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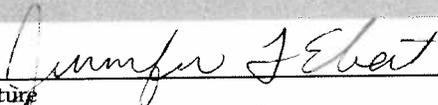
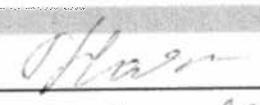
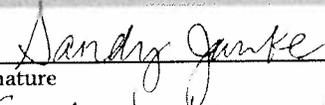
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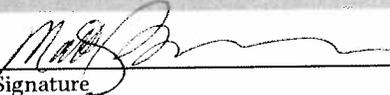
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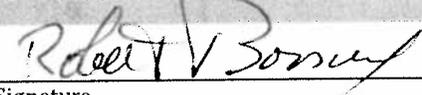
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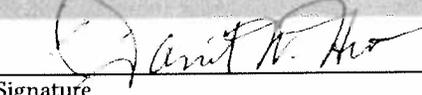
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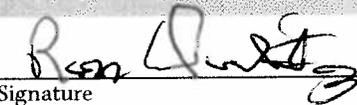
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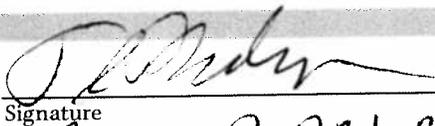
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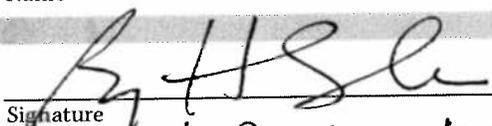
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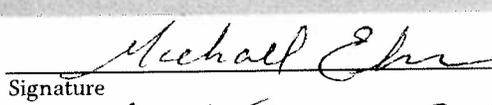
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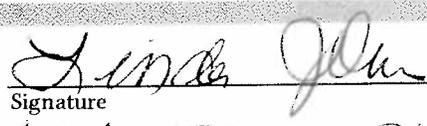
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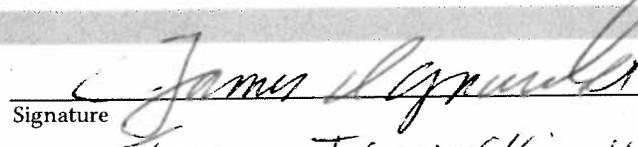
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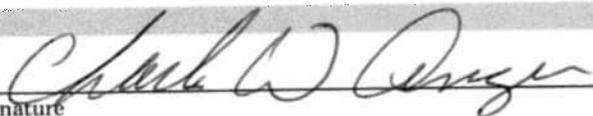
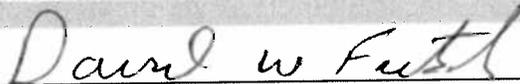
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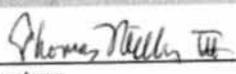
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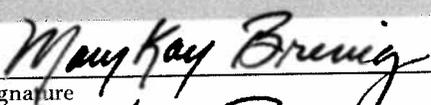
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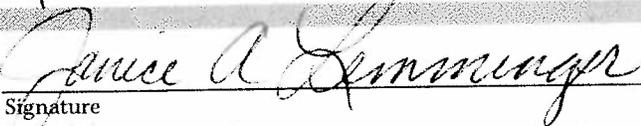
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**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
STAFF MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT WALKER AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY  
COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND THE COURTS

**FROM:** Anne Sappenfield, Senior Staff Attorney

**RE:** 2001 Assembly Bill 42, Relating to Leasing Privately Built Correctional Facilities

**DATE:** February 6, 2001

This memorandum describes the provisions of 2001 Assembly Bill 42, relating to leasing privately built correctional facilities, and amendments to the bill that have been proposed.

**CURRENT LAW**

Under current law, although a private person or company may build a prison, the state may not lease it unless an appropriation for that purpose is created by the Legislature.

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The Building Commission approves and adopts recommendations for the long-range state building program each biennium. The recommendations that require legislative approval are then submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance. Generally, the State Building Program is included in the biennial budget act and may be amended during the biennium through legislation. The Building Commission may also approve certain leases.

Specific to the lease of a correctional facility, current s. 13.48 (27), Stats., provides:

**LEASE OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.** The building commission may lease any facility for use of the department of corrections as a part of the authorized state building program, with an option to purchase the facility by the state. Any lease shall provide for the facility to be in accordance with requirements and specifications approved by the department of administration and shall permit inspection of the site and facility by agents of the department.

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The bill also provides that the Building Commission may not authorize the leasing of or lease any building, structure, or facility, or portion thereof for initial occupancy by the DOC for the purpose of housing prisoners and the DOC may not lease a building or a portion of a building unless the construction or conversion to a correctional facility began before October 1, 1999, or unless the lessor has complied with current prevailing wage requirements that generally apply to employers working on state or local public works projects. Prevailing wage requirements mostly relate to the wages paid to employees and the number of hours they may be required to work.

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### **PROPOSED ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS**

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Under the amendment, DOC may not enter into a contract that violates this provision after the effective date for the act created by Assembly Bill 42. If DOC has such a contract on the effective date of the act, that contract may be extended or renewed for a period that does not extend beyond July 1, 2002. If such a contract expires after July 1, 2002, the contract may not be extended or renewed beyond that effective date.

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**2001 Assembly Bill 42**

**Assembly Amendments  
1, 2, 3 and 4**

**Memo published: February 8, 2001**

**Contact: Anne Sappenfield, Senior Staff Attorney (267-9485)**

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 affects current law relating to the Department of Correction's (DOC's) authority to contract for the provision of care and services to prisoners. Under the amendment, DOC is required to provide primary care to inmates in state prisons exclusively through DOC employees. The amendment defines "primary care" to mean basic health care services, including general assessment, treatment, and management of common acute and chronic physical and mental health conditions, health promotion and disease prevention, routine prenatal and postpartum care, the referral to a health care provider for emergency physical or mental health treatment, and the referral to a specialist for physical and mental health services. This requirement would not apply to a prison in which DOC provides primary care to inmates for less than 20 hours per week on a regular basis.

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Adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 was recommended by the Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts by a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, on February 7, 2001.

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2**

Assembly Amendment 2 prohibits the Building Commission from leasing, authorizing the leasing of, or acquiring any building, structure, or facility, or portion thereof for initial occupancy by DOC unless construction began before October 1, 1999 or after the building, structure or facility was enumerated in the authorized state building program. The authorized state building program sets forth

the plan for acquisition, construction, and renovation of public facilities and related funding. The plan is recommended by the Building Commission and approved by the Legislature, usually as part of the biennial budget act.

The amendment also prohibits any person from commencing construction of a correctional facility or conversion of an existing building, structure, or facility into a correctional facility unless it is enumerated in the authorized state building program. Under the amendment, this provision also applies to juvenile correctional facilities. This prohibition does not apply, however, to a building, structure, or facility that meets one of the following criteria:

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Adoption of Assembly Amendment 2 was recommended by the Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts by a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, on February 7, 2001.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3**

Assembly Amendment 3 deletes a provision of the bill that permits the DOC to request that the Joint Committee on Finance supplement its budget for the purpose of staffing any leased correctional facility. Typically, such a request requires a finding by the Joint Committee on Finance that an emergency exists. A finding of emergency is not required under the bill.

Adoption of Assembly Amendment 3 was recommended by the Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts by a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, on February 7, 2001.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 4**

Assembly Amendment 4 names the prison that has been constructed near Stanley, Wisconsin, the Stanley Correctional Institution.

Adoption of Assembly Amendment 4 was recommended by the Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts by a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, on February 7, 2001.



## Cornell business files for bankruptcy

### More than 100 workers laid off

**By Eric Widholm**  
Chippewa Falls News Bureau

Globe Building Materials in Cornell hopes a refinancing package will allow most employees to return to work soon, a company official said.

The company, which makes roofing products, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last week, spurring an indefinite lay-off of most of its 120 employees.

But plant manager Joe Savage said the company hopes to approve a refinancing

package this week. If it's accepted, the company could start bringing back workers in about two weeks.

"We've got a 10-day window (through bankruptcy), and we're trying to refinance to get running again," he said this morning.

Globe Building Materials, based in Whiting, Ind., also has a plant in St. Paul. Employees also were laid off at those locations, Savage said. The company was founded in 1934.

■ Chapter 11 bankruptcy involves reorganization, usually of a corporation or partnership, to keep the business alive and pay creditors over time.

He said the bankruptcy proceedings were being handled through the corporate office, so he couldn't comment on why the company had filed for Chapter 11.

Globe Building Materials bought the mill in Cornell in 1987, he said, but it has operated in Cornell since the early 1900s.

As Cornell's largest employer, Globe's layoffs will have a huge impact on the city if they're long-term. City

Administrator David DeLongh said. DeLongh said he has called company officials and offered whatever assistance the city can to get the plant up and running.

John Regeitz, executive director of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corp., said he's done the same on the county level.

"Right now we're just investigating what their options are and how we can help them," Regeitz said. "We're seeing if they want to sit down and talk right now."

Globe Building Materials normally closes its production facility for a few

weeks beginning in December each year because of the slowdown in construction, Savage said.

Most production and maintenance employees had been laid off since mid-late-December, he said, and the company doesn't usually start full production again until February or March.

The company ships existing stock during that time, he said. Some production and maintenance employees will stay on during the bankruptcy for shipping and to maintain the heating system.

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## Saputo cheese closes Thorp plant

After 3 years of business in Thorp, Saputo Cheese closed the dairy department and by January 3rd will also be closing down its packaging department as well. The cheese factory has been a part of Thorp's history for 93 years.

This past Friday at 11:00 a.m. at a highly emotional and angering meeting, workers were told of the closing formally for the first time. Forty-seven workers from Thorp were left without a job, but there is a total of 111 people employed at the Thorp plant. The Saputo Company has said that the employees will be paid their regular weekly salary with benefits until January 3rd.

The closing is in lieu of a business decision made by the Saputo Company. Their actions are a result of a rationalization process that has been going on within the U.S. operations and their 17 plants, 11 in the State of Wisconsin. They decided to close the Thorp and Monroe plants.

The Thorp plant was producing 15 million lbs. of gorgonzola and blue cheese per year. The Monroe plant was producing 15 million lbs. of Mozzarella and Provolone per year.

Union employees were emotional about the decision as expected, one of the Union Stewards who had been with the company for five years, John Stietwang, stated "that this was the worst time for it to close, with the holidays coming up, it couldn't come at a worst time."

Union employees expressed their feeling of betrayal towards the Saputo Company. Other Union employees were concerned about their children and the future. One union employee stated, "what about our children?" There will be a firm to come in to give the employees help in finding another job.

Blue Moon Cheese Company started here in Thorp in

1907, as the Thorp Dairy Company. June Dairy Products Company acquired Thorp Dairy and Blue Moon Cheese Products of Minneapolis. The cheese operation was moved to Thorp and the Big Four Canning Building was rebuilt for Cheese manufacturing.

Foremost acquired the Chippewa Cheese Corp. of Stanley, and the Wheeler Cheese Company assembly

warehouse in Thorp, Boyd and Cameron. Foremost also acquired the Blue Moon Foods chain in 1955. The basic product of cheddar cheese changed to specialty cheeses like gorgonzola and blue cheese. Stella Foods purchased Foremost around 1994. Saputo Cheese then bought out Stella Foods around 1997.

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