



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

Ninety–Third Regular Session

2:05 P.M.

MONDAY, January 6, 1997

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol. Pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Assembly Rule 5, the Assembly was called to order by the chief clerk of the 1995-96 session, Charles Sanders.

The prayer was offered by Reverend Roger Clapp of Portage United Methodist Church:

“May We Unite Our Spirits in Prayer.

Almighty God, all authority exists through divine permission. We gather on this commemorative day to recognize our elected Assembly representatives. In time past you raised up men and women, anointed them with the mantle of leadership, and commissioned them with the power of wisdom and a passion for justice. So we implore your spirit upon today’s gathered ones and the opening of our 93rd legislature.

You have blessed us with the beautiful state of Wisconsin, wonderfully spirited and gifted citizens, and resources sufficient to lend respect, dignity and plenty to all. You have pledged your divine presence as the desired expression of righteousness, faithfulness and redemptive action.

Remind our leaders always of the honor and awesome responsibility of their office. They are chosen by those whom they are called to serve. Help them to walk humbly as servant–leaders looking for the common denominators by which to build bridges rather than walls. Inspire their vision to serve causes which truly embrace the common good and foster unity.

Guide and bless the person and office of our Governor Tommy Thompson. We thank you for his life’s devotion and gifts to public leadership. Grant to him daily physical strength, sensitivity to the human condition, discernment of the role and direction of state government, a strong moral compass and spiritual vitality.

Provide the wisdom of fairness and compassionate righteousness as our State Supreme Court Justices interpret and implement the law. May their decisions be honored by practical spirit as much as by critical review.

Empower our Assembly leaders and all legislators so their efforts will collectively offer the redemption of society and government through acts which bestow your just love. We trust them to lead through their knowledge and fair discussion of issues, through the following of their well–defined

conscience, through sensitivity to the real needs of their constituents and bold action that knows no inhibiting boundaries. What they do and the manner in which they do legislation does make a difference. Help our leaders to reach out and touch those without power, rank, or prestige even as you stretched forth your hand to us. Expand their hearts to love and walk with your people, to feel their pain and share their joys, to dream their dreams and to empower their journey.

And we pray Almighty God, equip those who serve on all staffs of our legislators and within this capitol. We recognize with appreciation the busyness of their work and their cooperative spirits. May they know the satisfaction of serving well and the joy of sharing their gifts.

In all this we would pray not our will but thine be done. For it is not our kingdom that we seek but thine. And we do it not for the remembrance of our name but only for your glory. Amen.”

The Colors were presented by Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division.

Representatives–Elect Jeskewitz and Steinbrink led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Representative Judy Klusman led the membership in singing the “Star Spangled Banner”, accompanied by the 1st Brigade Band.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Elections Board
Madison

December 5, 1996

Dear Mr. Sanders:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the official canvass of the November 5, 1996 General Election vote for representative to the assembly along with the determination by the State Board of Canvassers of the winners.

If the State Elections Board staff can provide you with any further information or assistance, please contact our office.

State Elections Board
KEVIN J. KENNEDY
Executive Secretary

- 1st - Dave Hutchison
N8915 State Road 57
Luxemburg 54217
Republican
- 2nd - Frank G. Lasee
1776 Gordy Lane
Ledgewood 54115
Republican
- 3rd - Alvin R. Ott
W2168 Campground Road
P.O. Box 112
Forest Junction 54123
Republican
- 4th - Mark A. Green
2152 Gloucester Drive
Green Bay 54304
Republican
- 5th - William N. Vander Loop
1908 Parkwood Drive
Kaukauna 54130
Democrat
- 6th - John H. Ainsworth
W6382 Waukechon Road
Shawano 54166
Republican
- 7th - Peter E. Bock
4710 West Bluemound Road
Milwaukee 53208-3648
Democrat
- 8th - Walter J. Kunicki
1550 South 4th Street
Milwaukee 53204
Democrat
- 9th - Timothy W. Carpenter
2957 South 38th Street
Milwaukee 53215
Democrat
- 10th - Annette Polly Williams
3927 North 16th Street
Milwaukee 53206
Democrat
- 11th - Johnnie Morris-Tatum
3711 West Douglas Avenue
Milwaukee 53209
Democrat
- 12th - Shirley I. Krug
6105 West Hope Avenue
Milwaukee 53216
Democrat
- 13th - David A. Cullen
2845 North 68th Street
Milwaukee 53210
Democrat
- 14th - Scott K. Walker
2334 North 73rd Street
Wauwatosa 53213-1210
Republican
- 15th - Tony Staskunas
2323 South 80th Street
Milwaukee 53219
Democrat
- 16th - Leon D. Young
2351 North Richards Street
Milwaukee 53212
Democrat
- 17th - G. Spencer Coggs
3732 North 40th Street
Milwaukee 53216
Democrat
- 18th - Antonio R. Riley
3013 West Mount Vernon Avenue
Milwaukee 53208
Democrat
- 19th - Barbara Notestein
1724 East Geneva Place
Milwaukee 53211-3557
Democrat
- 20th - Rosemary Potter
3113 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Milwaukee 53207
Democrat
- 21st - Jeffrey T. Plale
621 Montana Avenue
South Milwaukee 53172
Democrat
- 22nd - Sheldon A. Wasserman
3487 North Lake Drive
Milwaukee 53211
Democrat
- 23rd - John La Fave
5901 West Brown Deer Rd., # 206
Brown Deer 53223-2351
Democrat
- 24th - Suzanne Jeskewitz
N80 W15239 Hilltop Drive
Menomonee Falls 53051
Republican
- 25th - Robert F. Ziegelbauer
1213 South 8th Street
Manitowoc 54220
Democrat

- 26th - Jim Baumgart
1337A Carl Avenue
Sheboygan 53081
Democrat
- 27th - Clifford Otte
N5385 Bridgewood Road
Sheboygan Falls 53085
Republican
- 28th - Robert M. Dueholm
904 State Road 48
P.O. Box 260
Luck 54853
Democrat
- 29th - Joe Plouff
1421 Messenger Street
Menomonie 54751
Democrat
- 30th - Sheila E. Harsdorf
N6627 County Road E
River Falls 54022
Republican
- 31st - Steve Nass
W8948 Willis Ray Road
Whitewater 53190
Republican
- 32nd - Scott R. Jensen
850 South Springdale Road
Waukesha 53186
Republican
- 33rd - Daniel P. Vrakas
N45 W28912 Capitol Drive
Hartland 53029
Republican
- 34th - Joe Handrick
8768 Handrick Drive
Minocqua 54548
Republican
- 35th - Thomas D. Ourada
425 Dorr Street
Antigo 54409
Republican
- 36th - Lorraine M. Seratti
HC2, Box 588
Florence 54121
Republican
- 37th - David W. Ward
N3401 Highway G
Fort Atkinson 53538
Republican
- 38th - Steven M. Foti
1117 Dickens Drive
Oconomowoc 53066
Republican
- 39th - Robert G. Goetsch
N6485 High Point Road
Juneau 53039
Republican
- 40th - William D. Lorge
W10188 County F
P.O. Box 47
Bear Creek 54922
Republican
- 41st - Luther S. Olsen
N2021 Highway 49
Berlin 54923
Republican
- 42nd - Ben Brancel
W7874 State Road 23
Endeavor 53930
Republican
- 43rd - Neal J. Kedzie
N7661 Highway 12
Elkhorn 53121
Republican
- 44th - Wayne W. Wood
2429 Rockport Road
Janesville 53545
Democrat
- 45th - Judy Robson
2411 East Ridge Road
Beloit 53511
Democrat
- 46th - Tom Hebl
306 Windsor Street
P.O. Box 46
Sun Prairie 53590-0046
Democrat
- 47th - Eugene Hahn
W3198 Old B Road
Cambria 53923
Republican
- 48th - Doris J. Hanson
3819 Monona Drive
Monona 53714
Democrat
- 49th - David A. Brandemuehl
13081 Pine Road
Fennimore 53809
Republican
- 50th - Sheryl K. Albers
S6896 Seeley Creek Road
Loganville 53943
Republican
- 51st - Stephen J. Freese
1121 Professional Drive
Dodgeville 53533
Republican

- 52nd - John P. Dobyns
33 South Berger Parkway
Fond du Lac 54935
Republican
- 53rd - Carol Owens
144 County Road C
Oshkosh 54904
Republican
- 54th - Gregg Underheim
1652 Beech Street
Oshkosh 54901
Republican
- 55th - Dean R. Kaufert
1360 Alpine Lane
Neenah 54956
Republican
- 56th - Judith A. Klusman
7539 Green Meadow Road
Oshkosh 54904
Republican
- 57th - Steve Wieckert
3038 North Ballard
Appleton 54911
Republican
- 58th - Michael Lehman
1317 Honeysuckle Road
Hartford 53027
Republican
- 59th - Glenn Grothman
111 South 6th Avenue
West Bend 53095
Republican
- 60th - Tim Hoven
204 South Webster Street
Port Washington 53074
Republican
- 61st - Robert L. Turner
36 McKinley Avenue
Racine 53404
Democrat
- 62nd - John W. Lehman
2421 James Boulevard
Racine 53403
Democrat
- 63rd - Bonnie L. Ladwig
4616 Marcia Drive
Racine 53405
Republican
- 64th - James Kreuser
3313 24th Avenue
Kenosha 53140
Democrat
- 65th - John P. Steinbrink
8602-88th Avenue
Kenosha 53142
Democrat
- 66th - Cloyd A. Porter
28322 Durand Avenue
Burlington 53105
Republican
- 67th - Tom Sykora
Rural Route 3, Box 194
Chippewa Falls 54729
Republican
- 68th - Chuck Schafer
19697 53rd Avenue
Chippewa Falls 54729
Republican
- 69th - Robert Zukowski
W9884 County Road MM
Thorp 54771-8106
Republican
- 70th - Donald W. Hasenohrl
9516 Bluff Drive
Pittsville 54466-9763
Democrat
- 71st - Bill Murat
1540 Plover Street
Stevens Point 54481
Democrat
- 72nd - Marlin D. Schneider
3820 Southbrook Lane
Wisconsin Rapids 54494
Democrat
- 73rd - Frank Boyle
8091 South Island View Road
Superior 54880
Democrat
- 74th - Barbara J. Linton
Bass Lake Road
Route 1, Box 299
Highbridge 54846
Democrat
- 75th - Mary Hubler
1966 Hawthorne Lane
Rice Lake 54868
Democrat
- 76th - Rebecca Young
639 Crandall Street
Madison 53711
Democrat
- 77th - Spencer Black
5742 Elder Place
Madison 53705
Democrat

78th - Tammy Baldwin
525 Riverside Drive
Madison 53704
Democrat

79th - Rick Skindrud
1261 LaFollette Road
Mount Horeb 53572
Republican

80th - Mike Powers
N6772 Attica Road
Albany 53502
Republican

81st - David Travis
4229 Mandrake Road
Madison 53704
Democrat

82nd - James A. Rutkowski
4550 South 117th Street
Greenfield 53228
Democrat

83rd - Scott L. Gunderson
28918 Kramer Drive
Waterford 53185
Republican

84th - Mary A. Lazich
4405 South 129th Street
New Berlin 53151
Republican

85th - Greg Huber
406 South 9th Avenue
Wausau 54401
Democrat

86th - Thomas Springer
701 16th Street
Mosinee 54455
Democrat

87th - Marty Reynolds
219 West 2nd Street North
Ladysmith 54848
Democrat

88th - Carol Kelso
416 East LeCapitaine Circle
Green Bay 54302
Republican

89th - John G. Gard
481 Aubin Street
P.O. Box 119
Peshtigo 54157
Republican

90th - John J. Ryba
714 Wilson Avenue
Green Bay 54303
Democrat

91st - Barbara Gronemus
36301 West Street
P.O. Box 676
Whitehall 54773-0676
Democrat

92nd - Terry M. Musser
Route 1, Box 98
Black River Falls 54615
Republican

93rd - Rob Kreibich
3437 Nimitz Street
Eau Claire 54701
Republican

94th - Mike Huebsch
401 16th Avenue North
Onalaska 54650
Republican

95th - Mark Meyer
920 South 16th Street
La Crosse 54601
Democrat

96th - DuWayne Johnsrud
Route 1, Box 91A
Eastman 54626
Republican

97th - Peggy Krusick
3426 South 69th Street
Milwaukee 53219
Democrat

98th - Marc C. Duff
1811 South Elm Grove Road
New Berlin 53151
Republican

99th - Frank H. Urban
3645 Emberwood Drive
Brookfield 53005
Republican

OATH OF OFFICE

On Monday, December 16, 1996, Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to Rebecca Young of the 76th Assembly District in a ceremony held in the Supreme Court Chambers located in the State Capitol.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 28 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Honorable Justice Jon P. Wilcox of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to the members en masse.

The roll was called by the clerk, and the members, as their names were called, came to the desk to sign the oath of office book.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present - Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Baldwin, Baumgart, Black, Bock, Boyle, Brancel, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Coggs, Cullen, Dobyns, Dueholm, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Green, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Handrick, Hanson, Harsdorf, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hutchison, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, Kunicki, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lazich, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Linton, Lorge, Meyer, Morris-Tatum, Murat, Musser, Nass, Notestein, Olsen, Ott, Otte, Ourada, Owens, Plale, Plouff, Porter, R. Potter, Powers, Reynolds, Riley, Robson, Rutkowski, Ryba, Schafer, Schneider, Seratti, Skindrud, Springer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Sykora, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vander Loop, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, L. Young, Ziegelbauer and Zukowski - 98.

Absent with leave - Representative R. Young - 1.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Representative Potter asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for today's session for Representative R. Young. Granted.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Representative Gard nominated Representative Brancel for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Kunicki nominated Representative Schneider for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the chair declared nominations closed.

The clerk called the roll.

The result follows:

For Representative Brancel - Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Brancel, Brandemuehl, Dobyns, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Green, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Handrick, Harsdorf, Hoven, Huebsch, Hutchison, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Klusman, Kreibich, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lazich, M. Lehman, Lorge, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Otte, Ourada, Owens, Porter, Powers, Schafer, Seratti, Skindrud, Sykora, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wieckert and Zukowski - 52.

For Representative Schneider - Representatives Baldwin, Baumgart, Black, Bock, Boyle, Carpenter, Coggs, Cullen, Dueholm, Gronemus, Hanson, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Huber, Hubler, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, Kunicki, La Fave, J. Lehman, Linton, Meyer, Morris-Tatum, Murat, Notestein, Plale, Plouff, R. Potter, Reynolds, Riley, Robson, Rutkowski, Ryba, Schneider, Springer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Travis, Turner,

Vander Loop, Wasserman, Williams, Wood, L. Young and Ziegelbauer - 46.

Absent or not voting - Representative R. Young - 1.

Representative Brancel was elected Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Harsdorf and Foti escorted Representative Brancel to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Marquette County Circuit Court Judge Richard O. Wright.

Speaker Brancel in the chair.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

"We can all remember what it is was like to step into this chamber for the very first time. For some of you it was years ago, and for others it is not yet a memory. We looked around these imposing walls and felt immediately humbled by its history, it's grandeur.

That moment is etched in my mind; as is this one.

I am at once beholden to you, my fellow members, and delighted at the prospect of leading this body during the next two years.

I thank you deeply for this memory.

On behalf of the entire state Assembly, let me extend a warm welcome to the families and friends gathered here today. We are so proud to have you join us on this propitious occasion.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to the five special guests who have joined us today. John Matthews, representing Governor Thompson and Lieutenant Governor Scott McCallum—your years of service have helped this body achieve great things; State Treasurer Jack Voight; Supreme Court Justice Jon Wilcox—your patience and judgement have earned you a seat on the highest bench; Judge Richard Wright—you are a personal friend whom I proudly welcome from my home county; and Reverend Roger Clapp—your spiritual guidance has aided my community in so many ways.

This is an especially important moment for *newly*-elected Representatives. You have worked hard in the past year to get to this point, and today, the sixth of January, you have reached your goal. Judging by the numbers assembled here, you have considerable support for your endeavors.

We in the Assembly would like to recognize our closest and most loyal supporters.

To my right are four people who will personally feel every responsibility that I have to this body. It includes my wife of twenty four years, Gail, and our three children—Micheleen, Tod and Brandon. To them, and to the members, I ask for patience and understanding as we all learn our new roles together.

My family has lived and farmed the same land for 131 years. I grew up on that dairy farm just over 50 miles north of

the Capitol, and, when I was young, had dreams of leading the farm into the twenty-first century. Then, I thought the largest group I would ever speak in front of was four-legged black and whites with a very limited vocabulary. I attended college about 75 miles *south* of Madison and began to gain some experience in student government, but was still a world away from state government.

My introduction to governing came by way of former U.S. Congressman and Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird. I first met Mel when I was a 4-H'er on a field trip to Washington, D.C. I had the opportunity to meet the then-Congressman and have dinner with him. He so impressed me with his personal interest in people and the very genuine way in which he cared about their well-being. He helped shape my mind about elected officials many *years* before I entered the political arena.

By the time I returned home from Platteville, I recognized my mother and father's involvement in local politics. My mother was one of the first women to serve on a town board in Wisconsin, and she paved the way for my dad to take a seat after her. My dad, Vaughn Brancel, dedicated many nights to town board and school board meetings.

At that point my dad became more than a dad, more than a farmer. He became my role model—ever teaching by example how important it is to give back to your community. He showed me that being involved was hard work, but held a deep satisfaction for those who commit to it.

That was about the same time that I began to view life differently; there was more out there than farming and every experience I had reinforced my belief. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "To not be involved in the issues of the day is to not have lived." I want to thank my mother and my father for being a living testimony to that belief.

In just a few years, we will turn the corner on the 1900's. We can now confidently look back on previous legislative sessions and see what we've done wrong, what we've done right, and what we may have done differently.

For instance, we have witnessed tremendous, positive changes in the environment in the last 10 years. We have remedied many detriments to our air, water and land.

I've had the opportunity to usher in one of those changes myself with the agricultural chemical clean-up program. Seven years ago, farmers had no where to go with used chemical agents. Today, they can bring old containers to a designated site for safe disposal. With 67 counties having held a Clean Sweep, and more than 350 tons of dangerous chemicals swept away, the program is a resounding success. We can look back proudly on our votes to support the environment.

We are wiser for our actions of yore. George Orwell once said that each generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it and wiser than the one that comes after it. If we apply that philosophy to the legislature, we can hope that we are sagacious enough to propose and pass legislation that will benefit future generations and impart today's wisdom upon the next legislature.

In *this* legislature, I look around the room and see 99 individuals representing the northern, western, southern and eastern corners of the state. I see Representatives new to the legislature, and I see Representatives with tenure, age and experience on their side. Some of you will take country roads home tonight, others will drive the highways. Yet in the next two years our roads will converge on common ground in these chambers.

All so different, yet together we can do great things.

Together we are commissioned to do one job. We are the caretakers of an old, time-weathered principle called democracy. We are charged with coming to these chambers and speaking on the people's behalf. It is our *job* to let the people know, in word and deed, that this is *their* chambers, not ours. *They* each own a seat here, and we are only *temporary* occupants here to exercise their will.

And their will is made manifest in the thousands of bills that we will be proposing, deliberating and voting on in the next two years. You are being asked to do the will of the people *every day* during the next two years. It will come in the form of letters you write to constituents, and votes you take on the floor. Whether it's an economic development package or a social service package, a claims bill, or a clearinghouse rule, it will somehow impact someone's life.

Realizing this, before you vote on a bill, give it the legislative litmus test. Ask yourself, if:

- with the passage of this bill, are we enabling people, or disabling them?
- Are we giving them a hand, or are we giving them handouts?
- Are we strengthening them, or are we strong-arming them?
- Most importantly, are we doing the people's will, or is it our will under the people's guise?

When you have satisfied these questions and voted judiciously, you will have done the job that you have been sent here to do. For every bill that appears in these chambers, there is a citizenry involved. It may be your neighbors, your family, or people you've never met. Regardless, your vote will impact *someone's* life. Let us pray for wisdom.

Recently I received a letter from a former Assembly candidate. In the letter he noted that today, many people view politics with a cynical eye. He said, "They criticize, withdraw or even drop out altogether." He continued, "That's a shame...politics is important because it is *that* place where History meets the Future."

And he was right. Decisions made today *will* define tomorrow. Beginning today with the bills that are introduced, we will make history.

If you serve the people well, they will call you a success. And that is what you came here to be. My goal, as your Speaker, is to see that each one of you walks away from this legislature feeling like a success.

There is one golden rule that should guide us in our days. Simple, and profound. As appropriate to governing as it is to

living. If we only abide by one rule in this house, let it be thus: "Do unto others as we would do unto ourselves."

With this, we shall accomplish *great* things.

With this, we shall accomplish the will of the people.

This is the essence of governing.

Thank you. Thank you very much."

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Representative Johnsrud nominated Representative Freese for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Foti asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly be recorded as voting for Representative Freese for Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore. Granted.

For Representative Freese - Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Baldwin, Baumgart, Black, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Coggs, Cullen, Dobyns, Dueholm, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Green, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Handrick, Hanson, Harsdorf, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hutchison, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, Kunicki, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lazich, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Linton, Lorge, Meyer, Morris-Tatum, Murat, Musser, Nass, Notestein, Olsen, Ott, Otte, Ourada, Owens, Plale, Plouff, Porter, R. Potter, Powers, Reynolds, Riley, Robson, Rutkowski, Ryba, Schafer, Schneider, Seratti, Skindrud, Springer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Sykora, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vander Loop, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, L. Young, Ziegelbauer, Zukowski and Speaker Brancel - 98.

Absent or not voting - Representative R. Young - 1.

Representative Freese was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Owens and Urban escorted Representative Freese to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Brancel.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK

Representative Freese nominated Charles Sanders for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Ladwig asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly be recorded as voting for Charles Sanders for Assembly Chief Clerk. Granted.

For Charles Sanders - Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Baldwin, Baumgart, Black, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Coggs, Cullen, Dobyns, Dueholm, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Green, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Handrick, Hanson, Harsdorf, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hutchison, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, Kunicki, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lazich, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Linton, Lorge, Meyer, Morris-Tatum, Murat, Musser, Nass, Notestein, Olsen, Ott, Otte, Ourada, Owens, Plale, Plouff, Porter, R. Potter, Powers, Reynolds, Riley, Robson, Rutkowski, Ryba, Schafer, Schneider, Seratti, Skindrud, Springer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Sykora, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vander Loop, Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, L. Young, Ziegelbauer, Zukowski and Speaker Brancel - 98.

Absent or not voting - Representative R. Young - 1.

Charles Sanders was elected Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Foti and Kunicki escorted Charles Sanders to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Brancel

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Representative Vrakas nominated John Scocos for the position of Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Foti asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for John Scocos for Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms. Granted.

For John Scocos - Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Baldwin, Baumgart, Black, Bock, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Coggs, Cullen, Dobyns, Dueholm, Duff, Foti, Freese, Gard, Goetsch, Green, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Handrick, Hanson, Harsdorf, Hasenohrl, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hutchison, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kelso, Klusman, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, Kunicki, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lazich, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Linton, Lorge, Meyer, Morris-Tatum, Murat, Musser, Nass, Notestein, Olsen, Ott, Otte, Ourada, Owens, Plale, Plouff, Porter, R. Potter, Powers, Reynolds, Riley, Robson, Rutkowski, Ryba, Schafer, Schneider, Seratti, Skindrud, Springer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Sykora, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vander Loop,

Vrakas, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Williams, Wood, L. Young, Ziegelbauer, Zukowski and Speaker Brancel - 98.

Absent or not voting - Representative R. Young - 1.

John Scocos was elected Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms for the Ninety-Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Hoven and Boyle escorted John Scocos to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Brancel.

SERGEANT-AT-ARM'S ANNOUNCEMENT

John Scocos announced that he has appointed Steve Kelly as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the 1997-98 session.

Representatives Ott and Kunicki escorted Steve Kelly to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Brancel.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Representative Foti introduced a privileged resolution.

Assembly Resolution 1

Relating to: notifying the senate and the governor that the 1997-98 assembly is organized.

By Representative Brancel.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 1** be adopted?

Motion carried.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

From Donald J. Schneider, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has:

This is to advise you that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to the business of the 1997-98 legislative session.

COMMUNICATIONS

January 2, 1997

Mr. Charles Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk
Room 402, 1 East Main
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Sanders:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2(2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Republican Caucus:

- Majority Leader: Steven M. Foti
- Assistant Majority Leader: Bonnie L. Ladwig
- Majority Caucus Chair: Mark A. Green
- Majority Caucus Vice-Chair: Daniel P. Vrakas
- Majority Caucus Secretary: Mary Lazich
- Majority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Dean R. Kaufert

Sincerely,
MARK GREEN
Republican Caucus Chair

January 3, 1997

Mr. Charles Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk
Room 402, One East Main St.
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Charlie:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Democratic members:

- Minority Leader: Walter Kunicki
- Assistant Minority Leader: Marlin Schneider
- Minority Caucus Chairperson: Rosemary Potter
- Minority Caucus Vice-Chair: Judith Robson
- Minority Caucus Secretary: Tom Hebl
- Minority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Bob Turner

Sincerely,
ROSEMARY POTTER
Democratic Caucus Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State
Madison

December 11, 1996

To the Chief Clerk of the Assembly:

I, DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following proposed

amendments to the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin have been approved by the Regular Session of the 1995-96 legislature and duly published as required by Section 1 of [Article XII of the Constitution](#):

Enrolled Joint Resolution 21 (Senate Joint Resolution 30)
Enrolled Joint Resolution 23 (Assembly Joint Resolution 37)
Enrolled Joint Resolution 27 (Assembly Joint Resolution 53)

The above resolutions appeared in the official state newspaper on the first Tuesday of August, September and October – August 6, 1996, September 3, 1996, and October 1, 1996.

These joint resolutions, which passed first consideration, are due for second consideration in the 1997–98 legislature.

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

1995 Senate Joint Resolution 30

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 21

To amend section 4 (1) of article VI; and *to create* section 4 (6) of [article VI of the constitution](#); **relating to:** 4–year terms of office for district attorneys (first consideration).

Resolved by the senate, the Assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 4 (1) of [article VI of the constitution](#) is amended to read:

[Article VI] Section 4 (1) Sheriffs Except as provided in sub. (2), sheriffs, coroners, registers of deeds, district attorneys, and all other elected county officers except judicial officers, district attorneys and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 2 years.

SECTION 2. Section 4 (6) of [article VI of the constitution](#) is created to read:

[Article VI] Section 4 (6) Beginning with the general election in 1998, district attorneys shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 4 years.

SECTION 3. Numbering of new provision. The new subsection (6) of section 4 of [article VI of the constitution](#) created in this joint resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section number in that article if, prior to or simultaneously with the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (6) of section 4 of [article VI of the constitution](#) of this state. If several joint resolutions simultaneously create a subsection (6) of section 4 of article VI, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequence and the numbering.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

1995 Assembly Joint Resolution 37

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 23

To amend section 4 (1), (3) and (5) of [article VI of the constitution](#); **relating to:** 4–year terms of office for, appointment of, vacancies in the office of, and the restriction on holding any other office by, sheriffs (first consideration).

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 4 (1), (3) and (5) of [article VI of the constitution](#) are amended to read:

[Article VI] Section 4 (1) Sheriffs Except as provided in sub. (2), coroners, registers of deeds, district attorneys, and all other elected county officers except judicial officers, sheriffs and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 2 years.

(3) (a) Sheriffs shall may not hold no any other partisan office.

(b) Sheriffs may be required by law to renew their security from time to time, and in default of giving such new security their office shall be deemed vacant.

(c) Beginning with the first general election at which the governor is elected which occurs after the ratification of this paragraph, sheriffs shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every 4 years.

(5) All vacancies in the offices of sheriff, coroner, register of deeds or district attorney shall be filled by appointment. The person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the term to which appointed and until a successor shall be elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. Section 4 (6) of [article VI of the constitution](#) is created to read:

[Article VI] Section 4 (6) When a vacancy occurs in the office of sheriff, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the governor, and the person appointed shall serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

1995 Assembly Joint Resolution 53

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 27

To create section 25 of [article I of the constitution](#); **relating to:** the right to keep and bear arms (first consideration).

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

SECTION 4. Section 25 of [article I of the constitution](#) is created to read:

[Article I] Section 25. The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose.

SECTION 5. Numbering of new section. The new section “25” of [article I of the constitution](#) created in this joint

resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole section number in that article if, prior to or simultaneously with the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a "section 25" of [article I of the constitution](#) of this state. If several joint resolutions simultaneously create a section 25 of article I, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequence and the numbering.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Schneider asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of the 1st Brigade Band from Watertown. Granted.

Representative Otte asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of his mother, who passed away this morning. Granted.

Representative Klusman sang "Keller's American Hymn" accompanied by the 1st Brigade Band.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Foti moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 14 pursuant to s. [13.02 \(2\)](#) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

4:35 P.M.