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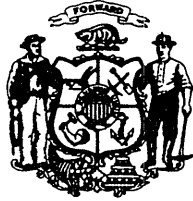
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April 15, 1999

The Honorable Brian Burke, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
The State Capitol
Room No. 316 South
VIA INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MAIL

RE: Budget Recommendations

Dear Senator Burke:

Enclosed, please find seven formal budget recommendations recently passed by the Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation & Corrections for your consideration. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share our views with the members of the Joint Committee on Finance.

As always, please feel free to give me a call should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger".

ROGER BRESKE, CHAIRMAN
Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism,
Transportation and Corrections

cc: Members, Committee on Insurance, Tourism,
Transportation and Corrections

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, TOURISM,
TRANSPORTATION & CORRECTIONS**

Budget Recommendation Motion

Senator Roger Breske, Chair

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Motion: Restore the Governor's recommendation.

MOTION PASSED

Ayes: 5; Breske, Zien, Lasee, Shibilski, & Schultz

Noes: 2; Grobschmidt & Baumgart

Motion 1

Relating to the establishment of a uniform school start date.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, TOURISM,
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Motion: Support the Governor's recommendation.

MOTION PASSED

Ayes: 5; Breske, Zien, Schultz, Baumgart, & Grobschmidt

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Relating to additional Wisconsin State Patrol traffic officers

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Motion: Delete the Governor's recommendation.

MOTION PASSED

Ayes: 4; Breske, Zien, Shibilski & Lasee

Noes: 3; Schultz, Baumgart & Grobschmidt

Motion 3

Relating to the Outdoor Advertising Sign Inventory System

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, TOURISM,
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Motion: Delete the Governor's recommendation and apply the real estate transfer fee to all time-share sales.

MOTION PASSED

Ayes: 5; Breske, Schultz, Shibilski, Baumgart, & Grobschmidt

Noes: 1; Lasee

Not voting: Zien

Motion 4

Relating to the Real Estate Transfer Fee and Time-Share Properties

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, TOURISM,
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Budget Recommendation Motion
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Department of Tourism – Tribal Gaming Revenue for Tourism Marketing

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Senator Breske: Funding for statewide tourism promotions is far under that of our neighboring states and primary competitors in the tourism marketplace. The Department of Tourism has been forced for too long to limit its outreach to traditional markets and has been hamstrung in its attempts to increase and expand Wisconsin's tourism market share elsewhere.

Motion: Support a \$4 million annual increase in the tourism marketing appropriation.

MOTION PASSED

Ayes: 7; Breske, Zien, Shibilski, Schultz, Lasee, Baumgart & Grobschmidt

Noes: None

Motion 5

Relating to the Tourism Marketing Appropriation

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, TOURISM,
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Department of Tourism – Exemption from Open Records Law

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Motion: Restore Governor's recommendation.

MOTION PASSED

Ayes: 6; Breske, Zien, Lasee, Schultz, Shibilski, & Grobschmidt

Noes: 1; Baumgart

Motion 6

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Motion: Eliminate the current penalty for the operation of video gaming machines and substitute in its place a maximum \$500 civil forfeiture.

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Motion 7

Relating to the Penalties for Video Gaming in Taverns

OAAW

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN

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MADISON, WISCONSIN 53703
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April 26, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Janet R. Swandby 
Executive Director and Lobbyist

RE: **Support for Albers' Motion Limiting Annual Billboard Fees (DOT Budget)**
(LFB Summary page 590, #5)

The Governor's Biennial Budget contains additional monies to be collected as a new fee to be charged annually by the DOT for each billboard (outdoor advertising sign structure) in the State. DOT currently has the authority to charge fees for billboards, and the Department does charge an application fee when a new billboard is constructed. This is a one-time fee.

The budget calls for **new ANNUAL renewal fees**.

Surrounding states do not have an annual fee (Illinois) or have fees much lower than those proposed by DOT for Wisconsin (Iowa - \$15-\$50/year; Michigan - \$25-\$40/year).

OAAW believes it should not cost Wisconsin any more than surrounding states to regulate billboards.

Representative Sheryl Albers will be offering a motion in Committee to assure that the Wisconsin DOT matches the efficiencies of surrounding states in its regulation of billboards. Her motion will restrict DOT from collecting more than \$50 annually for any outdoor advertising sign structure.

We ask you to support Representative Albers' motion.

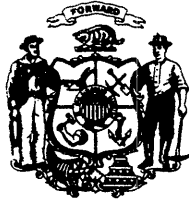
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MEMORANDUM

April 12, 1999

TO: Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism
Transportation & Corrections
FR: Roger Breske, Chair *R.B.*
RE: Formal Budget Recommendations

Attached, please find seven (7) formal budget motions for your consideration. These recommendations are based, in large part, on the testimony that we heard during our recent budget hearings.

Please complete and return your ballots to my office *before noon on April 14th*. As you know, the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance have established an April 15th deadline for submission of formal budget recommendations from standing committees.

As always, please feel free to give me a call should you have any questions or concerns.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, TOURISM,
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Motion: Restore the Governor's recommendation.

Aye

No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Motion: Support the Governor's recommendation.

- Aye
- No

Signature: _____

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Motion: Delete the Governor's recommendation.

- Aye**
- No**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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- Aye**
- No**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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- Aye**
- No**

Signature: _____

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Motion: Restore Governor's recommendation.

Aye

No

Signature: _____

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- Aye
- No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Motion 7

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Motion: Delete the Governor's recommendation.

Aye
 No

Signature: _____

Dave Z...

Date: _____

APR. 15, 1999

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Aye
 No

Signature: Jim Baumgard
Date: 4-14-99

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Motion: Delete the Governor's recommendation.

Aye
 No

Signature: _____

Date: 4-13-99

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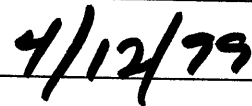
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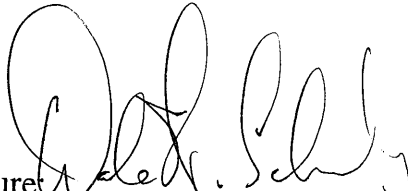
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Aye
 No

Signature: 

Date: 4-14-99

*Tom Jackson
Via phone.*

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Aye
 No

Signature: _____

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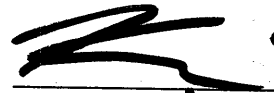
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Jim Bunt
4-14-99

Motion 7

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Budget Recommendation Motion
Senator Roger Breske, Chair

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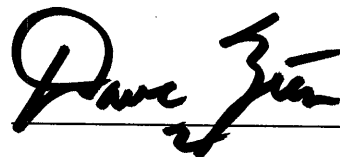
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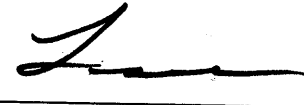
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