



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Fourth Regular Session

3:15 P.M.

TUESDAY, June 22, 1999

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol.

Representative Kaufert in the chair.

The Assembly dispensed with the call of the roll.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

By Donald J. Schneider, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has

Adopted and asks concurrence in:

Senate Joint Resolution 6
Senate Joint Resolution 13

Passed and asks concurrence in:

Senate Bill 6
Senate Bill 64
Senate Bill 80
Senate Bill 108
Senate Bill 109

ACTION ON THE SENATE MESSAGE

Senate Joint Resolution 6

Relating to: urging the U.S. and Canadian governments to prohibit diversion of Great Lakes water.

By Senators Jauch, Cowles, Baumgart, Moen, Burke, Erpenbach, Grobschmidt, Breske, Welch, Decker, Wirch and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Krug, Musser, F. Lasee, Urban, Plale, Ott, Colon, Hasenohrl, La Fave, Plouff, Kreuser, Boyle, Black, Gronemus, Richards, Kelso, Kedzie and Sherman.

To committee on **Rules**.

Senate Joint Resolution 13

Relating to: memorializing Congress to amend [21 USC 661](#) (a) to allow for the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat.

By Senators Schultz, Shibilski, Fitzgerald, Welch, Panzer, Drzewiecki, Rude, Farrow, Darling, George, Zien, Breske and Clausung; cosponsored by Representatives Kestell, Ott, Klusman, Johnsrud, Musser, Brandemuehl, Gronemus,

Freese, J. Lehman, Goetsch, Pettis, Ainsworth, Miller, Plouff, Seratti, Kreibich, Owens, Sykora, Spillner, Hahn, Gunderson, Albers, Huebsch, Petrowski, Skindrud, Lassa and Grothman.

To committee on **Rules**.

Senate Bill 6

Relating to: the transfer of firearms and providing a penalty.

By Senators George, Burke, Risser and Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representatives Bock, Ryba, Schneider, Riley, Miller, Urban, Travis and Boyle.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Senate Bill 64

Relating to: the amount of funding that a local governmental unit may receive under the safe drinking water loan program.

By Senators Clausung, Cowles, Grobschmidt and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Johnsrud, Freese, Miller, Albers, Gronemus, M. Lehman, Olsen, Plouff, Nass, Seratti, Sherman, Rhoades, Musser, Hahn, Brandemuehl, Huebsch, Ladwig and F. Lasee.

To committee on **Environment**.

Senate Bill 80

Relating to: employment of persons by private schools participating in the Milwaukee parental choice program.

By Senators Jauch, Erpenbach, Rude, Grobschmidt, Huelsman, Plache, Moen, Clausung and Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Nass, Bock, Goetsch, Boyle, Sinicki, Pocan, J. Lehman, Wasserman, Ryba, Black, La Fave, Musser, Lassa, Cullen and Colon.

To committee on **Education Reform**.

Senate Bill 108

Relating to: authority to modify speed limits within historic districts.

By Senators Burke and Rude; cosponsored by Representatives Freese and Schooff.

To committee on **Highway Safety**.

Senate Bill 109

Relating to: requirements for a state health officer.

By Senators Moen, Rude, Breske, Erpenbach, Schultz, Robson, A. Lasee and Plache; cosponsored by Representatives Urban, Johnsrud, Miller, Freese, Black, Kelso, Lassa, Ladwig, Staskunas, Seratti, J. Lehman, La Fave, Brandemuehl, Gronemus, Musser and Albers.

To committee on **Public Health**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

June 18, 1999

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have been monitoring the construction costs of Miller Park, the new stadium for the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, at the request of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District, a local unit of government created by [1995 Wisconsin Act 56](#), oversees the design and construction of the stadium. Statutes authorize the District to issue revenue bonds for stadium construction and impose a 0.1 percent sales and use tax in a five-county area of southeastern Wisconsin to pay for debt service and other expenses. Through December 1998, almost \$50 million in sales and use tax revenue had been collected.

Total costs for the stadium—including the District's budgets for stadium construction, infrastructure, leased equipment, and project administration—are currently estimated at \$399.4 million. District officials do not expect costs to change significantly because more than 75 percent of the stadium construction and infrastructure work was completed by the end of December 1998, or contracts for this work had been signed.

At the time of legislative deliberations on the proposal to construct a new stadium for the Brewers, many legislators and others believed that sales and use tax revenue would be used to pay only for the stadium's construction. However, under the terms of agreements signed by the District and the Brewers, the District will also be responsible for either \$3.85 million or 64.0 percent of actual annual maintenance and

repair costs incurred by the Brewers, whichever amount is less. If the District pays \$3.85 million in each year, the sales and use tax will provide the Brewers with \$115.5 million to help fund maintenance and repair costs over the course of the 30-year lease.

Statutes require the District to adopt hiring and contracting goals for minorities and women working on the stadium project and to hire an independent monitor to evaluate efforts to attain these goals. According to available information, the District is making progress in achieving these goals. For example, through December 1998, minorities accounted for 26.3 percent of construction and professional services work performed by new employees hired for the project, while women accounted for 8.8 percent. However, the independent monitor has not yet provided detailed reports confirming these participation levels.

The District's response is Appendix III.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Ladwig moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. tomorrow.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

3:16 P.M.