



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Fourth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2000

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

SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

November 22, 2000

Ms. Deb Jordahl
5 Raskin Circle
Madison, WI 53719

Dear Ms. Jordahl:

As Assembly Speaker, it is my pleasure to reappoint you to the Wisconsin Women's Council as a public member. The council is charged with identifying barriers that prevent women in Wisconsin from participating fully and equally in all aspects of life. Your term will be concurrent with your prior term and will expire on July 1, 2001. Thank you in advance for your service.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Peer in my office. Thank you for your continued service on behalf of the people of Wisconsin and the State Assembly.

Sincerely,
SCOTT R. JENSEN
Assembly Speaker

Ms. E. Venessa Jones
1824 Menlo Blvd.
Shorewood, WI 53211

Dear Ms. Jones:

As Assembly Speaker, it is my pleasure to reappoint you to the Wisconsin Women's Council as a public member. The council is charged with identifying barriers that prevent women in Wisconsin from participating fully and equally in all aspects of life. Your term will be concurrent with your prior term and will expire on July 1, 2002. Thank you in advance for your service.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Peer in my office. Thank you for your continued service on behalf of the people of Wisconsin and the State Assembly.

Sincerely,
SCOTT R. JENSEN
Assembly Speaker

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Revisor of Statutes Bureau
Madison

DATE: December 1, 2000

TO: Charles Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk

Donald J. Schneider
Senate Chief Clerk

FROM: Gary L. Poulson
Deputy Revisor of Statutes

SUBJECT: Rules published in the November 30, 2000,
Wisconsin Administrative [Register, No. 539](#).

The following rules have been published:

Clearinghouse Rule 97-027	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 99-072	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 99-122	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 99-168	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-015	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-042	effective	5-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-050	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-064	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-067	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-080	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-081	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-082	effective	12-1-2000
Clearinghouse Rule 00-084	effective	12-1-2000

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

November 24, 2000

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

RE: Stripper XX 2000 Oil Overcharge Plan

I am pleased to transmit my Stripper XX 2000 Oil Overcharge Plan for consideration by the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) at the next s. 13.10, Wis. Stats. meeting. As required by s. 14.065, Wis. Stats. I am also forwarding a copy to the Chief Clerk of the Senate.

This year's Plan allocates \$821,497.70 new Stripper monies plus all future accruing interest. If accepted and implemented,

the recommended programs will reduce our dependence on petroleum based motor fuels and make our agricultural industry, commercial buildings and homes more energy efficient.

In addition to the JCF's action, the United States Department of Energy must also conduct a review to determine if Wisconsin's Plan conforms with Federal requirements and established definitions of restitution. The Department of Administration staff will be available to provide additional information that may be required. I appreciate your usual support.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Referred to committee on **Utilities**.

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

November 17, 2000

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

This report is transmitted as required by sec. 20.002(11)(f), Wis. Stats. (for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under sec. 13.172(3), Wis. Stats.), and confirms that the Department of Administration has found it necessary to exercise the "temporary reallocation of balances" authority provided by this section in order to meet payment responsibilities and cover resulting negative balances during the month of October 2000.

On October 1, 2000 the **Wisconsin Health Education Loan Repayment Fund** balance was -\$5 thousand. This shortfall increased to -\$7 thousand on October 19, 2000, decreased to -\$2 thousand on October 24, 2000, and continued into the month of November. As of the date of this letter, it is expected to be resolved soon. This shortfall was due to the timing of revenues.

On October 1, 2000 the **Utility Public Benefits Fund** balance was -\$2 thousand. This shortfall increased to -\$905 thousand on October 24, 2000, to -\$1.38 million on October 31, 2000, and continued into the month of November. This shortfall was due to the timing of revenues.

On October 26, 2000 the **University Trust-Income Fund** balance was -\$61 thousand. This shortfall increased to -\$91 thousand on October 30, 2000, and continued until October 31, 2000 when the balance reached \$289 thousand.

The Wisconsin Health Education Loan Repayment Fund, Utility Public Benefits Fund, and University Trust-Income Fund shortfalls were not in excess of the statutory interfund borrowing limitation and did not exceed the balances of the Funds available for interfund borrowing.

The distribution of interest earnings to investment pool participants is based on the average daily balance in the pool and each fund's share. Therefore, the monthly calculation by the State Controller's Office will automatically reflect the use of these temporary reallocations of balance authority.

Sincerely,
GEORGE LIGHTBOURN
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue
Madison

November 29, 2000

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

In accordance with section 71.55(10)(e), Wis. Stats. (1997-98), I am enclosing copies of the Department of Revenue reports on Distribution of enrollment cards for the Wisconsin State Medical Society "Partnercare" program.

Sincerely,
CATE ZEUSKE
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Health**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

December 5, 2000

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of the State of Wisconsin Unemployment Reserve Fund for the years ended June 30, 2000 and 1999. We performed the audit at the request of the Department of Workforce Development and to meet our audit responsibilities under s. 13.94, Wis. Stats.

Our audit report contains our unqualified opinion on the financial statements and related notes, as well as on the Schedule of Adjusted Cash Balance Related to Taxable Employers. As shown in the Schedule, the available balance increased over \$83 million during the past fiscal year, to nearly \$1.8 billion as of June 30, 2000. This cash balance is used to determine the tax rate schedule that applies to taxable employers, and s. 108.18(3m), Wis. Stats., currently allows the lowest tax rate to be applied when the cash balance as of June 30 is at least \$1.2 billion. For each of the past 11 years, the June 30 cash balance has exceeded the amount that allows the Fund to apply the lowest tax rate schedule for taxable employers. The Legislature has periodically adjusted the tax rate schedules based on the available cash balance.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Department of Workforce Development staff during the audit.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor