



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Fifth Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, March 20, 2001

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.

Read and referred:

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 97

Relating to: issuance of bonus deer hunting permits to certain farm owners who are engaged in the production of maple syrup.

By Senators Decker and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Albers, Johnsrud and Plouff.

To committee on **Environmental Resources**.

Senate Bill 98

Relating to: the property tax exemption for property owned by the Young Men's Christian Association.

By Senators George, Grobschmidt, Risser, Baumgart, Rosenzweig, Plache, Cowles, Darling, Roessler, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Breske and Harsdorf; cosponsored by Representatives Gard, McCormick, Young, Coggs, Plale, Seratti, Berceau, Balow, Starzyk, Jeskewitz, Powers, Montgomery, Lippert, Sinicki, Black, D. Meyer, Ladwig, Musser, Ward, Townsend, M. Lehman, Riley, Kreibich, Petrowski, Boyle, Freese, Meyerhofer, Lassa, Pettis, Kedzie, Walker, Huebsch, Ott, Sykora, Gunderson, Vrakas, Kaufert and Rhoades.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Senate Bill 99

Relating to: mandatory operating privilege suspension for certain firearms offenses and bomb scares involving school premises.

By Senators Darling, Welch and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Leibham, Kestell, Starzyk, Rhoades, Suder, Gard, Gronemus, Gunderson, Powers, Sykora, Albers, Townsend, Stone, Jeskewitz, Wade, Urban, Plale, Vrakas and Pettis.

To committee on **Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform**.

Senate Bill 100

Relating to: school conference and activities leave.

By Senators Grobschmidt, Burke, Risser, Erpenbach and George; cosponsored by Representatives Black, Sinicki,

Turner, Richards, Morris–Tatum, J. Lehman, Bock, Cullen, Pocan, Miller and Berceau.

To committee on **Education**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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

CONGER, KENNETH W., of Kohler, as a member of the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2003.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.

Noes, 0 – None.

CROWDER, DR. DON L., of Lake Geneva, as a member of the Psychology Examining Board, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 2001, and for the full term ending July 1, 2005.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.

Noes, 0 – None.

GLOCKE, CHAR D., of Onalaska, as a member of the Chiropractic Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2004.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.

Noes, 0 – None.

HAMMES, JON D., of Mequon, as a member of the Medical College of Wisconsin Board of Trustees, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2006.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.

Noes, 0 – None.

HEINEMANN, VIRGINIA, of Wausau, as a member of the Medical Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2004.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.

Noes, 0 – None.

JENKINS, LAURA M., of Darlington, as a member of the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2004.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.
Noes, 0 – None.

LUCE, DANIEL F., of Nasotah, as a member of the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2004.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.
Noes, 0 – None.

MEIER, GARY A., of Racine, as a member of the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2003.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.
Noes, 0 – None.

QUERAM, CHRISTOPHER J., of Middleton, as a member of the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2004.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.
Noes, 0 – None.

SCHLEIS, CATHERINE E., of De Forest, as a member of the Dentistry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2004.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Moen, Breske, Robson, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Rosenzweig, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald and Lazich.
Noes, 0 – None.

Rodney Moen
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #2

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin be Flown at Half-Staff as a Mark of Respect for Specialist Jason D. Wildfong of the United States Army Who Lost His Life in a Training Accident in Kuwait

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2001, a bombing range accident occurred in Kuwait killing six people, including five Americans; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Jason D. Wildfong of Union Grove, Wisconsin, was among those who died; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildfong faithfully and honorably served the people of the State of Wisconsin and the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death of Specialist Wildfong and the deaths of the others who lost their lives in this tragic accident; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Wildfong will be laid to rest on Tuesday, March 20, 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by Federal and State Law, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds and military installations of the State of Wisconsin equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, and ending at sundown on that date.

IN TESTIMONY WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this nineteenth day of March in the year two thousand and one.

Scott McCallum
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

March 16, 2001

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a review of the use of private-sector computer consultants, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. We estimate that executive branch state agencies exclusive of the University of Wisconsin System spent \$93.6 million for information technology (IT) consulting services during fiscal year 1998-99, the last year for which statewide purchasing data are available. These services supplemented the work of 1,383 full-time equivalent state IT employees.

When agencies need to develop large new information systems, manage peak workload periods, or use special skills on an intermittent basis, use of contracted IT services is consistent with state purchasing statutes. However, agencies also routinely engage contractors to perform more routine tasks without conducting cost analyses anticipated by the statutes, largely because of past labor market conditions and restrictions on their number of authorized positions. Among a sample of 32 hourly contractors performing routine responsibilities, hourly costs of 29 were higher than those of comparable state employees, and 4 of these were more than twice the hourly cost of state employees. In light of recent improvements in the State's ability to attract and retain IT staff, we recommend that cost analyses be performed before IT contractors are hired for routine work.

It is not uncommon for large-scale IT systems development projects to exceed original budgets for cost or time, or to perform fewer functions than originally planned. Based on our review of the professional literature, we have described a series of best practices for contracting and monitoring large IT projects.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by all of the 50 state agencies that provided information for this review, particularly the departments of Administration, Corrections, Health and Family Services, Justice, Transportation, and Workforce Development, where we conducted additional work. A response from the Department of Administration is Appendix 3.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration**

March 12, 2001

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Section 20m of the [1999 Wisconsin Act 9](#) directed the Department of Administration to: “study the feasibility and desirability of selling, leasing or forming public-private partnerships to operate the ... wastewater treatment plants owned by the state ... in the manner provided under section [13.172\(2\)](#) of the statutes.”

Please find enclosed the report required under [1999 Wisconsin Act 9](#).

Sincerely,

GEORGE LIGHTBOURN
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Department of Natural Resources**

March 15, 2001

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Below is information regarding the Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF) Biennial Finance Plan, submitted in accordance with subsection 281.59(3)(bm) of the Wisconsin statutes. That subsection requires the Department of natural Resources and the Department of Administration to submit to the legislature and the Building Commission any amendment to the Biennial Finance Plan which are necessary to reflect material approved by the Governor for inclusion in the biennial budget.

After the biennial budget bill is enacted a revised version of the Biennial Finance Plan will be distributed with changes that reflect actions taken in the budget.

If you have any questions regarding the Biennial Finance Plan, please contact Kathryn A. Curtner at 266-0860 or Frank Hoadley at 266-2305.

Sincerely,

KATHRYN A. CURTNER, Director
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance
Department of Natural Resources

FRANK R. HOADLEY
Capital Finance Director
Department of Administration

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration**

March 5, 2001

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to submit our Annual Minority Business Report for fiscal year 2000. This year’s report continues to reflect increased growth as well as the strengthening of the commitment of state agencies to further business with Wisconsin certified minority business enterprises.

State agencies spent \$63,437,323 with Wisconsin certified minority businesses for goods, services, construction, and architectural and engineering services. This represents a 13.95% spending increase over the last fiscal year.

Here are some of the highlights of the report:

- The Department of Commerce reports a total of 712 firms, up 4.5%, that met the requirements of certification in the State of Wisconsin.
- The Division of Facilities Development through its Architectural/Engineering Selection Committee,

exceeded the MBE participation goal in A/E contracting for the thirteenth consecutive year.

- Eighteen (18) state and quasi-state agencies spent at least 5% or more of their purchasing dollars with certified minority businesses.
- the Department of Natural Resources Clean Water Fund Loan Program for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) also had one of its bests years yet for expending money to certified minority owned firms. MMSD expended 59.94% of its total Clean Water Fund payments or \$6,349,363 of \$10,592,056 to MBE firms certified by the Department of Commerce for fiscal year 1999-2000.
- The State of Wisconsin Investment Board showed total net commissions of \$16,821,146, of which \$1,013,233 or 6.2% was expended for financial and investment analysis and common stock and convertible bond brokerage with minority financial advisors or minority investment firms.

Out of the number of total certified minority firms, 39% or 277 firms received contracts for various commodities and services during fiscal year 1999-2000. The State Minority Business Program continues to promote MBE’s and ensure that certified minority firms receive every opportunity possible to do business with the State of Wisconsin. The program is also leading the awareness of MBE’s to e-commerce, including the state’s vendornet program.

I am especially please with the Division of Facilities Development (DFD) total MBE participation in architectural/engineering services and construction. This fiscal year, the division surpassed \$15 million in total MBE participation.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is still ample room for improvement in achieving our state goal of 5% for all state agencies.

Sincerely,

GEORGE LIGHTBOURN
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board**

March 20, 2001

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 2001 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board’s web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us/>

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| Backhaus, Amber | American Plastics Council Inc |
| Jentz, Robert | Customers First! Coalition |
| LaGessee, Robert | United Transportation Union |
| McClenahan, William | Wisconsin State Brewers Association |
| McDowell, Kelly | Wisconsin State Brewers Association |
| Nash, Billie J | SOS Childrens Villages of Wisconsin, Inc., Milwaukee Chapter |
| Schreiber, Martin | Wisconsin State Brewers Association |
| Smith, Brynna | Dean Health System Inc |
| Smith-Watkins, Genise | American Plastics Council Inc |
| Stenger, Scott | Water Resources Coalition |
| Thompson, Kelli | Rime Management Group Inc |
| Tries, John | Rime Management Group Inc |
| Wagner, Burton | Wisconsin Nurses Association |

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 organizations that employ lobbyists.
Sincerely,
ROTH JUDD
Director

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Risser, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 A.M.
Adjourned.

10:01 A.M