

# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## Ninety–Sixth Regular Session

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WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2004

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

### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### State of Wisconsin

September 22, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 20(2)(a) and (b) I have appointed Senator Reynolds to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules and removed Senator Welch.

With regard to members of the minority party, appointments are made based on the nominations of that caucus.

Sincerely,

SCOTT FITZGERALD  
Senate Majority Leader

#### State of Wisconsin Investment Board

September 15, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

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

#### State of Wisconsin Ethics Board

September 21, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2003 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us>

Blain, Michael	Center for Policy Reform, The
Jentz, Robert	Center for Policy Reform, The
Kordenbrock, William R	Electronic Data Systems Corp
Kuehn, Ronald W	Center for Policy Reform, The
Lamb, Jordan	Center for Policy Reform, The
Rosenzweig, Peggy	WI Academy of Ophthalmology

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

R. ROTH JUDD  
Executive Director

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

September 13, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

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 of Environmental Impact Statements during the reporting period of July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004.

Sincerely,

HELENE NELSON  
Secretary

#### State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

September 17, 2004

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.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

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## ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

September 14, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint THEORIN, CARL, of Wausau, as a member of the Auctioneer Board to serve for the term ending July 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Labor, Small Business Development and Consumer Affairs.**

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

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

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 04–016**

Relating to construction of public buildings and places of employment.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 04–035**

Relating to fees and the uniform state plumbing code.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 04–043**

Relating to historic and existing buildings.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 04–052**

Relating to the design and construction of swimming pools and fees.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 04–054**

Relating to gas systems.

No action taken.

Cathy Stepp

Chairperson

The committee on **Environment and Natural Resources** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 04–048**

Relating to the administration of the forest crop law and the managed forest law.

No action taken.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 04–068**

Relating to private sewage system replacement or rehabilitation grant program.

No action taken.

Neal Kedzie

Chairperson