

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

Ninety-Second Regular Session

TUESDAY, December 12, 1995

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 439** offered by committee on **Natural Resources**.

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 440** offered by Representative Silbaugh.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 489** offered by committee on **Agriculture**.

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 489** offered by committee on **Agriculture**.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 591** offered by committee on **Welfare Reform**.

Assembly substitute amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 591** offered by committee on **Welfare Reform**.

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 608** offered by committee on **Judiciary**.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 610** offered by committee on **Agriculture**.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 624** offered by Representative Lazich.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 630** offered by committee on **Agriculture**.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 634** offered by Representative Hasenohrl.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 706** offered by committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 95–138

Relating to examinations, educational and graduation requirements and late renewal.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing. Report received from Agency on November 30, 1995. To committee on **Consumer Affairs**.

Referred on December 8, 1995.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 95–155

Relating to the qualifications of medical directors of ambulance services that provide services beyond basic life support services.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services. Report received from Agency on December 1, 1995. To committee on **Health**.

Referred on December 8, 1995.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 95–181

Relating to the elimination of obsolete rules. Submitted by Department of Public Instruction. Report received from Agency on November 28, 1995. To committee on **Education**. Referred on December 8, 1995.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 722

Relating to: creating an environmental science council.

By Representatives Duff, Jensen, Klusman, Freese, Albers, Ourada, Ott, Johnsrud, Hoven, Huebsch, Kelso, Seratti, Silbaugh, Hahn, Lazich, Powers, F. Lasee, Olsen, Gunderson, Vrakas, Ladwig, Goetsch, Grothman and Springer; cosponsored by Senators Farrow, Rude, Petak, Breske and Rosenzweig.

To committee on Environment and Utilities.

Assembly Bill 723

Relating to: lottery retailer compensation, administrative expenses of the gaming commission relating to the state lottery and required lottery fund balance.

By Representatives Kaufert, Lehman, Vrakas, Ainsworth, Jensen, Porter, Ott, Wirch, Olsen, Handrick, Wasserman, Powers, Hutchison, Musser, Walker, Foti, Zukowski, Grothman, Dobyns, Plombon, Vander Loop, Kreuser, Springer and Gronemus; cosponsored by Senators Panzer, Andrea, Breske, Huelsman, Rosenzweig and Fitzgerald.

To special committee on Gambling Oversight.

Assembly Bill 724

Relating to: the expenditure of \$7,300 from the general fund for payment of a claim against the state made by Laona State Bank.

By Representative Seratti; cosponsored by Senator Breske.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

Assembly Bill 725

Relating to: imposing certain requirements on public utilities providing electric utility services to customers who raise livestock.

By Representatives Hasenohrl, R. Potter, Brancel, Lorge, Gronemus, Boyle and Robson; cosponsored by Senator A. Lasee.

To committee on Agriculture.

Assembly Bill 726

Relating to: prohibiting cities, villages, towns, counties and school districts from imposing certain residency requirements on certain employes.

By Representatives Dobyns, Albers, Linton, Jensen, Urban, Huebsch, Ainsworth, Schneiders, Walker, Kreibich, Gard, Gunderson, Hoven, Johnsrud, Nass, Ourada, Porter, Owens, Musser, Silbaugh, Handrick, Duff, Ladwig and Freese; cosponsored by Senators Fitzgerald, Welch, Andrea, Rosenzweig and Zien.

To committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

Assembly Bill 727

Relating to: permitting the discovery of information in actions for personal injuries.

By Representatives Gard, Green, Ladwig, Schneiders, Olsen, Ward, Gunderson and Ott; cosponsored by Senator Huelsman.

To committee on Judiciary.

Assembly Bill 728

Relating to: water and sewer rate increases by certain municipally owned utilities, providing an exemption from rule-making procedures and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Duff, Ott, Musser, Grothman and Jensen; cosponsored by Senator Fitzgerald.

To committee on Environment and Utilities.

Assembly Bill 729

Relating to: regulation of zero discharge wastewater treatment systems and granting rule—making authority.

By Representatives Duff, Porter, Owens, Seratti, Silbaugh, Goetsch, Skindrud, Lazich and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senators Cowles and Farrow.

To committee on Environment and Utilities.

Assembly Bill 730

Relating to: the budget stabilization fund and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Hanson, Wilder, Urban, Hasenohrl, Lehman, Schneiders, Olsen, Wirch, Goetsch, Plache, Hahn, La Fave, Albers, Ainsworth, Ryba, Ziegelbauer, Grothman, Ladwig, Baldus, Wasserman, Murat, Owens, Kreuser, Lazich, Huebsch, Seratti, Gronemus, Dueholm and Meyer; cosponsored by Senators Panzer, Petak, Moen, Huelsman, Shibilski, Risser, Darling and Rosenzweig.

To joint committee on Finance.

Assembly Bill 731

Relating to: requiring the department of health and social services to request a waiver to reduce the standards of assistance for aid to families with dependent children.

By Representatives Grothman, Kelso, Ladwig, Owens, Seratti and Zukowski.

To committee on Welfare Reform.

Assembly Bill 732

Relating to: treatment of certain contributions made by a committee of a recognized political party to a candidate for state office or his or her personal campaign committee.

By Representatives Grothman, Ainsworth, Dobyns, Hahn, Kelso, Ladwig, Lazich, Lehman, Owens, Silbaugh, Zukowski and Seratti; cosponsored by Senator Panzer.

To committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

Assembly Bill 733

Relating to: regulation of tattooing, granting rule—making authority and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Brandemuehl, Ryba, Urban, Ainsworth, Huber, Kelso, Freese, Johnsrud, Bock, Ott, Notestein, Olsen and Silbaugh; cosponsored by Senator Buettner.

To committee on Consumer Affairs.

Assembly Bill 734

Relating to: allowing managed forest land to be located in cities.

By Representatives Skindrud, Freese, Goetsch, Ainsworth, Murat, Gard and Grothman; cosponsored by Senator A. Lasee.

To committee on Natural Resources.

Assembly Bill 735

Relating to: the sale of intoxicating liquor by manufacturers, rectifiers or their agents to wholesalers.

By Representatives Harsdorf and Freese; cosponsored by Senator Andrea.

To committee on State Affairs.

Assembly Bill 736

Relating to: supervision of assessments.

By Representatives Harsdorf, Gunderson, Freese, Lehman, Musser, Owens, Porter, Goetsch, Hahn, Ladwig, Grothman, Klusman, Dueholm, Silbaugh, Olsen, Hasenohrl, La Fave, Gronemus, Ott, Albers and Powers; cosponsored by Senators Petak, Clausing, Weeden, Welch, Breske, C. Potter, Adelman, A. Lasee and Jauch.

To committee on Ways and Means.

Assembly Bill 737

Relating to: the eligibility for group health insurance for state employes participating under the Wisconsin retirement system.

By Representatives Harsdorf, Ladwig, Musser, Plache, Otte, Baldus, Goetsch, Vrakas, Boyle, F. Lasee, Meyer, R. Young, Hanson and Plombon; cosponsored by Senator Rosenzweig.

To committee on Government Operations.

Assembly Bill 738

Relating to: the membership of the examining board of social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors and granting independent clinical social worker certificates to certain persons.

By Representatives Ainsworth, Silbaugh, Goetsch, Owens, Seratti, Albers and Gunderson.

To committee on Consumer Affairs.

Assembly Bill 739

Relating to: providing funding for the long-term support community options program, the long-term care ombudsman program, the guardianship grant program and Alzheimer's disease training and information grants, limiting the personal exemptions tax credit and making appropriations.

By Representatives Lehman, Krusick, Grobschmidt, Hanson, Silbaugh, Hahn, Hoven, L. Young, Baldwin, Powers, Musser, Ourada, Ott, Huber, Springer, Ainsworth, Johnsrud, Bock, Travis, Murat, Dueholm, Albers, Hutchison, Dobyns, Ryba, Wasserman, Handrick, Carpenter, Plache, Olsen, Notestein, Wirch, Coggs, Plombon, Baldus, Kreuser, Hasenohrl, Gunderson, Seratti and R. Potter; cosponsored by Senators Buettner, Panzer, Rosenzweig, Rude, Andrea, Risser, Darling, Clausing, Shibilski, Fitzgerald, Burke, Breske, Moore, Moen, C. Potter, George and Wineke, by request of Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups.

To committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.

Assembly Bill 740

Relating to: the lake acidification experiment at Little Rock Lake.

By Representative Handrick; cosponsored by Senator Breske.

To committee on Natural Resources.

Assembly Bill 741

Relating to: arrest and conviction record discrimination. By Representatives Kelso, Grothman, Zukowski, Underheim, Kaufert, Schneiders, Nass, Plache, Olsen, Silbaugh, Powers, Ladwig and Notestein; cosponsored by Senators Huelsman and Darling.

To committee on Labor and Employment.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor Madison

December 6, 1995

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly and the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate or the Assembly, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Assembly Bill	Act Number	Date Approved
138	107	December 6, 1995
222	108	December 6, 1995
676	109	December 6, 1995
557 (partial veto)	113	December 6, 1995

Respectfully submitted, TOMMY G. THOMPSON Governor

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

December 6, 1995

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I have approved **Assembly Bill 557** as 1995 Wisconsin Act 113 and deposited it in the Office of the Secretary of State.

The signing of this bill marks the conclusion of a lengthy period of debate about funding for critical transportation improvement projects and local transportation needs. I forwarded two separate revenue and spending proposals to the Legislature to address these needs in the 1995–97 biennium. These proposals included increases in user fees to address declining federal highway aid and increasing multimodal state transportation needs and to provide property tax relief through increases in the state share of local transportation costs. Ultimately, the Legislature chose not to approve the user fee changes I recommended and decided to substantially increase the use of bonding to make more cash available in the short term while substantially increasing our debt obligations over the long term.

I respect the Legislature's efforts to do more with fewer dollars in the operations of the Department of Transportation. I also applaud the resourceful reallocation of dwindling federal dollars toward critical highway rehabilitation efforts. But I cannot approve the extensive use of borrowing to support a transportation program that we cannot afford without changes to federal and state transportation user fee revenue levels.

The transportation bill I am signing is balanced and through my vetoes relies less on borrowing. However, it continues to be a bill that does not adequately provide for long term state and local transportation needs. It will result in significant delays in completing the critical backbone element of the Corridors 2020 plan and reduce the number of miles of state and local roads and streets that will be rehabilitated.

These issues cannot be ignored. In the next biennium, it is anticipated that even more demands, particularly with the Milwaukee freeway system, will arise. The difficult resource decisions faced in this biennium remain and must be addressed in 1997–99.

Total spending under this bill will be \$1,497.5 million in fiscal year 1995–96 and \$1,510.5 million in fiscal year 1996–97. Net spending from segregated transportation fund revenue will be \$959.6 million in fiscal year 1995–96 (a 3.3% increase) and \$964.7 million in fiscal year 1996–97 (an increase of 0.5%), for a total of \$1.9 billion. Spending for operations decreases to reflect a 5.9% reduction in spending from base.

This bill increases state aid to local governments for transportation—related costs by 3% annually for calendar years 1996 and 1997. The share of the state funded transportation budget allocated to local road aids increases over 3% under this bill. On the other hand, the non—highway operations (State Patrol, Motor Vehicles and general department operations) share of the budget declines almost 8%. Funding for accelerating the Highway 29 project is included to ensure that this key transportation artery is completed by December 31, 2000.

I am signing this bill with a total of 11 vetoes. Some of these vetoes are technical in nature and clean up conflicting language or drafting problems. Other vetoes establish more reasonable timelines for the several new one—time reports, studies, or legislative approvals created by the Legislature for the Department of Transportation. I have continued to recognize the importance of these reports by requesting a later completion date in the veto message.

The partial vetoes I am executing will also provide more funding for state highway rehabilitation efforts through the revenue certification procedure included in the bill. Assuming no change in current revenue estimates, my vetoes will increase funding for highway rehabilitation by over \$1,900,000 in fiscal year 1996–97. This funding will help to offset the minimal increases provided in the bill for this crucial program.

We need to face the reality that our transportation system has critical needs that require long—term solutions. I have offered proposals to address these needs. I look forward to the time when we can face the difficult decisions and resolve them. It is my hope that some of the provisions included in this bill, particularly the creation of a transportation finance study committee, can generate the consensus necessary to address these issues. Sustaining our economic vitality demands that we continue to make prudent investments in transportation infrastructure.

A summary of the major provisions of the transportation budget bill follows:

Local Assistance

- Increases general transportation aid to counties, municipalities and towns by 3% annually.
- Replaces the statutory requirement to support 42% of local transit costs with a five—tiered formula (Milwaukee, Madison, Waukesha, cities over 50,000 in population and cities under 50,000 in population) that will provide,

- within each tier, a uniform percentage of combined federal and state support for local transit costs.
- Increases funding for elderly and disabled transportation assistance by 11% in fiscal year 1995–96.
- Increases the county forest road aid rate per mile by 50%.
- Allocates \$500,000 SEG in fiscal year 1996–97 to accelerate completion of improvements at the Fond du Lac County airport.

State and Local Highways

- Provides \$33 million to accelerate completion of the Highway 29 expansion by December 31, 2000.
- Authorizes DOT to supplement highway rehabilitation costs associated with building a new stadium in Milwaukee.
- Requires that any additional transportation user fee revenues above those estimated in this bill be used for highway rehabilitation projects.

Other Provisions

- Reduces department operations budgets by \$32 million over the biennium.
- Eliminates 40.0 FTE vacant positions associated with highway design and production functions.
- Directs DOT to request federal funding for replacement of the Main Street Bridge in Green Bay.
- Establishes a joint executive–legislative committee to study possible transportation revenue sources.
- Requests the Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct a performance evaluation of all DOT programs by September 1, 1996.
- Establishes a pilot program for furnishing a private firm with uniform traffic citation and accident records.
- Prohibits the use of photo radar speed detection equipment to determine compliance with state or local speed restriction laws.

Respectfully submitted, *TOMMY G. THOMPSON* Governor

ASSEMBLY BILL 557 ITEM VETOES

1. Bonding Authorization for Major Highway Projects

Sections 1 [as it relates to s. 20.395 (3) (br)] and 57

Section 57 increases the revenue obligation limit for transportation administrative or operating facilities and for major highway projects to reflect anticipated bond issues over the next two to four years. Section 1 [as it relates to s. 20.395 (3) (br)] includes the appropriation

that authorizes the expenditure of proceeds generated from the issuance of revenue obligation bonds for major highway development projects. Although there is no language in the bill that authorizes this increase, funding for this purpose was included in a Committee of Conference motion.

The revenue obligation limit and appropriation level in the bill reflect actions by the Legislature to provide \$40,000,000 in additional revenue bonding authority over the 1995-97 biennium to replace anticipated decreases in federal highway aid. I object to this increase in bonding authority because it does not reflect sound fiscal management of the transportation fund. This additional bonding authority contributes to increasing the share of the major highway program funded from revenue bond proceeds from the historical 55% to almost 75%. Furthermore, this additional amount of borrowing for infrastructure projects presents problems for future transportation budgets. Prudent financial management demands that debt be balanced with sufficient revenues. Replacing declining federal aid primarily with bond proceeds will divert limited future transportation fund revenues for debt service. By vetoing the revenue obligation limit established under s. 84.59 (6) and writing in a smaller amount that deletes the \$40,000,000 increase in bonding authority, I am vetoing the increase of the revenue obligation limit. By vetoing the Department of Transportation's appropriation under s. 20.395 (3) (br) and writing in a smaller amount that deletes the \$20,000,000 SEG-S funding in each fiscal year of the 1995-97 biennium, I am vetoing the authorization to expend proceeds of revenue obligations issued under this increase in the revenue obligation I am also requesting the Department of Administration Secretary not to allot these funds.

Based on final Federal Highway Administration estimates, Wisconsin will receive approximately \$330 million in federal highway assistance for federal fiscal year 1995–96. This \$10 million increase above the amount estimated in the bill further reduces the need and rationale for this additional borrowing. DOT plans to allocate this funding to the major highway program in order to replace the borrowing I have vetoed.

2. State Highway Rehabilitation Reserve Accounts

Section 57m

This section creates two reserve accounts in the transportation fund from which funds may be expended subject to the approval of and release by the Joint Committee on Finance. One reserve account is established in the amount of \$15,000,000 SEG and may be used to supplement the state highway rehabilitation appropriation under s. 20.395 (3)(cq) either for infrastructure work related to a new stadium for the Milwaukee Brewers or for construction activities relating to rehabilitation of the East–West Freeway from downtown Milwaukee to Waukesha. The other reserve account is established in the amount of \$13,349,000 SEG annually for fiscal years 1995–96 and 1996–97 and

may be used to supplement the East–West Freeway rehabilitation project. This section also prohibits DOT from using any funds in addition to those set aside in these reserve accounts for either of these projects, with the exception of funds received under a federal demonstration grant. This section sunsets on June 30, 1999

I am partially vetoing this section to remove Joint Committee on Finance oversight of the reserve account funding for the infrastructure work related to a new stadium because the oversight would delay implementation of this crucial project. The Legislature has thoroughly reviewed the need for a new stadium in Milwaukee and recognizes that the project must be completed within a short period of time. The state's commitment is clear and this veto will allow DOT to proceed with the infrastructure improvements necessary to meet the aggressive timetables established for completion of the stadium construction project.

3. Transportation Financing Committee and Study

Section 9155 (3y)

This section requires the Department of Transportation to create a joint legislative—executive branch committee to study transportation financing. The committee will consist of three members appointed by the Department of Transportation Secretary and one member each appointed by the majority and minority leaders of each house. The committee is charged with making findings, conclusions and recommendations regarding revenue sources for transportation, the impact of different tax rates of states on border area retailers, and state and local revenue sources for mass transit and alternative funding formulas for mass transit aid.

I am partially vetoing this section to remove the July 1, 1996 deadline for submitting the report because I believe the committee will need more time to address these significant issues. Instead, I am requesting the committee to submit its report by December 1, 1996. I fully support this effort and look forward to receiving the proposals of the committee.

4. Tax Exemption for Railroad Rolling Stock

Sections 40t, 40u, 40v, 40w, 40x, 9348 (3xg) and 9448

These sections establish an exemption from the state utility tax for railroad rolling stock, beginning with taxes paid in May 1997. I am vetoing these provisions because, while I remain fully committed to a thriving rail transportation sector, I do not believe an exemption from state utility taxes is appropriate in this case and may establish a poor precedent for other economic sectors. My continuing commitment to rail programs is evidenced by the funding allocated from the transportation fund for freight rail service preservation, freight rail infrastructure improvement loans, rail crossing improvement and maintenance aid and other rail–highway crossing programs. Funding related to these and other rail programs is equivalent to the \$10 million in transportation fund revenues received from

the railroad industry. In future budgets, it is my intention that this revenue, including proceeds from the utility tax for railroad rolling stock, continue to be used for rail development and rail crossing programs.

I recognize the economic needs associated with rebuilding the railroad industry in our state and nation. In keeping with the goal of enhancing the viability of the rail transportation sector, I am requesting the Department of Transportation Secretary and the Department of Revenue Secretary to form a study committee consisting of rail industry and shipping representatives and state agency administrators and staff to review taxes on railroads and the level of state support for rail programs. This committee should make recommendations regarding any modifications and enhancements necessary to address the competitiveness of the railroad industry.

5. High-Cost Bridge Program

Section 56m

This section defines a high—cost bridge and requires DOT to administer a program for rehabilitating these bridges. DOT is prevented from encumbering funding in an amount that is less than the amounts listed for each of the next 4 fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1995–96 without approval of the Joint Committee on Finance under a 14 day passive review process.

I am vetoing this provision because it limits the department's flexibility to address programmatic needs. The department must be able to react quickly to rehabilitation needs on the state trunk highway system, including roadways and bridges. Earmarking funds for specific elements of the system sets a poor precedent and ignores the need for maintaining and rehabilitating a functional system of highways and bridges.

6. Commuter Rail Study

Section 9155 (3tx)

This provision requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of extending commuter rail service between the cities of Beloit and Janesville and the state of Illinois. DOT is required to submit a report summarizing its findings and recommendations no later than July 1, 1996.

I am partially vetoing this section to remove the requirement that DOT complete this study by July 1, 1996 because the department may need additional time to complete a study of this magnitude. Instead, I am requesting the Department of Transportation Secretary to complete the study by December 31, 1996.

7. Fencing, Farm Crossing and Cattle Guard Costs

Section 9146 (1)

Section 9146 (1) directs the Commissioner of Railroads to develop a plan for phasing in state reimbursement of

100 percent of the costs incurred by railroads for fencing, farm crossings, and cattle guards.

I am partially vetoing this provision to eliminate the requirement that the plan include state reimbursement of 100 percent of these costs because it limits the Commissioner's flexibility in fashioning a reasonable and effective plan. The findings and conclusions of the Commissioner's study may determine that this level of reimbursement is not commensurate with the responsibilities of taxpayers in this area. This veto ensures that the Commissioner can review the full spectrum of reimbursement options.

8. High-Speed Rail Study

Section 57mm

The provision allocates \$250,000 in each fiscal year of the 1995–97 biennium from the DOT appropriation for multimodal transportation studies to fund a study of high–speed rail service in the southern transportation corridor between Wisconsin and Minnesota. DOT may not expend funds for this study unless matching funds are received from Minnesota and the federal government.

I am partially vetoing this section to eliminate the allocation and source of funding for the study because it limits the department's flexibility in using this funding for other multimodal studies in the event that Minnesota and the federal government do not provide the required match. DOT is still required to perform and partially fund the study if funding from Minnesota and the federal government becomes available.

9. Compensation for Displacement of Outdoor Advertising

Section 9155 (6y)

Section 9155 (6y) directs the Department of Transportation to work with the Outdoor Advertising Association and other affected parties to establish a sign relocation cost schedule that reimburses sign owners at a mutually agreeable rate. DOT is required to submit the payment schedule to the Joint Committee on Finance by January 1, 1996.

I am partially vetoing this provision to remove the January 1, 1996 deadline because the department will need additional time to complete the required review process. In lieu of this date, I am requesting the Department of Transportation Secretary to submit a proposed payment schedule to the Joint Committee on Finance for review and approval by May 1, 1996.

10. Transportation Economic Assistance Grants -- Technical Correction

Section 9355 (9j)

Section 9355 (9j) refers to the initial date of applicability for a change to the transportation economic facilities assistance and development program that no longer exists in the bill. I am vetoing this section in order to correct a technical drafting error.

11. Transit Aid to Small Cities — Technical Correction

Section 63m

This section creates a five—tier formula for distributing state aid for local transit systems. Separate appropriations are established for each tier and determine different aid levels for each. Under s. 85.20 (4m) (a) 5.a., a formula is established for mass transit systems operating within an urbanized area of less than 50,000 in population. I am partially vetoing this section because no definition exists for a mass transit system in an urbanized area having a population under 50,000 people. Furthermore, there is no such federal transit aid category (the federal government defines areas having a population under 50,000 as "nonurbanized" areas).

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Office of the Secretary of State Madison

To Whom It May Concern:

Acts, Joint Resolutions and Resolutions deposited in this office have been numbered and published as follows:

Bill Number	Act Number	Publication Date
Assembly Bill 617	81	December 7, 1995
Assembly Bill 677	82	. November 24, 1995
Assembly Bill 678	83	. November 24, 1995
Assembly Bill 679	84	. November 24, 1995
Assembly Bill 680	85	. November 24, 1995
Assembly Bill 681	86	. November 24, 1995
Assembly Bill 682	87	. November 24, 1995
Assembly Bill 683	88	. November 24, 1995
Assembly Bill 684	89	. November 24, 1995
Assembly Bill 498	97	. December 10, 1995

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State

December 6, 1995

Representative Luther Olsen 9 West, State Capitol P.O. Box 8953 Madison, WI 53708

Dear Government Operations member:

Based on the action in committee today regarding Senate Joint Resolution 27, I hereby appoint a subcommittee of Vice-chair Olsen (Chair of subcommittee), Representative Powers, Representative La Fave (ranking minority member), and Representative Murat.

I empower the subcommittee to study the following issues surrounding SJR 27: clarify the removal section in regards to county treasurers and clerks as amended by the Senate, study the provision that restricts candidacy in regards to forced resignation from office, and study the division of offices in regards to elections in the years 2000 and 2002.

I request that you stay within the confines of Section 4/Article 6, Section 12/Article 7, and Section 1/Article 13 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

As an added task of the subcommittee, I request that you study the possibility of a committee bill to recommend increased term lengths for members of the Legislature. I do not believe this would include other local elections outside of the Constitution.

I ask that you report back to the committee on or about January 15, 1996.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the subcommittee, and I wish you luck in your endeavor.

Sincerely, JOHN DOBYNS, Chair Committee on Government Operations

State of Wisconsin Joint Legislative Council Madison

December 8, 1995

Mr. Charles Sanders Assembly Chief Clerk 1 East Main Street, Suite 402 Madison, WI 53702

Dear Charlie:

I am pleased to transmit to you the following report to the 1995 Legislature on legislation introduced by the Joint Legislative Council:

RL 95–5 Legislation on Emergency Government Services (1995 Senate Bills 418 and 419)

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Journal for the information of the membership. Additional copies of this report are available, on request, in the Legislative Council Staff offices, One East Main, Suite 401.

Sincerely, DAVID J. STUTE Director

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State of Wisconsin
Department of Corrections
Madison

November 9, 1995

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Attached is the first quarter report on Prison Industries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, as required by Section 303.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes. This report includes the year-to-date cash balance of each industry.

Prison Industries had a cash deficit of \$2.6 million through the second quarter ending September 30, 1995. During each fiscal year Prison Industries purchases substantial inventory during the first quarter. The actual cash expenditure for the time period was \$4,862,195, and includes \$685,000 in expenditures related to the previous fiscal year. The \$685,000 expenditure carryover was authorized at a meeting of Joint Finance on October 27, 1995.

Revenues for the same period were \$2,241,998. Prison Industries believes they have adequate fixed assets, inventories and receivables to cover the overdraft.

The projected profit on the accrual basis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996 is \$200,000.

Sincerely, *MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN*Secretary, Department of Corrections

JAMES R. KLAUSER Secretary, Department of Administration

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau Madison

November 31, 1995

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have audited the financial statement of ECB Radio and Television (public telecommunications entities operated by the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board) for the year ended June 30, 1995 and have issued our reports on these statements, dated November 28, 1995.

The audit was requested by the Educational Communications Board to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for 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 judgement, 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 95–22 and 95–23.

Sincerely,

DALE CATTANACH

State Auditor

REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

Assembly Resolution 31

In engrossing, the following correction was made:

1. Page 2, line 21: delete the period.

Assembly Joint Resolution 58

In enrolling, the following correction was made:

1. Page 1, line 16: substitute "senate" for "Senate".

Assembly Bill 496

1. Page 6, line 13: after "under" insert "s.".

Assembly Bill 521

1. Page 8, line 14: delete the 2nd "each".

Assembly Bill 624

1. Page 2, line 1: substitute "postsecondary" for "postsecndary".