

# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## Ninety–Sixth Regular Session

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TUESDAY, December 23, 2003

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

### INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read and referred:

#### **Senate Bill 353**

Relating to: creating grants for the Wisconsin Patient Safety Institute, Inc., and making an appropriation.

By Senators M. Meyer, Robson and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Underheim, Shilling, Ott and Miller.

To committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care**.

#### **Senate Bill 354**

Relating to: traffic regulations and traffic control devices at railroad crossings, making appropriations, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Cowles, Roessler, A. Lasee and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Ainsworth, Owens, Hahn, Ott, Petrowski, Krawczyk, Gronemus, Albers, Musser, Van Roy and Gunderson.

To committee on **Transportation and Information Infrastructure**.

#### **Senate Bill 355**

Relating to: eliminating the estate tax.

By Senators Welch, Kanavas, Reynolds, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Darling, Schultz and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Jensen, Kerkman, Nischke, Gundrum, Ladwig, Pettis, Gielow, J. Fitzgerald, Hahn, Suder, Albers, LeMahieu, Musser, Owens, Jeskewitz, Olsen, Seratti, Petrowski, Freese, Hines, Nass, Gunderson, Kreibich, Krawczyk, McCormick, Lothian, Bies, Vrakas, Vukmir and Van Roy.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

#### **Senate Bill 356**

Relating to: exclusion of members of a state or local governmental body from meetings of a subunit of that body.

By Senator Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Ziegelbauer, Albers, Turner, Musser and J. Lehman.

To committee on **Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform**.

By joint committee on Employment Relations.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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

#### **Senate Bill 357**

Relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the state of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Physicians and Dentists Association, for the 2003–05 biennium, covering employees in the professional patient treatment collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Introduction.

Ayes, 8 – Senators Lasee, Panzer, Darling and Erpenbach; Representatives Grad, Foti, Kaufert and Kreuser.

Noes, 0 – None.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

#### **Senate Bill 358**

Relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the state of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Professional Employees Council, WFT/AFT, AFL–CIO, for the 2003–05 biennium, covering employees in the professional fiscal and staff services collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Introduction.

Ayes, 8 – Senators Lasee, Panzer, Darling and Erpenbach; Representatives Grad, Foti, Kaufert and Kreuser.

Noes, 0 – None.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

#### **Senate Bill 359**

Relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the state of Wisconsin and the Association of State Prosecutors for the 2003–05 biennium, covering employees in the assistant district attorneys collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Introduction.

Ayes, 8 – Senators Lasee, Panzer, Darling and Erpenbach; Representatives Grad, Foti, Kaufert and Kreuser.

Noes, 0 – None.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

#### **Senate Bill 360**

Relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the state of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Graduate Assistants Association, AFT/WFT, Local 2169, AFL–CIO, for the 2003–05 biennium, covering employees in the program, project, and teaching assistants of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Introduction.

Ayes, 8 – Senators Lasee, Panzer, Darling and Erpenbach; Representatives Grad, Foti, Kaufert and Kreuser.

Noes, 0 – None.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

#### **Senate Bill 361**

Relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the state of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State

Building Trades Negotiating Committee, AFL-CIO, and its appropriate affiliated locals, for the 2003-05 biennium, covering employees in the building trades crafts collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Introduction.

Ayes, 8 – Senators Lasee, Panzer, Darling and Erpenbach; Representatives Grad, Foti, Kaufert and Kreuser.

Noes, 0 – None.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

**Senate Bill 362**

Relating to: state employee travel and expense reimbursement; supplemental credits for the purchase of health insurance for dependents of state employees who die while employed by the state and state employees who are laid off and their surviving insured dependents; and use of earned annual leave under the state civil service system and granting an additional paid personal holiday for nonrepresented state employees.

Introduction.

Ayes, 8 – Senators Lasee, Panzer, Darling and Erpenbach; Representatives Grad, Foti, Kaufert and Kreuser.

Noes, 0 – None.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Alan Lasee  
Senate Chairperson

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services**

December 18, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

Section 46.03(26) of the statutes requires the Department of Health and Family Services to report annually on information systems projects under development. The attached report is a summary of the departmental systems currently under development.

Sincerely,

HELENE NELSON  
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

December 19, 2003

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of the State of Wisconsin Educational Communications Board Television Network to meet our audit requirements under s. 13.94, Wis. Stats., and as requested by the Educational Communications Board to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities to determine future funding levels.

The Educational Communications Board, which is an agency of the State of Wisconsin, operates a television network of 5 digital stations and 5 analog stations, as well as a radio network of 12 FM stations and 1 AM station. The television network received \$17.1 million in support and revenue during fiscal year 2002-03, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

Our audit report contains the financial statements and related notes for the period July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. We

were able to issue an unqualified independent auditor's report on these statements.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Educational Communications Board staff during the audit.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

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The Educational Communications Board, which is an agency of the State of Wisconsin, operates a radio network of 12 FM stations and 1 AM station, as well as a television network of 5 digital stations and 5 analog stations. The radio network received \$9.3 million in support and revenue during fiscal year 2002-03, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

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Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

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Legislative Audit Bureau**

December 19, 2003

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of WHA Television as requested by the University of Wisconsin-Extension to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities to determine future funding levels.

WHA Television is licensed to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and is operated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. WHA Television received \$16.0 million in revenues during fiscal year 2002-03, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

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**ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

December 19, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint HENRICHS, WENDY M., of Rhinelander, as a member of the Chiropractic Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

December 18, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint OLSEN, DAVID E., of Jefferson, as a member of the Funeral Directors Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.**

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**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF  
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING  
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03-110**

Relating to the administration of the military funeral honors program.

Submitted by Department of Veterans Affairs.

Report received from Agency, December 19, 2003.

Referred to committee on **Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform**, December 23, 2003.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03-114**

Relating to oversize and overweight permits for vehicles and loads.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, December 23, 2003.

Referred to committee on **Transportation and Information Infrastructure**, December 23, 2003.

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The committee on **Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03-047**

Relating to elevators, escalators, and lift devices.

No action taken.

Cathy Stepp  
Chairperson