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THURSDAY, September 23, 2004

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

SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

September 20, 2004

Mr. Patrick Fuller
Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
Room 208, Risser Justice Center
17 West Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Patrick:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 9 (2)(c), Representative Jim Kreuser has nominated Representative Mark Pocan for the Joint Committee on Finance. I have granted this request and ask that he be appointed to the committee effective immediately.

Sincerely,
JOHN G. GARD
Speaker

September 22, 2004

Representative Glenn Grothman
Co-Chair, JCRAR
15 North, State Capitol

Senator Joseph Leibham
Co-Chair, JCRAR
409 South, State Capitol

Dear Representative Grothman and Senator Leibham:

Representative Seratti is unable to attend the meeting of the Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules on September 23, 2004. Representative Steve Nass will substitute for Representative Seratti at tomorrow's meeting.

Sincerely,
JOHN G. GARD
Speaker

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

DATE: September 10, 2004

TO: Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk

FROM: Kevin P. Reilly, President
University of Wisconsin System

SUBJECT: Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act
2003-04 Report

The University of Wisconsin System is pleased to provide you with a copy of our annual Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) report. This document fulfills Section 1.11 (2)(j) of the Wisconsin Statutes, providing information on the number of Type I Environmental Impact Statements and Type II Environmental Impact Assessments completed during the past fiscal year.

The attached report reflects WEPA activities of the University of Wisconsin System related to Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Impact Assessments completed during the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, they should be directed to Terri Reda, UW System Environmental Affairs Officer. Terri may be reached at 263-4410.

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services
Madison

September 13, 2004

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

In accordance with sec. 1.11 (2)(j) Wis. Stats., the Department of Health and Family Services reports that it did not conduct any Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements during the reporting period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Sincerely,
HELENE NELSON
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

State of Wisconsin
Investment Board
Madison

September 15, 2004

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

Pursuant to s. 1.11 (2)(j) of the Statutes, the State of Wisconsin Investment Board is pleased to report that it did not consider any proposals for major actions in Wisconsin during fiscal year 2004 that could significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the agency was not required to prepare any environmental assessments or impact statements under s. 1.11.

Please contact Sandy Drew at 261-0182 if you have any questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,
DAVID C. MILLS
Executive Director

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

September 17, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of University of Wisconsin (UW) System staffing, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. In fiscal year (FY) 2002-03, UW System's operating expenditures were \$3.3 billion. Approximately one

third of that amount – \$1.1 billion – was funded with general purpose revenue.

To understand changes in staffing levels, we analyzed payroll data for three years: 1998, 2003, and 2004. From March 1998 to March 2004, the number of employees on UW System's payroll increased by 10.6 percent, so that in March 2004 UW System had 31,971.8 full-time equivalent employees in permanent, project, and limited-term positions. There were declines in the numbers of project and limited-term employees during our review period, but an increasing number of permanent staff. For example, UW System's payroll increased by 89.3 permanent positions from March 2003 to March 2004.

At the request of the Audit Committee, we focused on the number and types of administrative positions. UW System records positions and expenditures with "activity codes" that are used by colleges and universities throughout the United States. However, Institutional Support, the activity code for system-wide management and other administrative costs, does not include all positions with administrative duties. Our analysis of job titles and position descriptions indicates that in March 2004, 8,037.7 positions, or 25.1 percent of all filled positions throughout UW System, performed administrative functions. Administrative expenditures totaled \$495.0 million, or 15.0 percent of all UW System expenditures, in FY 2002-03, the latest year for which complete information was available.

Our report contains recommendations for improved reporting and suggests careful review of issues relating to legislative control of UW System positions, the relationship between UW System and the State, and ensuring student access.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by UW System staff. A response from the UW System President follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor