

Ninety-First Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, November 9, 1994

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

Department of Administration

October 31, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Enclosed is a bound copy of the *Wisconsin Acid Deposition Research Council Fourth Biennial Report: A Status Report of Acid Rain Research in Wisconsin*. An unbound version was originally filed in July 1994 pursuant to the 1985 Wisconsin Act 296.

On behalf of the Wisconsin Acid Deposition Research Council, I am pleased to share with you some very good news. Wisconsin utilities have met and exceeded the goals set in the state's acid rain law by reducing sulfur dioxide emissions to 175,000 tons by 1993! In fact, between 1980 and 1993, there was a 65 percent decline in sulfur dioxide emissions.

In addition, research shows Wisconsin has experienced no major forest declines due to acid rain, and none of the state's streams are suffering from the results of acid rain. These achievements demonstrate that Wisconsin continues to lead the nation in acid deposition policy and research commitments.

In its two remaining years, the Council will monitor improvements in the environment due to sulfur dioxide reductions and address remaining research concerns. Should you have questions, or wish to discuss this report, please contact me at 608-266-7257.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel E. Robinson, Chair

Wisconsin Acid Deposition Research Council

State of Wisconsin

Department of Health and Social Services

November 1, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

The 1983 Wisconsin Act 168, Section 11(3), required the Department to include in its 1995-97 biennial budget a proposal to pay food stamp benefits to recipients in Milwaukee County through an electronic benefit transfer system. The Department plans to reallocate staff resources internally to begin the implementation planning in the next biennium in conjunction with pilot

projects for Work Not Welfare, therefore no changes to the Department's budget were required for 1995-97

There are several national issues that will impact Wisconsin's implementation of EBT. These include: a) Regulation E effective in March 1997 will shift the liability of Stolen EBT cards from clients to state governments, b) who pays the cost of additional point of sale and automatic teller machines, c) national operating standards and procedures are scheduled to be issued in November 1994, and d) approved federal vendors will be identified in the Summer of 1995. The timing of the resolution of these issues puts implementation of EBT in Wisconsin into the 1997-99 biennium.

Sincerely,

Gerald Whitburn

Secretary

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

The committee on Health, Human Services and Aging reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-107

Relating to reimbursement for the direct costs of medical care provided to adults who have cystic fibrosis.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-123

Relating to the special resource account and vehicle asset limit demonstration projects under the aid to families with dependent children program.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-137

Relating to qualifications of persons who conduct evaluations of persons alleged to be sexually violent.

No action taken.

Carol A. Buettner

Chair

The committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-133

Relating to the elderly and disabled transportation assistance program for private nonprofit organizations.

No action taken.

Alan J. Lasec

Chair