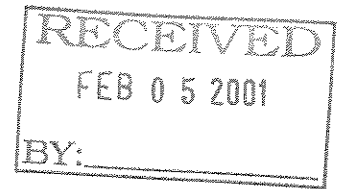




TOMMY G. THOMPSON

**Governor
State of Wisconsin**



January 25, 2001

To the Honorable Members of the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do reappoint Rodney W. Kreunen as the Commissioner of Railroads effective January 25, 2001, pursuant to the statute governing, to serve a term to expire March 1, 2005.

Mr. Kreunen will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tommy G. Thompson".

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

TGT/nkw



TOMMY G. THOMPSON

**Governor
State of Wisconsin**

January 25, 2001

Rodney W. Kreunen
Commissioner of Railroads
P. O. Box 8968
Madison, WI 53708


Dear Mr. Kreunen:

This letter is to confirm your nomination as the Commissioner of Railroads effective January 25, 2001 to serve a term to expire March 1, 2005. We have agreed on a salary of \$67,500.00 with the following increments:

March 1, 2002 - \$68,500.00
March 1, 2003 - \$69,500.00
March 1, 2004 - \$70,500.00

This nomination requires Senate confirmation and I have forwarded the necessary information to the Senate Chief Clerk so a hearing can be scheduled.

I am pleased that you have agreed to take on this task. I know you will do a superb job.

My very best to you and my thanks for the commitment you are making.

Sincerely,


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

TGT/nkw



TOMMY G. THOMPSON

**Governor
State of Wisconsin**

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

NAME/MAILING ADDRESS: Rodney W. Kreunen
Commissioner of Railroads
P. O. Box 8968
Madison, WI 53708

E-MAIL ADDRESS: KreunR@psc.state.wi.us

RESIDES IN: Madison

TELEPHONE: 608/266-3182 (W)

OCCUPATION: Commissioner of Railroads
State of Wisconsin

APPOINTED TO: Commissioner of Railroads

TERM: a term to expire March 1, 2005

SUCCEEDS: himself

SENATE CONFIRMATION: required

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: January 25, 2001

DATE OF NOMINATION: January 25, 2001

COMPENSATION: January 29, 2001 - \$67,500.00
March 1, 2002 - \$68,500.00
March 1, 2003 - \$69,500.00
March 1, 2004 - \$70,500.00



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Director

NOMINEE: Rodney W. Kreunen
POSITION: Commissioner of Railroads

STATUTORY
REFERENCE: **15.06 Commissions and commissioners.**
* * *

(1) (ar) The commissioner of railroads shall be nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for a 6-year term expiring on March 1 of an odd-numbered year.

15.795 [Public Service Commission]; attached office. (1) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS. There is created an office of the commissioner of railroads which is attached to the public service commission under s. 15.03 * * *. The commissioner of railroads shall have expertise in railroad issues and may not have a financial interest in a railroad, as defined in s. 195.02(1). The commissioner may not serve on or under any committee of a political party. The commissioner shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified.

2/27/01 cw

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, TOURISM, AND TRANSPORTATION:
Senators Breske (Chair), Grobschmidt, Baumgart, A. Lasee, and Farrow.

Mall or fax to: Wisconsin Ethics Board, 44 E. Mifflin St., Suite 601, Madison, WI 53703-2800; Fax: (608) 264-9319

JAN 21 2003

Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2002 for calendar year 2001

Name: KREUNEN, ROSEY W.
(last name, first name & initial)

State position: OCR
(held or sought) (include agency, division, branch or district, if applicable)

APR 30 2002
J 5/22/02
ETHICS BOARD

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPLANATION AND EXCEPTIONS.

Questions about completing this form? Call (608) 266-8115 • Other inquiries (608) 266-8123 • Attach additional pages as needed

Part A

As of December 31, 2001

1. List STOCKS, BONDS, limited partnerships, Wisconsin governmental securities, and mutual and money market funds you or your family held (minimum \$5,000).

Name of security	Type of security - "✓" one					Amount - "✓" one	
	stock/ option/ futures	bond	limited partnership	Wisconsin governmental security	mutual or money mkt fund	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000

2. List BUSINESSES and INCOME-PRODUCING REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had a 10% or greater ownership interest.

Name of business (if any) or business activity, or address of real estate	Municipality	State	If real estate, list County	Describe nature of business

a) For each general partnership or non-Wisconsin entity you listed in item #2, list the GENERAL PARTNERS or the OFFICERS and DIRECTORS.

Business	Partners, or officers and directors	City	State

b) For each enterprise you listed in item #2 that is an unincorporated business, a subchapter S corporation, a service corporation (SC), a limited liability company (LLC), a partnership, or income-producing real estate, list BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, and any LOBBYISTS that were CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, or TENANTS that paid the enterprise \$1,000 or more in calendar year 2001.

Businesses, organizations, lobbyists that were customers, clients, or tenants	City	State

3. List the specific location of WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had an interest (except your principal residence and real estate whose location you listed in item 2).

LOCATION OF PROPERTY			NATURE OF INTEREST (own, lease, option, easement, land contract)
Street address or fire number	Municipality	County	

4. List ORGANIZATIONS of which you or a family member was an OFFICER or DIRECTOR.

Business or organization	City	State	Position
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5. List ORGANIZATIONS THAT AUTHORIZED YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER TO REPRESENT THEM in their dealings with others as an attorney at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative (unless listed in item 4 or 7).

Business or organization	City	State
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6. List CREDITORS to which you or your family owed \$5,000 or more.

Creditor	City	State	"✓" one	
			\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
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Part B

For calendar year 2001

7. List your and your family's EMPLOYERS (\$1,000 or more of income) in 2001.

Name of employer (If State of Wisconsin, identify agency or institution)	City	State	Nature of employer's business
DCS	MADISON	WI	RAILROAD PROBLEMS
ST MARY'S CARE CENTER	MADISON	WI	ELDERLY CARE

8. List OTHER SOURCES from which you or your family received INCOME of \$1,000 or more in 2001.

Source of income	City	State
SOCIAL SECURITY		

9. List individuals and organizations that provided you with ENTERTAINMENT or GIFTS (more than \$50) in 2001.

Name of provider	City	State
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10. List, for 2001, sources of HONORARIA and payment of EXPENSES related to your state government duties (more than \$50) not previously reported to the Ethics Board.

Payer	Approximate value of expenses	Amount of honorarium	Circumstances of receipt
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I have read the accompanying instructions and certify that the information contained in this Statement of Economic Interests is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. If any part has been left blank, I have done so intentionally because there is nothing to report.

Signature of person filing: *R. W. Rooney* Date: *28 APR 2002* Daytime phone #: *266-3182*
 E-mail address: *ROONEY.KRENNEN@PSC.STATE.WI.GOV*

The information sought in this form is required by §§19.43 and 19.44, Wisconsin Statutes. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Ethics Board will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with §15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes, the Ethics Board states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.



January 28, 2003

The Honorable Joseph Leibham
Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Chairman Leibham:

As Assistant Vice President Government Affairs for Union Pacific Railroad, I have worked closely with Commissioner of Railroads, Rodney Kreunen, on many rail safety projects. On behalf of Union Pacific Railroad Company, I want to let you and the Committee know that I strongly support Commissioner Kreunen's confirmation. I would have been present at the Committee hearing on January 29, but was previously committed to be in Washington, D.C. on that day.

The Commissioner has spent untold hours working on safety at rail/highway grade crossings. It is not uncommon for me to receive a call from him when he is out in the field inspecting a location, and for him to ask for specific UP information. He has promoted communication and cooperation between local communities and the Wisconsin railroad industry. When we talk together, we solve problems. He has also promoted communication with Wisconsin DOT, via our quarterly joint meetings on the status of our rail safety projects. He has suggested innovative solutions to enhance rail safety. While in office, he has heightened the need and value of rail safety in Wisconsin. While I have not always agreed with all of his ideas, his energy devoted to doing more for rail safety, for encouraging thinking "out-of-the-box", and yet his very careful stewardship of the dollars appropriated for rail safety (such as reusing signals at other crossings, etc.), have earned him confirmation.

I support Commissioner Kreunen's confirmation 100%.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Payette".

cc: Bill Gerrard
Sam Gratz

(MWP\012803-002)

Michael W. Payette
Assistant Vice President, Government Affairs, Central Region

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CHAPTER 189
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF RAILROADS

189.01 Definitions.

189.02 Office of the commissioner of railroads; powers and duties.

189.03 Transportation plans.

189.01 Definitions. In this chapter:

- (1) "Department" means the department of transportation.
- (2) "Office" means the office of the commissioner of railroads.
- (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of transportation.

History: 1977 c. 29; 1981 c. 347; 1983 a. 189; 1993 a. 16, 123.

189.02 Office of the commissioner of railroads; powers and duties. (1) The office may adopt rules to govern its proceedings and to regulate the mode and manner of hearings.

(2) The office may employ staff, including hearing examiners.

(3) The office may administer oaths, subpoena witnesses and documents or other physical evidence, take testimony and cause the taking of depositions.

(3m) (a) Except as provided in s. 15.03, the public service commission shall have no control or jurisdiction over the office in matters relating to railroad regulation.

(b) Notwithstanding par. (a), the commissioner of railroads shall seek the input of, and give considerable weight to the advice given by, the chairperson of the public service commission on matters relating to the employment of persons by the office.

(4) Decisions of the office are not appealable to the public ser-

vice commission. Decisions of the office are subject to judicial review under ch. 227.

(5) The secretary may request the office to hold hearings and advise the secretary on transportation plans, policies, goals, priorities and programs affecting railroads.

(6) The secretary may by rule provide for administrative appellate review by the office of determinations of the department in areas that affect railroads and that are specified by the secretary. In areas where such administrative appellate review is provided, recourse thereto shall be a condition precedent to judicial review under ch. 227.

(7) At least 14 days before submitting to the public service commission any personnel or budget request that affects any appropriation to the department of transportation, the office shall notify the secretary of the request.

History: 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 32 s. 92 (1); 1981 c. 347 ss. 22, 80 (1), (2); 1983 a. 27; 1985 a. 182 s. 57; 1993 a. 16, 123; 1999 a. 9.

189.03 Transportation plans. In performing its duties and making its decisions the office may consider transportation plans, policies, or other documents if they are admitted into evidence. A party may conduct cross-examinations reasonably required for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

History: 1977 c. 29; 1981 c. 347 s. 80 (1); 1993 a. 16, 123.



Other aid

Adopt-A-Highway program

Airport Improvement Program

Business help during construction

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)

Freight Railroad Infrastructure Improvement Program (FRIIP)

Freight Railroad Preservation Program (FRPP)

Harbor Assistance Program (HAP)

Local Transportation Enhancements (TE)

Railroad crossing improvements

Surface Transportation Program - Discretionary (STP-D)

Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA)

[Programs for Local Government](#) > [Other aid](#) >

Railroad crossing improvements

[Train whistles](#) | [Statutory references](#)

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation works with freight and passenger railroads and other businesses on initiatives that preserve rail service, improve the efficiency of rail operations, and enhance economic development.

A separate state agency, the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR), enforces regulations related to railway safety and investigates the safety of highway/rail crossings. In partnership with private rail firms, local governments and citizens, OCR oversees a variety of highway/rail crossing issues including:

- Replacement or enhancement of passive and active warning devices at highway/rail crossings;
- Repair of rough highway/rail crossing surfaces;
- Installation of highway/rail crossings at new locations;
- Alteration of existing highway/rail crossings; and
- Closing or consolidating existing highway/rail crossings.

Contact:

Office of the Commissioner of Railroads
 Rodney Kreunen, Commissioner
rodney.kreunen@psc.state.wi.us
 610 North Whitney Way, Suite 110
 Madison, WI 53708
 (608)266-7607

Train whistles

The Federal Railroad Administration has proposed draft rules regarding the sounding of train whistles at crossings.

Statutory references

Chapter 86: Miscellaneous highway provisions including highway/railroad grade crossings ([86.11](#), [86.12](#), [86.13](#), [86.135](#)).

Chapter 189: Office of the Commissioner of Railroads, powers and duties.

Chapter 190: Railroads, organization and management including powers of railroads and railroad consolidation; sale or lease of property.

Chapter 191: Railroads, construction, including railroad extensions.

Related information:

[Rail crossing safety](#)

[Freight Rail Preservation Program \(FRPP\)](#)

[Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program \(FRIIP\)](#)

[Rail plans and projects](#)

[Railroad index](#)

Vote Record

Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure

Date: _____

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

AB _____ SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____

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- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

Senator Joseph Leibham

Senator Ted Kanavas

Senator Neal Kedzie

Senator Roger Breske

Senator Mark Meyer

Aye No Absent Not Voting

Totals: 4 _____ 1 _____

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② MM

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure

Date: 1/29

Meeting Type: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Location: _____

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Senator Joseph Leibham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ted Kanavas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Roger Breske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Mark Meyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure

Date: 1/29/03 Meeting Type: PUBLIC HEARING

Location: STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 411-5

Committee Member

- Senator Joseph Leibham
- Senator Ted Kanavas
- Senator Neal Kedzie
- Senator Roger Breske
- Senator Mark Meyer

Present

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<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Joseph Leibham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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