

# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## Ninety–Fifth Regular Session

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WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2001

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

### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

#### Senate Joint Resolution 35

Relating to: abolishing the office of lieutenant governor (first consideration).

By Senator Wirch; cosponsored by Representative Wasserman.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**.

#### Senate Joint Resolution 36

Relating to: urging the U.S. and Canadian governments to prohibit diversion of Great Lakes water.

By Senators Cowles, Burke, Risser, Rosenzweig, Decker, Baumgart, Schultz, Roessler, Harsdorf, Darling, Grobschmidt, Hansen and Plache; cosponsored by Representatives Kedzie, Gunderson, Huber, Plale, Ryba, Sherman, Musser, Richards, Krawczyk, F. Lasee, Hahn, Lippert, Krug, Staskunas, Bock, Pocan, Hundertmark, Plouff, Owens, Ladwig, Ott, Meyerhofer, Miller, Nass, Lassa, Skindrud and Boyle.

Read and referred to committee on **Environmental Resources**.

### INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

#### Senate Bill 179

Relating to: requiring crossing gates on school buses, granting rule–making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Grobschmidt, Plache, Burke, Risser and Shibilski; cosponsored by Representatives Plale, Urban, Sinicki, Turner, Ryba, Ott, Morris–Tatum and Wasserman.

To committee on **Education**.

#### Senate Bill 180

Relating to: requirements for applying for and issuing licenses for game bird and animal farms and wildlife exhibits having bears, cougars, or wolves.

By Senators Roessler, Breske, Cowles and Baumgart; cosponsored by Representatives Owens, Townsend, Ott, Wade, Vrakas, Musser, Lippert, Hahn and Krawczyk.

To committee on **Environmental Resources**.

#### Senate Bill 181

Relating to: an individual's ownership of his or her personal identifiers and providing a penalty.

By Senators Erpenbach, Robson and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Schneider, Sinicki, Suder, Ryba, Musser, J. Lehman, Ott, Coggs, Gronemus, Albers and Boyle.

To committee on **Privacy, Electronic Commerce and Financial Institutions**.

#### Senate Bill 182

Relating to: phasing out the annual delay in school aid payments.

By Senators Cowles, Moen, Plache, Schultz, Darling, Huelsman, Lazich and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Ladwig, Townsend, Ryba, Krawczyk, La Fave, Hahn, M. Lehman, Musser, J. Lehman, Gronemus, Powers and Boyle.

To committee on **Education**.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The joint committee on **Employment Relations** reports and recommends:

#### Senate Bill 183

Relating to: expansion of the catastrophic leave program administered by the department of employment relations.

Introduction.

Ayes, 8 – Senators Risser, Burke, Chvala and Panzer. Representatives Jensen, Foti, Gard and Black.

Noes, 0 – None.

To committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations**.

Fred Risser  
Senate Chairperson

### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

May 15, 2001

The Honorable, The Senate:

As President of the Wisconsin State Senate, under Wisconsin Statutes Section 15.177, I am empowered with the responsibility to appoint one member of the Senate majority party to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.

I am writing to notify you that I am appointing Senator Jon Erpenbach to this position effective immediately.

If you have questions or comments regarding this appointment, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

SENATOR FRED A. RISSER  
President, Wisconsin State Senate

**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

May 15, 2001

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of health care in Wisconsin's adult prisons, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. In fiscal year (FY) 1999-2000, the Department of Corrections spent \$37.2 million and employed 232.5 full-time equivalent medical professionals and other support staff to provide health care to approximately 14,900 adult inmates.

The Department currently receives as many as 1,000 requests for health services from inmates each working day, approximately 60 percent of which are for prescription refills. Staff also responded to 8,137 emergencies during FY 1999-2000. We found that approximately 5,000 inmates, or one-third of the population suffers from at least one chronic illness, and we conclude that improvements are needed in the management of chronic illnesses, contract oversight, and mental health services.

The Governor's 2001-2003 Biennial Budget Proposal provides an additional \$37.6 million in general purpose revenue and an additional 157.5 positions for prison health care, including \$17.3 million and 118.0 positions for new institutions and facility expansions. We reviewed this proposal and several alternatives to determine whether costs associated with additional prison health care staff could be offset through management improvements or other changes. We found limited opportunities and significant challenges for reducing health care expenditures as costs for certain medical services and pharmaceuticals, which are not subject to the Department's control, continue to increase.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Department of Corrections management and staff. The Department's response is Appendix 6.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin  
Ethics Board**

May 15, 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/>

Bybee, Roger	<b>Wisconsin Citizen Action</b>
Dilweg, Sean	<b>WEA Insurance Corporation</b>

Essie, Patrick	<b>WEA Insurance Corporation</b>
Hermes, Ronald	<b>Distilled Spirits Council of the United States</b>
Kuehn, Ronald W	<b>Wisconsin Coalition for Fair Competition</b>
O'Meara, Jack	<b>WEA Insurance Corporation</b>
Osborne, Patrick	<b>Joint Water Quality Commission of Danbury &amp; St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin</b>
Schwartzter, Daniel	<b>Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters</b>
Tenuta, James	<b>Distilled Spirits Council of the United States</b>
Winters, Amy	<b>American Crop Protection Association</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 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 00-160**

Relating to volatile organic compound emissions and national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for wood furniture manufacturing.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, May 15, 2001.

Referred to committee on **Environmental Resources**, May 16, 2001.

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**SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS**

The Chief Clerk records:

**Senate Joint Resolution 2**

Report correctly enrolled on May 10, 2001.

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**CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT**

The Chief Clerk records:

**Senate Joint Resolution 2**

Deposited in the office of the Secretary of State on May 15, 2001.