

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
**Senate Journal**  
Ninety–Fourth Regular Session

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WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2000

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

Failed to pass pending partial veto notwithstanding the objections of the Governor pursuant to Joint Rule 82.

**Senate Bill 114**  
**Senate Bill 125**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin**  
**Legislative Audit Bureau**

October 10, 2000

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of grants awarded through the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The program was created in 1989 to preserve natural resources and expand outdoor recreation opportunities and is administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Through fiscal year 1999-2000, overall Stewardship Program expenditures have been \$190.6 million, of which \$45.3 million, or 23.8 percent, has been expended for 974 grants to local governments and nonprofit conservation organizations to purchase or develop property.

In a sample of grant files reviewed, the average appraised value on a per acre basis was \$2,802, which is 120.2 percent greater than the average local assessment for property tax purposes, which was \$1,272 per acre. We include recommendations for the Department to improve its procedures for reviewing appraisals, including obtaining its own independent appraisals for properties valued in excess of \$200,000, and prohibiting local government applicants from submitting appraisals that are commissioned and paid for by prospective sellers.

[1999 Wisconsin Act 9](#) reauthorized the Stewardship Program for an additional ten years and provides annual bonding authority of \$46.0 million beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001, an increase from the \$23.1 million in general obligation bonding authority that had been allocated in each of the program's first ten years. However, it also restricts some grants to funding only "nature-based outdoor recreation." We have included a number of policy questions for the Legislature to consider in determining how this policy will be implemented and the effect it will have on the Aid to Local Parks grant category, which in the past has become the most utilized grant category.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Department of Natural Resources. The Department's response is Appendix VII.

Sincerely,  
JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin**  
**Ethics Board**

October 10, 2000

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 1999 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us>

Agara, Julius	<b>Wisconsin Cluster of YMCAs Executive Committee</b>
Boxer, Barbara K	<b>Managed Health Services Insurance Corporation</b>
Broydrick, William	<b>YWCA of Greater Milwaukee</b>
Carey, Ray	<b>Wisconsin Cluster of YMCAs Executive Committee</b>
Dickert, John T	<b>Wisconsin Cluster of YMCAs Executive Committee</b>
Elverman, Timothy J	<b>YWCA of Greater Milwaukee</b>
Kammer, Peter	<b>ARDA – WI</b>
Lund, Jack	<b>Wisconsin Cluster of YMCAs Executive Committee</b>
Matthews, John	<b>Wisconsin Cluster of YMCAs Executive Committee</b>
Molinari, Susan	<b>Americans for Consumer Education &amp; Competition Inc</b>
Peters, Thom	<b>Wisconsin Cluster of YMCAs Executive Committee</b>
Potter, Rosemary	<b>Wisconsin Cluster of YMCAs Executive Committee</b>

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,  
ROTH JUDD  
Director

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

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-115**

Relating to mines, pits and quarries.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.

Report received from Agency, October 9, 2000.

Referred to committee on **Economic Development,  
Housing and Government Operations**, October 11, 2000.

The committee on **Economic Development, Housing and  
Government Operations** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-042**

Relating to electronic records management.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-067**

Relating to public assistance record retention.

No action taken.

Robert Wirch  
Chairperson

The committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and  
Military Affairs** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-080**

Relating to nonmunicipal electric utility public benefits  
fees.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-081**

Relating to energy conservation and efficiency and  
renewable resource programs.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 00-082**

Relating to low income assistance benefits.

No action taken.

Rodney Moen  
Chairperson