

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

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WEDNESDAY, August 5, 1998

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

July 29, 1998

The Honorable, The Senate:

Purusnat to Senate Rule 20, I have made the following appointments to Senate committees:

To the committee for Review of Administrative Rules: Senate Breske.

With regard to members of the minority party, the appointment reflects the recommendations of that caucus.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL ELLIS

Chair, Committee on Senate Organization

State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation

July 28, 1998

The Honorable, The Senate:

Enclosed is the report required under Wisconsin Act 119, regarding the release of photos from the Department of Transportation driver record files to Wisconsin and adjacent state law enforcement agencies.

This report will be provided annually, and contains the agencies and the purposes for which copies of the photographs were provided.

If you have any questions regarding the release of photographs please contact Jennifer L. Olson, Supervisor in the Records and Licensing Information Section, Bureau of Driver Services, Division of Motor Vehicles by phone at (608) 264–7060, fax at (608) 267–3636, or e-mail at dotrlisd@mail.state.wi.us.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. THOMPSON

Secretary

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

July 31, 1998

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial and compliance audit of the State of Wisconsin as requested by state agencies to meet the audit requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, and provisions of the federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A–133. Our audit covers the grants administered by state agencies, including the University of Wisconsin System, during the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997. In addition to satisfying federal audit requirements,

the single audit assists us in meeting state audit requirements under section 13.94, Wis. Stats.

Report 98–12 contains the auditor’s reports on internal control and compliance, findings of noncompliance with federal requirements, and the results of our follow–up to prior audit findings; agencies’ responses to our recommendations and their plans for corrective action; and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. We have identified \$417,036 in questioned costs. However, the amount the State may be required to repay the federal government is likely to be less than this amount because the federal government may resolve our findings in a manner that does not require the State to return funds to them. For example, the federal government may allow the State to substitute other expenditures to replace the expenditures that we question.

The largest area of questioned costs relates to the indirect and overhead costs charged to federal grants by the Department of Administration (DOA). Typically, state agencies calculate eligible indirect costs based on a percentage of the total salaries and fringe benefits charged to the federal grants. When calculating its indirect cost rate, which must be approved by the federal government, DOA included \$2.1 million of central service costs that were also allocated to other state agencies to be included in their calculations. Therefore, DOA’s indirect cost rate was too high, resulting in \$146,720 of questioned costs. We also question \$68,952 of overhead costs that DOA charged to federal subgrants because DOA did not seek approval of its methodology to allocate such costs to these grants. In both cases, the amount that may need to be paid back to the federal government may be less than the amount questioned. For the indirect cost rate error, we note that DOA could have included other costs in its rate calculations that may offset the amount we question.

The next largest area of questioned costs relates to interest charges. The federal government has rules prohibiting states from claiming federal reimbursement for interest charges incurred in financing buildings constructed prior to October 1, 1980. We question \$93,905 that the Department of Workforce Development claimed for such interest charges. We have expressed similar concerns in prior years. The Department of Workforce Development has agreed to reimburse the federal programs for interest charged during our audit period and to discontinue charging building interest to federal grants in the future.

In addition, we question \$36,181 in costs that the Department of Natural Resources charged to one of the grants because, based on data provided by DNR staff, it appears the grant was overallocated non–administrative indirect costs. DNR did not maintain sufficient documentation to show that the methods used to allocate these costs were accurate. This area of concern affects almost all of the grants that DNR administers.

We question \$46,676 in costs claimed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection because it did not

require all of its employees to document their work effort by completing time reports, as required by the federal government. Finally, we question \$24,602 in costs for a variety of other findings at various state agencies.

Our unqualified audit opinion on the State's financial statements was included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1997. This report was published by the Department of Administration in December 1997 and is available from the State Controller's Office in the Department of Administration.

Our single audit report is lengthy and detailed. We are, therefore, limiting our initial distribution of the report to those required by law to receive copies; the audited state agencies and the federal agencies to which our findings relate. However, if you are interested in receiving a copy of the single audit report, please contact our office and request report 98-12.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services**

July 30, 1998

The Honorable, The Senate:

Section 46.972(4) of the statutes requires the Department of Health and Family Services to submit to the Legislature a report each year on the allocation and expenditure of funds for services for homeless individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Attached is the report for calendar year 1997.

Sincerely,

JOE LEEAN
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board**

July 28, 1998, 1998

The Honorable, The Senate/Legislature:

At the direction of s. 13.685(7), *Wisconsin Statutes*, I am furnishing you with the names of organizations recently registered with the Ethics Board that employ one or more individuals to affect state legislation or administrative rules, and notifying you of changes in the Ethics Board's records of licensed lobbyists and their employers. For each recently registered organization I have included the organization's description of the general area of legislative or administrative action that it attempts to influence and the name of each licensed lobbyist that the organization has authorized to act on its behalf.

Organization's authorization of additional lobbyists:

The following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board have authorized to act on their behalf these additional licensed lobbyists:

Health Care Assn, Inc, Wisconsin

Broydrick, William

McIntosh, Forbes

Managed Health Services Insurance Corp

Broydrick, Cynthia

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

Petak, George

Ulijasz, Pamela

Potato and Vegetable Growers Assn, Wisconsin

Carter, Michael

Termination of lobbying authorizations:

The following individuals are no longer authorized to lobby on behalf of the organizations listed below, as of the dates indicated.

Funeral Directors Assn, Wisconsin

Morris, Wilma 7/27/98

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Chrnelech, Joseph 7/23/98

Pharmacy Society of Wis (formerly Pharmacists Assn, Wis)

Decker, Christopher 7/23/98

Tobacco Institute, The

Klauser, David 7/23/98

Organization's cessation of lobbying activity:

The following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as employers of lobbyists have indicated a cessation of all lobbying activity effective on the dates shown.

PrimeCare Health Plan, Inc 7/23/98

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,

ROTH JUDD
Director

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 22, 1998

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint CONDOS, SPYRO, of Lake Geneva, as a member of the Judicial Commission, to serve for the term ending August 1, 2001.

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Judiciary.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 22, 1998

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint WANZO, BARBARA J., of Brown Deer, as a member of the Savings and Loan Review Board, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 1999.

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Education and Financial Institutions.**

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-054

Relating to adding butorphanol to the classification of controlled substances in schedule IV of chapter 961, Stats., the uniform controlled substances act.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, July 31, 1998.

Referred to committee on **Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs**, August 5, 1998.

**State of Wisconsin
Revisor of Statutes Bureau**

August 1, 1998

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following rules have been published:

Clearinghouse Rules	Effective Date(s)
97- 98	August 1, 1998
97-132	August 1, 1998
97-135	August 1, 1998
97-140	August 1, 1998
97-143	August 1, 1998
97-151	August 1, 1998
98- 4	August 1, 1998
98- 7	August 1, 1998
98- 8	August 1, 1998
98- 10	August 1, 1998
98- 11	August 1, 1998
98- 12	August 1, 1998
98- 25	August 1, 1998
98- 37	August 1, 1998
98- 40	August 1, 1998
98- 46	August 1, 1998

Sincerely,
GARY L. POULSON
Deputy Revisor

MOTIONS UNDER SENATE RULE 98

for the Month of July 1998

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Jauch, for AMSOIL, Inc., founded and headed by Albert J. "Al" Amatuzio on the occasion of the celebration of twenty five years of production.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Decker, for Robert R. Amelse, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Greg Brasure, on the occasion of meeting his life long goal of perfect attendance during his 13 years of school.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Schultz, for the Fay Robinson Chapter, on the occasion of its many years of dedication to the State of Wisconsin.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Weeden, for Sue D'Alessio, on the occasion of her years of dedication to the Walworth County Children's Court Advisory Board.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for Adella Deacon, on the occasion of winning the Wisconsin Youth of the Year Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Decker, for Adam Jonathan Domino, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Decker, for Scott Michael Domino, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Rosenzweig, for Father John-Mark Gilhousen, O.C.R.M., on the occasion of being named Associate Pastor of the Cathedral Parish of the Holy Angels in Wauwatosa.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Weeden, for Sergeant Norm Hanson, on the occasion of his retirement after 31.5 years of distinguished service in Rock County.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator George, for the Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ, on the occasion of its years of service.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Schultz, for Denman Kramer, on the occasion of celebrating his 80th Birthday.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Matthew C. Laske, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Weeden, for Deputy Spencer Lukas, on the occasion of his retirement after 17 years of distinguished service in Rock County and 10 years following for the City of Milton.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Matthew Mangerson, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Lindsay Mann, on the occasion of earning and attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award.

A certificate of condolence by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator George, for the family and friends of L. Terry Mellor, on the occasion of celebrating with them his life on earth.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Kristy Minx, on the occasion of earning and attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Weeden, for Deputy Craig Mitchell, on the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of distinguished service in Rock County.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Panzer, for Paul Morgan, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Brooke Mortag, on the occasion of earning and attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Colleen Mortag, on the

occasion of earning and attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Rude, for the Norskedalen Trio, on the occasion of years of entertainment throughout Wisconsin and representing our State in Washington D.C.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Decker, for Kay Richards, on the occasion of her retirement after 24 years as a Nursing Instructor at North Central Technical College.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Decker, for Jim Richards, on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years as a dedicated public servant of the State of Wisconsin and the city of Wausau.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Weeden, for Deputy Eric Runaas, on the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service in Rock County.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Decker, for Thomas Russell, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Schreiner's Restaurant of Fondu Lac, on the occasion of 60 years of providing quality dining to local guests & travelers.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Burke, for Heriberto and Ernesto Villarreal owners of the El Rey Mexican Products and Plaza, on the occasion of celebrating their 20th Anniversary.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Weeden, for Deputy Doug Witt, on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service in Rock County.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Panzer, for the Ozaukee YMCA, on the occasion of July 11, 1998 being the momentous Ground Breaking Ceremony.