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Mark Meyer

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Farrow appointment referred to Senate Committee on Universities, Housing and Government Operations *Chairman Meyer calls for swift, but deliberate hearing process*

(Madison) State Senator Mark Meyer (D-La Crosse), Chair of the Senate Committee on Universities, Housing and Government Operations, today announced his intention to hold two public hearings in the coming weeks on the appointment of State Senator Margaret Farrow as Wisconsin's Lieutenant Governor.

"Just as the Governor was deliberate in his selection process of a Lieutenant Governor, the Legislature should be deliberate in its confirmation process," said Meyer. "This is the first time in our State's history that the Legislature will confirm a Lieutenant Governor. It is not a process to be taken lightly."

The Committee is planning two public hearings on Senator Farrow's appointment. The first will be held at the State Capitol in Madison on March 21, 2001. The second is tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2001 on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

"The first confirmation hearing is being scheduled for the next regular meeting of committee," said Meyer. "To suggest that this process is political would be a mistake and would lessen the importance of this constitutional process."

"While I believe Senator Farrow will likely be confirmed by a large margin, that should not be a reason to excuse or ignore our precedent setting constitutional duty," said Meyer.

The Legislature was given the confirmation power of the Lieutenant Governor under Article XIII of the Wisconsin State Constitution.

Article XIII, §10 ¶(2) Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor, the governor shall nominate a successor to serve for the balance of the unexpired term, who shall take office after confirmation by the senate and by the assembly. [1977 J.R. 32, 1979 J.R. 3, vote April 1979]

"Senator Farrow is the next in line to be Governor and those outside of Milwaukee have never had a chance to vote for her," added Meyer. "The least we can do is give her a chance to introduce herself."

Meyer noted the importance of giving people in the northern part of the State a chance to have public input in this process—noting that Senator Farrow has never been a candidate for a state-wide office or been elected to an office outside the Milwaukee metro area.

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March 7, 2002

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TO: Members, Senate Universities, Housing, and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Senator Mark Meyer, Chairman

RE: **Klauser, James R., of Pewaukee**, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2008.

Please return your ballots by 4 PM Friday, March 8th. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Motion by Senator Meyer that the Senate Committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations recommends the confirmation of James Klauser.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

