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

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

DATE: November 14, 1994
TO: Thomas Melvin, Assembly Chief Clerk
FROM: Katharine C. Lyall
UW System President
RE: Report Under Section 36.25.(3m)(e)
Wisconsin Statutes

Pursuant to action taken by the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents during its regular meeting on November 11, 1994, I am transmitting the Report on Solid Waste Experiment Centers, required under s. 36.25(3m)(e) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*.

1989 Wisconsin Act 31 created section 36.25(3m)(b) of the Statutes which provides that:

"The board may establish one or more solid waste experiment centers for the purpose of developing, demonstrating, promoting and assessing the costs and environmental effects of alternatives to solid waste disposal. The board shall determine the location of the solid waste experiment centers. In making the determination, the board shall consider the solid waste disposal needs of the various regions of the state. The board may establish, through cooperative agreements, solid waste experiment centers at existing publicly owned or privately owned storage, treatment or disposal facilities."

Section 36.25(3m)(e) provides that:

"Annually, the board shall submit a report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) on all activities undertaken under this subsection."

This is the fifth annual report submitted to meet the statutory requirements. The College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point was designated as a Solid Waste Experiment Center in June 1990 and the Water Research and Education Center, UW-Madison College of Engineering was designated a Center in February 1994. Beginning in fiscal year 1990-91, the recycling law (1989 Wisconsin Act 335) provided additional research funding and directed the Board of Regents to appoint a Solid Waste Research Council to advise the System concerning the awarding of funds for

research projects under 36.25(3m)(c). In response to the requests for proposals issued to disburse 1994-95 funding, the 11-member Council received 19 research proposals from eight UW System campuses. The Council reviewed the proposals and two experts on the specific subjects were sought for each proposal. I granted approval to fund 11 projects recommended by the Council totaling \$299,905. These projects are summarized in the report.

If there are any questions relating to this report, please feel free to contact me (262-2321) or Vice President Paul Brown (262-6132).

Referred to committee on Natural Resources.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

November 28, 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 October, 1994.

On October 1, 1994 the Health Insurance Risk Fund balance was \$-12 thousand. The shortfall continued until October 28, 1994 when the balance reached \$52 thousand. This shortfall was due to the timing of receipts to the fund.

The Health Insurance Risk Fund shortfall was 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 earning 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

Referred to the Joint Committee on Finance.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture
Madison

December 1, 1994

SUBJECT: Section 9146(1h) of 1993 Wisconsin Act 16
mandated report evaluating the Stray
Voltage Program

To the Honorable the Assembly:

During the 1993-94 Legislative Session, Section 9146(1h) of 1993 Wisconsin Act 16, was adopted requiring the Public Service Commission and Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Departments) to evaluate and prepare a report on the jointly administered Stray Voltage Program and submit the report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 1, 1994. We are pleased to present this report in response to that directive. Based upon the recommendations in this report, the Departments have been moving forward with their 1995-97 biennial budgets with initiatives that support the direction contained in the report.

Please find attached a copy of the final report. If you have questions or require a follow-up, we will be happy to respond.

Sincerely,
CHERYL L. PARRINO
Chairman
Public Service Commission
ALAN T. TRACY
Secretary, DATCP

Referred to committee on Agriculture, Forestry and
Rural Affairs.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

November 29, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the Special Transfer Aid program, commonly known as the Chapter 220 program, as directed in 1993 Wisconsin Act 16, the 1993-95 Biennial Budget Act. The program provides state aid for student transfers between school districts (*interdistrict*) and within a school district (*intradistrict*) for the purpose of enhancing integration.

State program costs, which were \$92.6 million in fiscal year (FY) 1993-94, have grown rapidly in recent years as interdistrict transfers between Milwaukee Public Schools

(MPS) and 23 suburban districts in the metropolitan area have increased.

Interdistrict program participants, their parents and others believe that the program has provided better opportunities for both minority and nonminority students. Other community residents question the program's effectiveness. We found that fewer MPS students are attending an integrated school than at any time in the past 15 years and that the program has had a limited effect to comply with requirements included in a 1987 agreement between participating districts, intended to provide greater educational opportunities, some did not.

As part of its effort to increase state support for local school costs, the Legislature will need to consider the effect of any change on the current Chapter 220 aid formula.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by staff in each of the districts we visited and in the Department of Public Instruction.

Respectfully submitted,
DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Housing and Economic
Development Authority
Madison

November 30, 1994

To the Honorable the Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 234.25, *Wisconsin Statutes*, attached is the fiscal 1994 annual report of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). This report contains information about WHEDA's fiscal 1994 operations and accomplishments and the year-end report of our public auditor. Please note that each of the housing programs described in the following pages are consistent with the goals, policies and objectives of the state housing plan.

WHEDA does not seek nor encourage major changes to Chapter 234 during this fiscal year. However, we do recommend minor revisions be made to sections governing the property tax deferral loan program, the various economic development loan guarantee programs and the home improvement program to better these financing products.

Should you have any questions or comments on this report, please contact me or Jim Langdon, WHEDA Marketing Director. Thank you for your interest in WHEDA.

Sincerely,
RICHARD J. LONGABAUGH
Executive Director, WHEDA

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

December 1, 1994

To the Honorable the Assembly:

We have audited the financial statements of the WHA Radio and Television (public telecommunications entities operated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension) for the year ended June 30, 1994 and have issued our reports on these statements, dated November 23, 1994.

This audit was requested by the University of Wisconsin-Extension to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities and certification of these entities' non-federal revenue sources in determining future funding levels.

The audit reports include no major findings, conclusions, or recommendations and, in our judgment, are not likely to be of interest to most members of the Legislature.

Copies of the audit reports have been distributed to members of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and those required by law to receive copies. If you are interested in receiving copies of the audit reports, please contact our office and request report numbers 94-25 and 94-26.

Sincerely,
DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

December 1, 1994

To the Honorable the Assembly:

We have audited the financial statements of ECB Radio and Television (public telecommunications entities

operated by the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board) for the year ended June 30, 1994 and have issued our reports on these statements, dated November 28, 1994.

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Sincerely,
DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Social Services
Madison

December 7, 1994

To the Honorable the Assembly:

Pursuant to Wisconsin statutes 51.437 (14p), I am sending the Biennial Update to the Five Year Plan for Development Disabilities Services.

Sincerely,
GERALD WHITBURN
Secretary, DHSS