



# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

## Ninety-Fifth Regular Session

1:40 P.M.

TUESDAY, February 20, 2001

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

Speaker Jensen in the chair.

The prayer was offered by Representative Owens.

Representative Bies led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bies, Black, Bock, Boyle, Carpenter, Coggs, Colon, Cullen, Duff, J. Fitzgerald, Foti, Freese, Friske, Gard, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Johnsrud, Kaufert, Kedzie, Kestell, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krug, Krusick, La Fave, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Leibham, Lippert, Loeffelholz, McCormick, D. Meyer, Meyerhofer, Miller, Montgomery, Morris–Tatum, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Plale, Plouff, Pocan, Powers, Reynolds, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schneider, Schooff, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Skindrud, Starzyk, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Wade, Walker, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, Wood, Young, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Jensen – 96.

Absent with leave – Representatives Jeskewitz, Seratti and Williams – 3.

Vacancies – None.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Representative Vrakas asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for today's session for Representatives Jeskewitz and Seratti. Granted.

Representative Bock asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for today's session for Representative Williams. Granted.

### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

#### Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 00–091

Relating to licensing of emergency medical technicians—paramedic and approval of emergency medical technician—paramedic operational plans.

Submitted by Department of Health and Family Services.  
Report received from Agency, February 20, 2001.

To committee on **Public Health**.

Referred on February 20, 2001.

### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### Assembly Bill 141

Relating to: committing 3 or more specified traffic offenses within a single course of conduct, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Ainsworth, Hahn, Owens, Townsend and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senator Darling.

To committee on **Highway Safety**.

#### Assembly Bill 142

Relating to: following snowplows and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Ainsworth, Boyle, Freese, Huber, Krawczyk, Ladwig, Lassa, M. Lehman, J. Lehman, Lippert, Musser, Olsen, Owens, Plouff, Powers, Ryba, Starzyk, Stone, Townsend, Turner, Vrakas and Wade; cosponsored by Senators Plache, Breske, Burke, Darling, Moen and Schultz.

To committee on **Highway Safety**.

#### Assembly Bill 143

Relating to: the regulation of snowmobile rail crossings.

By Representatives Wade, Olsen, Nass, Lippert, Ryba, Kaufert, Petrowski, Kestell, Gronemus, Vrakas, Gunderson, Johnsrud, Kreuser, Kreibich, Townsend, Albers, Sykora and Pettis; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Cowles, Decker, Baumgart and Schultz.

To committee on **Tourism and Recreation**.

#### Assembly Bill 144

Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2001 legislature.

By joint committee on Finance, by request of Governor Scott McCallum.

To joint committee on **Finance**.  
To joint survey committee on **Retirement Systems**.  
To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

## AGENCY REPORTS

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## REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

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To the Honorable, the Legislature:

As Chair of your Committee on Judicial Selection, it is with a great sense of accomplishment that I submit the Committee's report, along with findings and recommendations. The considerable study, investigation, assessment, debate and evaluation of this issue by a Committee of top-notch legal and judicial scholars along with community and academic leaders produced the first comprehensive report on this subject for our state. With the creation of this Committee the three branches of our government combined to send a strong message that racial and ethnic diversity on Wisconsin courts is a serious and important issue.

The findings and recommendations in our report illustrate the paramount importance of the challenge of increasing diversity in our judiciary. Meeting this challenge will require multifaceted solutions, including greater involvement by more groups and greater access to more information. The Committee believes that the legislative, judicial and executive branches can continue to show leadership by bringing in other societal institutions and segments to gain their input and cooperation, by further developing and implementing the recommendations in this report, and by continuing to work to achieve racial and ethnic diversity on Wisconsin courts.

It is our belief that the implementation of these recommendations will lead us closer to our goal of providing Wisconsin citizens with a judiciary that is not only qualified and independent, but a judiciary which is also as racially and ethnically diverse as the people of this Great State. Again, I join the members of the Committee in expressing our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the people of Wisconsin on this important matter.

Sincerely,  
*JUDGE MAXINE ALDRIDGE WHITE*  
Chair, Committee on Judicial Selection

Referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

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To the Honorable, the Legislature:

As Chair of your Task Force on Racial Profiling it is with great pleasure that I submit our report, including findings and recommendations on the matter. You assembled an excellent group of professionals who worked diligently to gain an understanding of the issue, and then produced the best, most comprehensive report possible. We believe that this report will be a useful tool to help our Great State combat even the perception of racial profiling.

Our recommendations go beyond the idea of mere data collection and address ways to end poor police practices before they begin. With the help of law enforcement, both on the Task Force and on the job, we were able to address the areas that will make a positive difference in preventing racial profiling. We made specific recommendations regarding training, supervision, policies, data collection and community outreach. We believe, through our research on this topic, that each element of the plan we put before you is as important as the next one. Some of our recommendations have been adopted and implemented by several law enforcement agencies within the state and many others across the country are interested in emulating our results.

Thank you for recognizing the need for such a study and putting together such a remarkable team. Each and every member of this Task Force gave their valuable time to the study and brought their diverse perspectives to the table, which helped create these effective and attainable recommendations.

Sincerely,  
*JUDGE MAXINE ALDRIDGE WHITE*  
Chair, Task Force on Racial Profiling

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## REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

### Assembly Bill 60

1. Page 4, line 15: delete "par. (a)." and substitute "par. (a).".
  2. Page 4, line 16: delete "par. (a)" and substitute "par. (a)".
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### Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 37**

1. Page 5, line 3: delete "1334" and substitute "1344".
  2. Page 5, line 7: delete "1334" and substitute "1344".
  3. Page 9, line 15: delete "1334" and substitute "1344".
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Speaker Jensen appointed Representatives Gard and Riley to escort the Governor from his office to the Assembly Chamber.

The Assembly stood informal.

The Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the members of the Wisconsin State Senate.

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### JOINT CONVENTION

The houses went into joint convention.

Senate President Risser presiding.

Senator Risser recognized the presence of Attorney General James Doyle, State Treasurer Jack Voight, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, Justice Jon Wilcox and Justice David Prosser, Jr. of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Congressman Ron Kind from the third congressional district.

The Assembly Sergeant-at-arms announced the arrival of Governor Scott McCallum.

Escorted by Representatives Gard and Riley, and Senators Hansen, Robson, Rosenzweig and S. Fitzgerald, Governor McCallum took his place at the rostrum to deliver his budget message.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 73, the governor's budget message is printed in the Senate journal only.

Representative Foti moved that the joint convention arise.

The question was: Shall the joint convention arise?

Motion carried.

2:33 P.M.

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The Assembly reconvened.

Speaker Jensen in the chair.

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### ADJOURNMENT

Representative Foti moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 6, pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution 1**.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

2:34 P.M.