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

Clearinghouse Rule 03-113 effective 5-1-2004
Clearinghouse Rule 03-115 effective 5-1-2004
Clearinghouse Rule 03-116 effective 5-1-2004
Clearinghouse Rule 03-117 effective 5-1-2004

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 03-112

Relating to commencement of a school term.
Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.
Report received from Agency, April 23, 2004.
To committee on **Tourism**.
Referred on May 4, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 03-120

Relating to fertilizer tonnage fees and surcharges.
Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.
Report received from Agency, April 29, 2004.
To committee on **Agriculture**.
Referred on May 4, 2004.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Revisor of Statutes Bureau
Madison

DATE: May 1, 2004

TO: Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk

Robert Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk

FROM: Gary L. Poulson
Assistant Revisor of Statutes

SUBJECT: Rules published in the April 30, 2004,
Wisconsin Administrative Register, No. 580.

The following rules have been published:

Clearinghouse Rule 03-020 effective 5-1-2004
Clearinghouse Rule 03-055 effective 5-1-2004
Clearinghouse Rule 03-064 effective 5-1-2004
Clearinghouse Rule 03-076 effective 5-1-2004
Clearinghouse Rule 03-102 effective 5-1-2004
Clearinghouse Rule 03-104 effective 5-1-2004

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

April 29, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

As required by s. 16.045 (5) Wis. Stats., I am submitting the thirteenth Wisconsin Gasohol and Alternative Fuel Use Report for distribution to the appropriate standing committees.

Should you or Legislative members have questions, please contact John Marx, Deputy Administrator, Division of Energy, at 608/266-2035.

Sincerely,
MARC J. MAROTTA
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Rural Affairs**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

April 29, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Chapter 34, Laws of 1979, requires that when the Department of Administration maintains an office in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of promoting federal/state cooperation, it should submit a report detailing the activities of the office and reporting the status of federal legislation of concern to the Legislature and other state agencies (Wis. Stats. 16.548 (2)).

The report for the period January-March 2004 is attached.

Sincerely,
MARC J. MAROTTA
Secretary

Referred to committee on **State Affairs**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Transportation
Madison

April 30, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I am pleased to present to you the Wisconsin Rail Issues and Opportunities Report. This report outlines a number of existing and emerging issues for rail transportation in Wisconsin. It will serve as a resource for Governor Jim Doyle and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as we seek to provide the infrastructure and services necessary to Grow Wisconsin's economy.

In the 1800's, Wisconsin built itself through a rail network. Today, while its role has certainly changed, many sectors of our economy still rely on rail transportation. Wisconsin's power plants, paper producers, ethanol plants and other major industries ship and receive vast amounts of freight by rail. Last year, Amtrak carried almost 1,200 passengers a day in the business-oriented corridor between Milwaukee and Chicago. Clearly, we need to understand the ways that rail serves the economy to build for the future.

In presenting this report, I want to thank the many organizations and agencies that contributed time and ideas to this effort. In recognition that rail is an important element to Grow Wisconsin, the report reflects input from rail shippers, local agencies, economic development corporations, labor unions, tribes, statewide organizations and, of course, the railroad operators themselves. While this report does not always outline solutions, it carefully examines the foremost issues from the perspective of all rail stakeholders.

Thank you for your interest in this report. I encourage you to continue to stay involved with the department's efforts to create and maintain a high-quality transportation system for Wisconsin.

Sincerely,
FRANK J. BUSALACCHI
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Transportation**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services
Madison

May 3, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The attached report is submitted to the Legislature pursuant to s. 46.27 (11g) and s. 46.277 (5m) of the state statutes. The

state statutes require the Department of Health and Family Services to submit an annual report for the Community Options Program (COP) and the Home and Community-Based Waivers (COP-W/CIP II). The attached report describes the persons served, program expenditures, and services delivered through the COP, COP-Waiver and CIP II programs in calendar year 2002.

The Community Options Program provides services to people who are elderly or who have a physical, developmental or mental disability, and is closely coordinated with all of Wisconsin's Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers. With the Department's oversight, county agencies are able to ensure that a comprehensive and individualized care plan is provided, while maintaining program flexibility and integrity, and maximizing federal matching funds.

Sincerely,
HELENE NELSON
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Aging and Long-term Care**.

Milwaukee Public Schools
Department of Business Services
Madison

May 3, 2004

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

According to Wisconsin School Law 121.87 in accordance with 13.172, the Board is required by law to submit the enclosed reports. School Law 121.87 states "...annually by May 1 the board of school directors of the school district operating under ch. 119 shall submit a report to the legislature under s.13.172 (2) that specifies the number, percentage, race, sex, grade and attendance area of pupils transferred outside their attendance area without written consent under s.121.85 (6)(am)."

Enclosed you will find a report that meet the requirements stated above. The total number of intra-district students based under the Chapter 220 designation for the school year 2003-2004 equals 16,003. Of that number 711 either did not return a consent form or checked box indicating no consent. Students who have moved during the school year and no longer require parental consent were subtracted from the non-returned figure. The district did meet the requirement of ninety-five percent (95%) parents providing consent.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL TURZA
Director

Referred to committee on **Education**.