## **1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30**

December 15, 1999 – Introduced by Senators Darling, Welch, Drzewiecki and Huelsman, cosponsored by Representatives Jeskewitz, Kelso, Gundrum, La Fave, Olsen, J. Lehman, Sykora, Staskunas, Miller, Hasenohrl and Black. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> pledging and urging that only certain kinds of material be included in
2	the state budget bill.
3	Whereas, in recent years this state's budget bills have been immense
4	documents; and
5	Whereas, producing them now requires an inordinate amount of time and
6	effort; and
7	Whereas, as a result of that time and effort insufficient attention can be paid
8	to other legislation; and
9	Whereas, because the budget bill includes hundreds of items and is eventually
10	voted upon as a single entity, legislators are forced to choose between voting against
11	the bill and voting for it despite the inclusion in it of many elements of which they
12	disapprove; and
13	Whereas, the consideration of smaller bills by committees allows for refinement
14	of them and alerts the public to their contents; and

Whereas, recent state budget bills have included hundreds of items that are
 related only tangentially, or not at all, to state finance; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the members of the
Wisconsin legislature pledge to exclude from future state budget bills items that are
not directly related to state operations, to state revenue or to the expenditure of state
money and urge the executive branch of government to exercise the same restraint.

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