



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Fourth Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, July 8, 1999

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Fred Risser.

The Chair, with unanimous consent, asked that the proper entries be made in the journal.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 209

Relating to: facsimile explosive devices and providing a penalty.

By Senators Wirch, Rosenzweig, Roessler and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Kreuser, Rhoades, Steinbrink, Ainsworth, Brandemuehl, Carpenter, Gunderson, Hahn, Hasenohrl, Kelso, J. Lehman, Musser, Plale, Plouff, Porter, Suder and Turner.

To committee on **Judiciary and Consumer Affairs**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Department of Administration

June 25, 1999

The Honorable, The Legislature:

This report is transmitted as required by sec. 20.002(11)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes, (for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under sec. 13.172(3) 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 May 1999.

On May 1, 1999 the **Wisconsin Health Education Loan Repayment Fund** balance was –\$3 thousand. This shortfall increased to –\$5 thousand on May 11, 1999. The shortfall continued into June but is expected to be resolved before the end of the month. This shortfall is due to the timing of revenues.

On May 19, 1999 the **Wisconsin Petroleum Inspection Fund** balance was –\$4.63 million. This shortfall increased to –\$4.95 million on May 20, 1999 and continued until May 21, 1999 when the balance reached \$3.66 million. This shortfall was due to the timing of revenues.

On May 1, 1999 the **Wisconsin Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan Fund** was –\$2 thousand. This shortfall increased to –\$19 thousand on May 17, 1999 and to –\$20 thousand on May 20, 1999. This short fall continued until June 8, 1999 when

the balance reached \$18 thousandsd. This shortfall was due to the timing of revenues.

The Wisconsin Health Education Loan Repayment Fund, Wisconsin Petroleum Inspection Fund, and Wisconsin Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan 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,

MARK D. BUGHER
Secretary

Referred to the joint committee on **Finance**.

State of Wisconsin Department of Employment Relations

July 2, 1999

The Honorable, The Legislature:

[1997 Wisconsin Act 307](#), signed into law by Governor Thompson on June 30, 1998, and effective July 5, 1998, requires the Department of Employment Relations (DER) to evaluate the impact of flexible certification procedures on state government affirmative action policy and the affirmative action plans of state agencies. These new procedures allow DER to provide agencies with larger numbers of qualified applicants to interview for civil service vacancies. Under the law, DER must submit the results of the evaluation to the Legislature and the Governor no later than one year after the effective date of the new law.

We are pleased to present the report summarizing our experience with the new certification procedures. Prior to the amendments enacted by Wisconsin Act 307, agency managers could interview only the top-scoring 10 percent of qualified applicants, with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 applicants. Under the amended law, these arbitrary restrictions have been eliminated. Now, the DER Administrator of the Division of Merit Recruitment and Selection (DMRS) can determine the number of names to certify using sound statistical methods and personnel management principles to maximize the number of names that are appropriate for a specific vacancy.

As of June 30, 1999, 20 state agencies have reported using flexible certification to staff 218 vacancies in 164 job classifications. While this is only a small percentage of the up to 3,000 new hires state agencies make each year, we are pleased that agencies are using this new flexibility. In fiscal year 2000 and beyond, as agencies become comfortable with

this new approach and the new Shared Human Resource System is fully implemented, we believe that agencies will make full use of the new certification flexibility.

Sincerely,
PETER D. FOX
Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint DITTMAR, BEVERLY A., of Wausau, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2001.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**
**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint LARSEN, MARK A., of River Falls, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2001.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**
**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint VAN DUZEE, DIRK S., of Wabeno, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2001.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**
**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint LANGDON, JAMES M., of De Forest, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 2001.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint BENA, CHARLES E., of La Crosse, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2002.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint ORNER, EARL L., of Barnes, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2002.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint PFAFF, BILL D., of New Lisbon, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2002.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint RASMUSSEN, KATHLEEN M., of Cable, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2002.

Sincerely,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint CERNY, MIKE J., of Sharon, as a

member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2001.

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**
State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

July 6, 1999

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SCHROEDER, BYRON J., of Hayward, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreation Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2002.

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.**

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-083

Relating to private onsite wastewater treatment systems.
Submitted by Department of Commerce.

Report received from Agency, July 7, 1999.

Referred to committee on **Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform**, July 8, 1999.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 99-048

Relating to fire department dues entitlement.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.

Report received from Agency, July 7, 1999.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations**, July 8, 1999.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 99-065

Relating to gas systems and anhydrous ammonia.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.

Report received from Agency, July 7, 1999.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations**, July 8, 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Risser, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, July 13 at 10:00 A.M..

Adjourned.

10:01 A.M.

SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 114

Report correctly enrolled on July 6, 1999