for veterans contained in title 38, United States Code, chapter 41, in addition to employment and training of disabled Vietnam War and post-Vietnam War veterans in title 38, United States Code, chapter 42, as administered by the State of Wisconsin.

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

April 14, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the State's special needs adoption program, as directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. While most adoptions are facilitated by private agencies, the Department of Health and Social Services facilitates most of the adoptions of children with special needs, who are considered more difficult to place. These children are ten years of age or older, are members of sibling groups of three or more who must be placed together, are members of minority groups, or have disabilities.

Although the number of families expressing an interest in special needs adoption is currently larger than the Department's caseload of children, the Department has not promptly completed reviews of family eligibility. As a result, children are not placed as promptly as possible, and some families become frustrated and discouraged. In November 1993, staff in the Department's regional offices reported that 107 children were in need of placement and 218 families were awaiting eligibility review, 45 percent of the families had been waiting at least 11 months.

Because of the unique needs of children and applicant families, prompt matches are not possible in all cases. However, we have identified a number of management changes the Department can implement to increase the pool of approved families more rapidly, thereby increasing the likelihood of more prompt placements. These include improved case management and clear statewide policies for prompt eligibility determination.

We also found that the potential exists to successfully contract out a portion of special needs adoption services. In a 1989-1991 pilot project, cost per placement and placements per staff person were similar for both contracted agencies and state staff. If future contracts are structured to incorporate the lessons learned from the pilot project, privatization could be a viable option to a solely state-operated program.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by department staff at the central and regional offices and by experts in the adoption field with whom we spoke. The Department's response is Appendix II.

Respectfully submitted,
DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Department of Employment Relations
Madison

May 1994

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the fifteenth edition of the Affirmative Action Report for Wisconsin State Government. The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of the state's work force and show the progress made in the past year.

There has been steady growth in the number and percentage of racial/ethnic minorities and women in the permanent classified work force. The strength of Wisconsin's classified and unclassified work force continues to be enhanced as we diversify and provide opportunities for all of our citizens. We know that when we meet our goal to eliminate underutilized job categories, we will not only have improved our work force but also our delivery of service to our state's citizenry.

With a renewed sense of purpose, we will continue the positive movement in diversifying our labor force.

Sincerely,
JOHN E. LITSCHER
Secretary, DER

State of Wisconsin
Department of Public Instruction
Madison

May 9, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

1991 Wisconsin Act 39 included the following provision:

SECTION 9145. Nonstatutory provisions; public instruction.

(7f) COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE; STUDY. The state superintendent of public instruction and the state director of vocational, technical and adult education shall jointly analyze and evaluate the educational and fiscal effects of the changes made to the compulsory school attendance law under section 118.15 of the statutes of this act, and shall report their findings and recommendations to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes by January 1, 1994.

Enclosed is a copy of this report for distribution. If you have questions, please contact William Erpenbach, Department of Public Instruction, at 267-1072 or Edward Chin, State Technical College Board, at 266-7983.

Sincerely,
JOHN T. BENSON
State Superintendent, DPI
DWIGHT YORK
State Technical College Board

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

May 20, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

This report is transmitted as required by sec. 20.002(11)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes, (for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under sec. 13.172(3) Stats.), and confirms that the Department of Administration has found it necessary to exercise the "temporary reallocation of balances" authority provided by this section in order to meet payment responsibilities and cover resulting negative balances during the month of April, 1994.

JOURNAL OF THE ASSEMBLY [June 1, 1994]

On April 1, 1994 the Health Insurance Risk Fund balance was negative three thousand dollars (-\$3,000). This shortfall continued through April 30, 1994. The shortfall is due to the timing of revenues to the fund.

On April 1, 1994 the Lottery Fund balance was negative one million dollars (-\$1,000,000). This shortfall continued until April 21, 1994 when the balance reached one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The shortfall was due to lower than expected revenues for fiscal year 1994.

On April 14, 1994 the University Trust-Principal Fund balance was negative sixty four thousand dollars (-\$64,000). This shortfall continued until April 18, 1994 when the balance reached one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000). The shortfall was due to a delay in transfers to the fund.

The Health Insurance Risk Fund, Lottery Fund and University Trust-Principal Fund shortfalls were not in excess of the \$400 million ceiling and did not exceed the balances of the Funds available for interfund borrowing.

The distribution of interest earnings to investment pool participants is based on the average daily balance in the pool and each fund's share. Therefore, the monthly calculation by State Finance will automatically reflect the use of these temporary reallocations of balance authority.

Sincerely,
JAMES R. KLAUSER
Secretary, DOA

State of Wisconsin
Department of Employment Relations
Madison

May 23, 1994

To the Honorable the Assembly:

Pursuant to s. 230.04 (13) (e), Stats., the annual report of the Department of Employment Relations, Division of Affirmative Action is hereby submitted. Please distribute the enclosed announcements of the report's availability to the members of the assembly.

Additional copies may be obtained from the Department of Employment Relations, Division of Affirmative Action, 137 East Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53702. The telephone number is (608) 266-5709.

Sincerely,
JON E. LITSCHER
Secretary, DER