

Ninety-First Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, April 7, 1993

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution 22

Relating to memorializing Congress to allow interstate marketing of state-inspected meat.

By Senators Moen, Clausung, Chvala, Breske, Petak, Huelsman and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Gronemus, Musser, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Goetsch, Hasenohrl, Freese, Ryba, Nass, Ott and Stower, by request of Jim Weber, Mondovi.

To committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Tourism and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Joint Resolution 23

Relating to 4-year terms of office for sheriffs (first consideration).

By Senators Lasee, Andrea, Potter, Breske, Decker, Schultz, Lorman, Huelsman, Petak, Farrow and Drzewiecki; cosponsored by Representatives Vergeront, Deininger, Foti, Brandemuehl, Schneiders, Lehman, Ryba, Boyle, Baldus, Brancel, Lazich, Owens, Goetsch, Urban, Ainsworth, Zien and Panzer.

To committee on Urban Affairs, Financial Institutions and Environmental Resources.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 133

Relating to hospital staff privileges for podiatrists.

By Senators Andrea, Rude, Chvala, Plewa, Decker, Buettner, Risser, Schultz, Petak, Leean, Drzewiecki, Moore and Cowles; cosponsored by Representatives Notestein, Robson, Porter, Bell, Ourada, Springer, Roberts, Huber, Plache, Johnsrud, Dobyns, Gronemus, Duff, Goetsch, Schneiders, Ryba, Boyle, Lazich, Coggs, Lorge, Rosenzweig, Ladwig, Turner, Wirch, La Fave, Hahn and Silbaugh.

To committee on Health Care, Human Services and Corrections.

Senate Bill 134

Relating to the purchase of prior noncreditable service under the Wisconsin retirement system.

By Senator Potter; cosponsored by Representative Grobshmidt.

To Joint Survey committee on Retirement Systems.

Senate Bill 135

Relating to stacking of motor vehicle insurance coverage and drive-other-car exclusions under motor vehicle policies.

By Senators Huelsman and Breske; cosponsored by Representatives Brancel, Schneiders, Swoboda and Holperin.

To committee on Housing, Commerce, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs.

Senate Bill 136

Relating to vehicle registration by dealers, distributors, manufacturers and transporters.

By Senator Stitt.

To committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Tourism and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill 137

Relating to causing great bodily harm by the intoxicated use of a vehicle and providing a penalty.

By Senators Huelsman, Lorman, Rude, Weeden, Cowles, Darling, Farrow, Leean, Stitt, Buettner, Drzewiecki and Petak; cosponsored by Representatives Deininger, Owens, Black, Ladwig, Wirch, Schneiders, Ourada, Robson, Holperin, Seratti, Brandemuehl, Green, Nass, Zien, Dobyns, Duff, Beal, Panzer, Klusman and Vrakas.

To committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

Senate Bill 138

Relating to costs incurred by a public utility in a rate case.

By Senators Chvala, Risser, Decker and Clausung; cosponsored by Representatives Potter, Musser, Boyle, L. Young, Black, Bock, Wilder, Huber and Gruszynski.

To committee on Urban Affairs, Financial Institutions and Environmental Resources.

Senate Bill 139

Relating to allowing checkoffs of retirement annuities to be paid for dues or donations to labor organizations, affiliated retiree organizations and charitable organizations, granting rule-making authority and making an appropriation.

By Senators Risser, Burke and Rude; cosponsored by Representatives Baldwin, Potter, Freese, Ryba, Bock, Wirch, Musser, Wineke, Coggs, Turner, Huber, Boyle and Ourada.

To Joint Survey committee on Retirement Systems.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Housing, Commerce, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs reports and recommends:

FITZGIBBON, PENNY, of Florence, as a member of the Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 6 -- Senators Plewa, Petak, Potter, Moore, Huelsman and Darling;

Noes, 0 -- None.

MUSSER, JOSEPHINE W., of Madison, as Commissioner of Insurance, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 6 -- Senators Plewa, Petak, Potter, Moore, Huelsman and Darling;

Noes, 0 -- None.

John R. Plewa
Chair

The committee on Labor, Revenue and Economic Development reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 7

Relating to flammability standards for seating furniture supplied to state agencies, public schools and covered private health and education facilities and granting rule-making authority.

Passage:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Moore, Plewa, Decker, Lorman and Leean;

Noes, 1 -- Senator Rude.

Gwendolynne Moore
Chair

The committee on Senate Organization reports and recommends:

The following nomination to committee for appointment by the Senate:

Senator Jauch to the Submerged Cultural Resources Council.

Fred A. Risser
Chair

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Social Services
April 1, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

1989 Wisconsin Act 83 directs the Department of Health and Social Services to annually report to the Legislature regarding our activities to maximize Medicare coverage of nursing home costs. This represents our report for 1992.

During 1992, the Department's Medicare maximization efforts focused on encouraging nursing homes to comply with rules regarding Medicare billing. Medicaid is, by law, the payor of last resort. The Medicaid fiscal agent has a claims processing edit in place to ensure that Medicaid does not reimburse for Medicare covered services on a fee-for-service basis. However, this edit does not apply to nursing home ancillary services. Nursing home ancillary services are those services provided by some nursing homes, such as pharmacy services, on an exceptional basis. The

Medicaid state plan now requires nursing homes to document to the Department that they are billing Medicare for ancillary services, where appropriate.

Effective January 1, 1993, the state implemented the federally required buy-in for Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB). Under this program, Medicaid will pay the Medicare premiums for individuals whose income is between 100 and 110 percent of the poverty level.

The Medicaid program currently uses a Wisconsin specific nursing home claim form for Medicaid services. A separate claim form, the UB-92, is required for billing the Medicare program and for billing Medicaid cross-over claims. To streamline the billing process, we plan to require the UB-92 form for Medicaid nursing home claims no later than January 1, 1994.

Sincerely,
Gerald Whitburn
Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Department of Industry,
Labor and Human Relations

March 26, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to Section 101.35 (12) of Wisconsin Statutes, I am providing you with the annual report on the "Wisconsin Job Opportunity Business Subsidy Program." The Statute requires that the department submit the attached report to the chief clerk of each house for distribution to the legislature on or before April 1 of each year.

Should you have any questions regarding the information in this report, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,
Carol Skornicka
Secretary

Wisconsin Indianhead
Technical College

March 31, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

In accordance with ss 38.12 (11)(c) this is to report the methods that the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College has taken to comply with the statutes in providing information on sexual assault and sexual harassment to students and staff. Enclosed is a copy of our booklet and brochure entitled "Employees' and Students' Right To Know" which provides information regarding the College's policy and procedures relating to alcohol and other drug use; sexual assault and sexual harassment; and campus security and crime statistics. This information is provided during the orientation sessions with students and during our orientation session with new employees.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Dianne M. Loomis, our Affirmative Action Officer.

Sincerely,
David R. Hildebrand
President
Western Wisconsin
Technical College

April 2, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to requirements under ss. 38.12 (11)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I am forwarding to you information that is contained in Western Wisconsin Technical College's Student Handbook pertaining to the definition of sexual assault and sexual harassment. This Student Handbook is distributed to every student at orientation in the fall and is available throughout the campus during the entire year.

Also, enclosed is a copy of a brochure dealing with Affirmative Action issues, including sexual harassment, that is currently being printed and will also be widely distributed throughout the campus to both students and staff.

Sincerely,
Karin Rudolph
Affirmative Action Officer
STATE OF WISCONSIN
ETHICS BOARD

March 30, 1993

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of § 13.685(7), Wisconsin Statutes, I am furnishing you with the names of organizations recently registered with the Ethics Board as employing one or more individuals to affect state legislation or administrative rules. For each organization I have noted the general area of legislative or administrative action which the organization has described as the object of its lobbying activity and the name of each licensed lobbyist that the organization has authorized to act on its behalf.

Building Owners & Managers Assoc. of Milwaukee, Inc.
Subjects: Regulation of commercial and residential buildings and taxes.

Driessen, Anthony

Living Centers, Wisconsin Coalition of Independent
Subjects: Matters affecting the organization in any way by any state agency or the legislature.

Richard, JoAnna

Madison Metropolitan School District
Subjects: Legislation and/or administrative rules relating to education.

McCabe, Michael

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,
R. Roth Judd
Executive Director

STATE OF WISCONSIN
ETHICS BOARD

March 30, 1993

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of § 13.685(7), Wisconsin Statutes, I am furnishing you with the following changes in the Ethics Board's records of licensed lobbyists and their employers.

Organization's authorization of additional lobbyists: The following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as employers of lobbyists have authorized to act on their behalf these additional licensed lobbyists:

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Goff, Mark

Fair Aid Coalition

McDowell, Kelly

Manufacturers & Commerce, Wisconsin

Handzel, Henry

Schneider Communications

McDowell, Kelly

Organization's termination of lobbyists: Each of the following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as the employer of a lobbyist has withdrawn, on the date indicated, its authorization for the lobbyist identified to act on the organization's behalf.

Fair Liquidation of Waste (Flow)

Mulcahy, Charles 3/31/93

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Sincerely,
R. Roth Judd
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

March 29, 1993

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint JOHN PRINCE of Waupun, as a member of the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1999.

Respectfully,
Tommy Thompson
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Tourism and Veterans Affairs.

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

March 31, 1993

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint JOSEPH P. METTNER of St. Francis, as a member of the Tax Appeals Commission pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending March 1, 1999.

Respectfully,
Tommy Thompson
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Labor, Revenue and Economic Development.

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

The committee on Urban Affairs, Financial Institutions and Environmental Resources reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 89-96

Relating to waters classified as outstanding resource waters and exceptional resource waters.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-183

Relating to safe drinking water.

No action taken.

Brian Burke
Chair

The committee on Labor, Revenue and Economic Development reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-148

Relating to liquefied petroleum gases.

No action taken.

Gwendolynne Moore
Chair

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-19

Relating to definitions of additional, new and transitional claims and waivers of in-person reporting requirements.

Submitted by Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Report received from agency, April 6, 1993.

Referred to committee on Labor, Revenue and Economic Development, April 7, 1993.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-71

Relating to trapping regulations.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from agency, April 1, 1993.

Referred to committee on Urban Affairs, Financial Institutions and Environmental Resources, April 7, 1993.