



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Fourth Regular Session

THURSDAY, February 25, 1999

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

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 39** offered by Representative Black.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 47** offered by committee on **Tourism and Recreation**.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 61** offered by committee on **Education**.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 65** offered by committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 105** offered by committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 110** offered by Representative Suder.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Joint Resolution 24

Relating to: urging Congress to enact legislation to reform the employment security system.

By Representatives Vrakas, Musser, Duff, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Goetsch, Jensen, Owens, Kedzie, Sykora, Stone, Grothman, Seratti, Petrowski, Gunderson and Montgomery; cosponsored by Senators Fitzgerald, Huelsman and Darling.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 25

Relating to: proclaiming May 14, 15 and 16, 1999, as Syttende Mai Weekend.

By Representatives Johnsrud, Hahn, Musser, Ryba, Urban, Ward, Krug, Bock, Plouff, Miller, Pohan, Olsen, Sykora, Seratti, Vrakas, Albers, Colon and Spillner; cosponsored by Senators Chvala, Rude, Burke, Moen,

Drzewiecki, Huelsman, Cowles, Zien, Clausing and Erpenbach.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 26

Relating to: requesting appropriate action by the U.S. Congress to propose an amendment to the federal constitution empowering the Congress to prohibit physical desecration of the flag of the United States of America.

By Representatives Suder, Pettis, Petrowski, Gundrum, Ainsworth, Albers, Goetsch, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Handrick, Hoven, Huebsch, Kedzie, Ladwig, Musser, Ott, Owens, Plale, Ryba, Spillner, Sykora and Nass; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Zien, Drzewiecki and Fitzgerald.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 140

Relating to: special distinguishing registration plates associated with the Green Bay Packers professional football team, payments to D.A.R.E. Wisconsin, Ltd., Boys and Girls Clubs of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital and Clinics and the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Inc., and making appropriations.

By Representatives Montgomery, Gard, Ryba, Urban, Huebsch, Sykora, Turner, Ainsworth, F. Lasee, Hahn, Handrick, Seratti and Kreuser; cosponsored by Senators Drzewiecki, Fitzgerald, Schultz, Darling, Farrow, Rosenzweig, Roessler, Welch, Panzer, Huelsman, Zien, Wirch and George.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Assembly Bill 141

Relating to: vehicle color and motor vehicle registration and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Huber, Stone, Ziegelbauer, Bock, Spillner, Kreuser, Urban, La Fave, Seratti, Travis, Plouff, J. Lehman, Petrowski, Staskunas and Pohan; cosponsored by Senators Burke, Huelsman, Decker, Roessler, Plache and Baumgart.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Assembly Bill 142

Relating to: the installation of ignition interlock devices in cases involving refusals to take a test to determine an individual's blood alcohol concentration and involving the criminal offense of intoxicated driving.

By Representatives Cullen, Handrick, Staskunas, Colon, Riley, F. Lasee, Ott, Carpenter, Goetsch, Urban, La Fave,

Plouff, J. Lehman and Travis; cosponsored by Senators Wirch, Robson, Huelsman, Darling, Roessler and Schultz.

To committee on **Highway Safety**.

Assembly Bill 143

Relating to: enforcement of motor vehicle safety belt violations and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Stone, La Fave, Olsen, F. Lasee, Wasserman, Hutchison, Bock, Urban, Kreibich, Plouff and Powers; cosponsored by Senators Risser, Darling, Burke, Roessler and Rosenzweig.

To committee on **Highway Safety**.

Assembly Bill 144

Relating to: disclosure of child abuse and neglect reports for the purpose of investigating an alleged violation of a correctional community placement.

By Representatives Huber, Ladwig, Ziegelbauer, Walker, Goetsch, Staskunas, Musser, Turner, Spillner, Kelso, La Fave, Albers, Plouff, M. Lehman, Sykora, Lassa, Hasenohrl, Seratti, Bock, J. Lehman, F. Lasee, Boyle, Travis and Riley; cosponsored by Senators Robson, Huelsman, Plache, Roessler, Breske, Darling, Decker, Schultz and Erpenbach.

To committee on **Children and Families**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Campaigns and Elections** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 105

Relating to: scheduling of referenda by local governments.

Assembly amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Freese, Suder, Walker, Montgomery, Travis, Cullen, Miller and Sherman.

Noes: 1 – Representative Ladwig.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives Freese, Suder, Walker, Montgomery, Ladwig, Miller and Sherman.

Noes: 2 – Representatives Travis and Cullen.

To committee on **Rules**.

STEPHEN FREESE
Chairperson
Committee on Campaigns and Elections

The committee on **Education** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 61

Relating to: excused absences from school.

Passage:

Ayes: 10 – Representatives Olsen, Hahn, Spillner, Kestell, Rhoades, J. Lehman, La Fave, Reynolds, Schooff and Ziegelbauer.

Noes: 5 – Representatives Nass, Brandemuehl, Hundertmark, Pocan and Sherman.

To committee on **Rules**.

LUTHER OLSEN
Chairperson
Committee on Education

The committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 65

Relating to: contributions for a World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. and making appropriations.

Assembly amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 9 – Representatives Musser, Hundertmark, Pettis, Sykora, Petrowski, Ryba, Boyle, Kreuser and Plouff.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 9 – Representatives Musser, Hundertmark, Pettis, Sykora, Petrowski, Ryba, Boyle, Kreuser and Plouff.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

TERRY MUSSER
Chairperson
Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

SPEAKER'S COMMUNICATIONS

February 23, 1999

Charles Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk
1 East Main Street
Room 402
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Mr. Sanders:

On February 16, 1999, **Assembly Bill 126** relating to the minimum mark up law was referred to the Assembly Committee on Organization. Pursuant to Assembly Rule 42 (3)(c), I hereby withdraw **Assembly Bill 126** from the Assembly Committee on Organization and re-refer that bill to the Assembly Committee on Rules.

The appropriate legislators have been notified of the change and approve.

Sincerely,
SCOTT R. JENSEN
Assembly Speaker

SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

February 25, 1999

Representative Gary Sherman
323 West
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Representative Sherman:

As Assembly Speaker, it is my pleasure to appoint you as a member of the Assembly Transportation Committee. This appointment is effective immediately. Thank you in advance for your service.

Sincerely,
SCOTT R. JENSEN
Assembly Speaker

February 25, 1999

Representative Eugene Hahn
15 West
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Representative Hahn:

As Assembly Speaker, it is my pleasure to appoint you as a member of the Assembly Transportation Committee. This appointment is effective immediately. Thank you in advance for your service.

Sincerely,
SCOTT R. JENSEN
Assembly Speaker

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

February 22, 1999

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bill, originating in the Assembly, has been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Bill Number Act Number Date Approved
Assembly Bill 49 1 February 19, 1999

Respectfully submitted,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

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 49 1 February 26, 1999

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Public Service Commission
Madison

February 19, 1999

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

The enclosed audit report on Wisconsin Energy Corporation and its impact on the operations of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) was prepared as required by Wis. Stats. s 196.795(7)(ar) for distribution to the Legislature under Wis. Stats. 13.172(2).

This report covers financial operations through 1997, and does not reflect the operations of Interstate Energy Corporations (d/b/a Alliant Energy Corporation) which was formed in April 1998 by the merger of WPLH with two Iowa companies.

Sincerely,
LYNDA L. DORR
Secretary of the Commission

State of Wisconsin
Public Service Commission
Madison

February 19, 1999

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

The enclosed audit report on WPL Holdings, Inc. (WPLH) and its impact on the operations of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) was prepared as required by Wis. Stats. s 196.795(7)(ar) for distribution to the Legislature under Wis. Stats. 13.172(2).

This report covers financial operations through 1997, and does not reflect the operations of Interstate Energy Corporations (d/b/a Alliant Energy Corporation) which was formed in April 1998 by the merger of WPLH with two Iowa companies.

A report on the 1998 financial operations of the merged company will be prepared and submitted to the legislature later this year.

Sincerely,
LYNDA L. DORR
Secretary of the Commission

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

February 22, 1999

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have completed a review of Wisconsin Works (W-2) program expenditures, based on our preliminary work to complete a comprehensive program evaluation by July 2000. W-2 is a time-limited employment assistance program that replaced the cash entitlements available through Aid to Families with Dependent Children on September 1, 1997. It is administered by the Department of Workforce Development, which has contracted with 75 counties, private agencies, and tribes for local program implementation. From September 1997 through August 1998, expenditures for statewide implementation of W-2 totaled \$188.4 million. Contractors expended an additional \$28.7 million in state and federal funding on start-up activities to prepare for program implementation.

Program implementation expenditures were only 59.7 percent of the amount the State agreed to pay contractors for the first year, primarily because of lower-than-expected caseloads. While the Department estimated there would be 41,402 W-2 cases statewide in September 1997, the total enrollment in that month was only 23,182, which was 56.0 percent lower than anticipated. During the program's first year, caseloads declined 55.2 percent statewide, and 77.9 percent outside of Milwaukee County.

W-2 contracts allow unspent funds to be distributed to contractors as profits, to be used without restriction, and as community reinvestment funds, to be used for additional services for eligible low-income individuals. Because of the lower-than-expected caseloads, W-2 contractors have the potential to receive \$33.0 million in profits and \$47.2 million in community reinvestment funds. Actions by the Legislature and the Department have increased the amount of potential profits and community reinvestment funds for some agencies. We include options the Legislature may wish to consider to reduce future program costs, including restricting profits to more reasonable levels.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Department of Workforce Development and the staff of W-2 agencies we contacted during our review. The Department's response is Appendix VII.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor