



# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

## Ninety-Seventh Regular Session

11:12 A.M.

TUESDAY, January 17, 2006

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol.

Speaker Gard in the chair.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent for a quorum call. Granted.

A quorum was present.

The prayer was offered by Pastor James Bickel from Ascension Lutheran Church in Waukesha.

Representative Underheim led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Freese, Friske, Gielow, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hebl, Hines, Honadel, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krusick, Lamb, F. Lasee, Lehman, LeMahieu, Loeffelholz, Lothian, McCormick, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Nischke, Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petrowski, Pettis, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Toles, Towns, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Gard – 98.

Absent with leave – None.

Vacancies – 33rd Assembly District – 1.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Representative Gundrum asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for part of today's session for Representatives Loeffelholz and Rhoades. Granted.

Representative Turner asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for part of today's session for Representatives Nelson, Sheridan, Shilling and Sinicki. Granted.

### AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 801** offered by Representative Towns.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 830** offered by Representative Wieckert.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 842** offered by Representative Moulton.

Assembly amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 842** offered by Representative Hebl.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 843** offered by Representative Gundrum.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Joint Resolution 52** offered by Representatives Friske and Gundrum.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Joint Resolution 33** offered by Representatives Friske and Gundrum.

### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### **Assembly Bill 914**

Relating to: finance charges for payday loans.

By Representatives Schneider, Boyle, Travis, Musser, Albers, Hahn and Sheridan; cosponsored by Senators Jauch and Miller.

To committee on **Financial Institutions**.

#### **Assembly Bill 915**

Relating to: the sale of printing devices with starter toner cartridges.

By Representative Schneider.

To committee on **Small Business**.

**Assembly Bill 916**

Relating to: eligibility for tuition fee remission for family members of certain veterans.

By Representatives Schneider, Albers, Hebl, Kreibich, Owens and Molepske; cosponsored by Senator Erpenbach.

To committee on **Veterans Affairs**.

**Assembly Bill 917**

Relating to: disclosing drafts of drafting requests that did not result in legislation.

By Representatives Molepske, Zepnick, Black, Van Akkeren and Lehman.

To committee on **Judiciary**.

**Assembly Bill 918**

Relating to: registration fees for certain automobiles.

By Representative Molepske.

To committee on **Transportation**.

**Assembly Bill 919**

Relating to: ballast water management, providing a penalty, and making an appropriation.

By Representative Molepske.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

**Assembly Bill 920**

Relating to: identification of individuals who examine statements of economic interest filed with the Ethics Board.

By Representative Black.

To committee on **Campaigns and Elections**.

**Assembly Bill 921**

Relating to: approval of state building projects and contracts and use of bidding procedures on such contracts and the allocation of village assets and liabilities upon dissolution.

By Representatives J. Fitzgerald, Shilling and Towns; cosponsored by Senators Roessler, Risser and Zien.

To committee on **State Affairs**.

**Assembly Bill 922**

Relating to: requiring a report on physician prescribing practices under Medical Assistance.

By Representatives Rhoades, Davis, Gielow, Gunderson, Jeskewitz, Musser, Ott, Owens, Strachota, Townsend and Petrowski; cosponsored by Senators S. Fitzgerald, Olsen and Roessler.

To committee on **Medicaid Reform**.

**Assembly Bill 923**

Relating to: warning methods for ice holes in lakes and granting rule-making authority.

By Representative Albers.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

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**REFERRAL OF VETOES**

**Assembly Bill 766**

Relating to: recovery of noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases.

To committee on **Rules**.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The committee on **Education** reports and recommends:

**Senate Bill 382**

Relating to: transportation of public school pupils who live outside the school district in which they are enrolled.

Concurrence:

Ayes: 12 – Representatives Towns, Kestell, Nass, Hundertmark, Townsend, Hines, Davis, Lehman, A. Williams, Ziegelbauer, Pope–Roberts and Van Akkeren.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

*DEBRA TOWNS*

Chairperson

Committee on Education

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The committee on **Forestry** reports and recommends:

**Assembly Bill 810**

Relating to: Council on Forestry membership.

Passage:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth, M. Williams and Hubler.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

*DONALD FRISKE*

Chairperson

Committee on Forestry

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The committee on **Health** reports and recommends:

**Assembly Bill 341**

Relating to: the offering of health savings accounts under the state employee health care coverage program.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Underheim, Vukmir, Gielow, Wieckert, Krawczyk, Hundertmark, Strachota and Moulton.

Noes: 5 – Representatives Wasserman, Shilling, Vruwink, Benedict and Nelson.

Assembly Amendment 2 adoption:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Underheim, Vukmir, Gielow, Wieckert, Krawczyk, Hundertmark, Strachota and Moulton.

Noes: 5 – Representatives Wasserman, Shilling, Vruwink, Benedict and Nelson.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Underheim, Vukmir, Gielow, Wieckert, Krawczyk, Hundertmark, Strachota and Moulton.  
Noes: 5 – Representatives Wasserman, Shilling, Vruwink, Benedict and Nelson.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

### **Assembly Bill 828**

Relating to: the regulation of optometrists, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

Passage:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives Underheim, Vukmir, Krawczyk, Hundertmark, Strachota, Wasserman and Benedict.  
Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

*GREGG UNDERHEIM*  
Chairperson  
Committee on Health

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The committee on **Judiciary** reports and recommends:

### **Assembly Bill 725**

Relating to: default judgments in cases involving citations issued for certain violations, including underage drinking and smoking.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Gundrum, Pridemore, Kerkman, Kleefisch, Staskunas and Turner.  
Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Gundrum, Pridemore, Kerkman, Kleefisch, Staskunas and Turner.  
Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

### **Assembly Joint Resolution 52**

Relating to: prohibiting partial vetoes from creating new sentences (first consideration).

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore, Kerkman and Kleefisch.  
Noes: 2 – Representatives Staskunas and Turner.

Adoption as amended:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore, Kerkman and Kleefisch.  
Noes: 2 – Representatives Staskunas and Turner.

To committee on **Rules**.

### **Assembly Joint Resolution 68**

Relating to: prohibiting partial vetoes of parts of bill sections (first consideration).

Adoption:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore, Kerkman and Kleefisch.  
Noes: 2 – Representatives Staskunas and Turner.

To committee on **Rules**.

### **Senate Joint Resolution 33**

Relating to: prohibiting partial vetoes from creating new sentences (first consideration).

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore, Kerkman and Kleefisch.  
Noes: 2 – Representatives Staskunas and Turner.

Concurrence as amended:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Pridemore, Kerkman and Kleefisch.  
Noes: 2 – Representatives Staskunas and Turner.

To committee on **Rules**.

*MARK GUNDRUM*  
Chairperson  
Committee on Judiciary

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The committee on **Tourism** reports and recommends:

### **Assembly Bill 833**

Relating to: the issuance of permits to individuals for the use of fireworks and the sale of fireworks to nonresidents.

Passage:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Pettis, Mursau, Gunderson, Hines, Van Roy, Moulton, Nerison and Van Akkeren.  
Noes: 3 – Representatives Ziegelbauer, Young and Seidel.

To committee on **Rules**.

*MARK PETTIS*  
Chairperson  
Committee on Tourism

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The committee on **Urban and Local Affairs** reports and recommends:

### **Assembly Bill 483**

Relating to: county and municipal support for a public library system.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Gunderson, Lothian and Gottlieb.  
Noes: 3 – Representatives Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Without recommendation (Assembly Rule 19).

Ayes: 4 – Representatives LeMahieu, Gunderson, Lothian and Gottlieb.  
Noes: 4 – Representatives Pridemore, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

To committee on **Rules**.

**Assembly Bill 662**

Relating to: requiring the departments of administration and revenue to study the impact on local governments of removing land from the tax rolls.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Lothian, Gottlieb, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 1 – Representative Gunderson.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Lothian, Gottlieb, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 1 – Representative Gunderson.

To committee on **Rules**.

**Assembly Bill 670**

Relating to: distributing the school levy and lottery and gaming property tax credits.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Gunderson, Gottlieb, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 1 – Representative Lothian.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 5 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 3 – Representatives Gunderson, Lothian and Gottlieb.

To committee on **Rules**.

**Assembly Bill 726**

Relating to: allowing schools and local governmental units to claim refunds of the motor vehicle fuel tax and making an appropriation.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Gunderson, Lothian, Gottlieb, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Gunderson, Lothian, Gottlieb, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 0.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

**Assembly Bill 739**

Relating to: municipal quotas for intoxicating liquor retailers.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives Pridemore, Gunderson, Lothian, Gottlieb, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 1 – Representative LeMahieu.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Pridemore, Gunderson, Lothian, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 2 – Representatives LeMahieu and Gottlieb.

To committee on **Rules**.

*DANIEL LEMAHIEU*

Chairperson

Committee on Urban and Local Affairs

The committee on **Workforce Development** reports and recommends:

**Assembly Bill 228**

Relating to: increasing funding for local youth apprenticeship grants for programs that are targeted at providing training in the areas of health care and health care technology and making appropriations.

Passage:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Krawczyk, Lothian, Kreibich, Wood, Pridemore, Seidel, Lehman and Toles.

Noes: 0.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

**Assembly Bill 774**

Relating to: eligibility of a student enrolled in a 2-year, full-time vocational diploma program at a technical college for an academic excellence higher education scholarship.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Krawczyk, Lothian, Kreibich, Wood, Pridemore, Seidel, Lehman and Toles.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Krawczyk, Lothian, Kreibich, Wood, Pridemore, Seidel, Lehman and Toles.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

*JUDY KRAWCZYK*

Chairperson

Committee on Workforce Development

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**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

From: Robert J. Marchant, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has

Concurred in:

**Assembly amendment 1 to Senate Bill 68**  
**Assembly amendment 15 to Senate Bill 403**  
**Assembly Joint Resolution 70**  
**Assembly Bill 775**

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Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Resolution 46** be withdrawn from the committee on **Rules** and taken up at this time. Granted.

**Assembly Resolution 46**

Relating to: the Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 46** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Freese, Friske, Gielow, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hebl, Hines, Honadel, Hubler, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krusick, Lamb, F. Lasee, Lehman, LeMahieu, Lothian, McCormick, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Musser, Nass, Nerison, Nischke, Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petrowski, Pettis, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Richards, Schneider, Seidel, Sherman, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Toles, Towns, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Underheim, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Ward, Wasserman, Wieckert, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer and Speaker Gard – 91.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Loeffelholz, Nelson, Rhoades, Sheridan, Shilling, Sinicki and Young – 7.

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that all members of the Assembly be made coauthors of **Assembly Resolution 46**. Granted.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

From: Robert J. Marchant, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has

Adopted and asks concurrence in:

**Senate Joint Resolution 56**

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 56** be withdrawn from the Senate message and taken up at this time. Granted.

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**SPECIAL GUEST**

Representative Black introduced University of Wisconsin-Madison Football Coach and Athletic Director, Barry Alvarez from Madison, who addressed the members from the rostrum.

**Senate Joint Resolution 56**

Relating to: commending Barry Alvarez for his achievements as coach of the University of Wisconsin Badgers football team.

By Senators Risser, Erpenbach, Schultz, Plale, Breske, Taylor, Lazich, A. Lasee, Olsen, Kedzie, Roessler, Coggs and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Black, Pocan, Cullen, Loeffelholz, Nelson, McCormick, Travis, Musser, Hebl, Wieckert, Rhoades, Van Akkeren, Jeskewitz, Lothian, Boyle, Molepske, Berceau, Hahn, Vos, Petrowski, Ward, Towns, M. Williams, Sheridan, Lehman, Bies, Kerkman, Staskunas, Hundertmark, Stone, Ballweg, Gunderson and Owens.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 56** be concurred in?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that all members of the Assembly be added as cosponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution 56**. Granted.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 56** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

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Representative Gundrum asked unanimous consent that the Assembly stand recessed. Granted.

The Assembly stood recessed.

11:37 A.M.

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**RECESS**

1:34 P.M.

The Assembly reconvened.

Speaker Gard in the chair.

Representative Montgomery asked unanimous consent for a quorum call. Granted.

A quorum was present.

Speaker Pro Tempore Freese in the chair.

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Representative Loeffelholz asked unanimous consent that his leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

Representative Nelson asked unanimous consent that his leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

Representative Rhoades asked unanimous consent that her leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

Representative Sheridan asked unanimous consent that his leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

Representative Shilling asked unanimous consent that her leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

Representative Sinicki asked unanimous consent that her leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

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**CALENDAR OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

**Assembly Bill 64**

Relating to: polling hours.

The question was: Shall Senate amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 64** be concurred in?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that the Assembly's action on **Assembly Bill 64** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

**Assembly Bill 229**

Relating to: assignment of a landowner's eligibility to apply for a turkey hunting license.

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 229** offered by Representatives Musser, Boyle and Pettis.

The question was: Shall Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 229** be adopted?

Motion carried.

The question was: Shall Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 229** be adopted?

Motion carried.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 229** be ordered engrossed and read a third time?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 229** be given a third reading. Granted.

The question was: **Assembly Bill 229** having been read three times, shall the bill be passed?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 229** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

**Assembly Bill 526**

Relating to: requiring a child's parent to provide a health insurance identification card to the child's other parent.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 526** be ordered engrossed and read a third time?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 526** be given a third reading. Granted.

The question was: **Assembly Bill 526** having been read three times, shall the bill be passed?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 526** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

**Assembly Bill 592**

Relating to: time for service of court documents in child abuse and harassment injunction cases.

Representative Wieckert asked unanimous consent that **Assembly Bill 592** be laid on the table. Granted.

**Assembly Bill 660**

Relating to: legal custody of a child who was initially taken into custody under circumstances in which the child's parent relinquished custody of the child and whose parents' parental rights to the child have been terminated.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 660** be ordered engrossed and read a third time?

Motion carried.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 660** be given a third reading. Granted.

The question was: **Assembly Bill 660** having been read three times, shall the bill be passed?

Motion carried.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 660** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

**Assembly Bill 742**

Relating to: transferring a permit to operate a hotel, restaurant, bed and breakfast, rooming house, or vending machine.

The question was: Shall Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 742** be adopted?

Motion carried.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 742** be ordered engrossed and read a third time?

Motion carried.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 742** be given a third reading. Granted.

The question was: **Assembly Bill 742** having been read three times, shall the bill be passed?

Motion carried.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 742** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that **Assembly Bill 536** be taken from the table. Granted.

**Assembly Bill 536**

Relating to: prohibiting a register of deeds from recording certain instruments that contain more than a partial social security number and providing a penalty.

Representative Albers asked unanimous consent that Assembly amendment 6 to **Assembly Bill 536** be withdrawn and returned to the author. Granted.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 536** be ordered engrossed and read a third time?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 536** be given a third reading. Granted.

The question was: **Assembly Bill 536** having been read three times, shall the bill be passed?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 536** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

**Senate Bill 34**

Relating to: the method of filling vacancies in certain county, city, village, and town elective offices.

The question was: Shall Assembly amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 34** be adopted?

Motion carried.

The question was: Shall **Senate Bill 34** be ordered to a third reading?

Motion carried.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent that the Assembly stand recessed. Granted.

The Assembly stood recessed.

1:56 P.M.

**RECESS**

5:04 P.M.

The Assembly reconvened.

Speaker Gard in the chair.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

State of Wisconsin  
Elections Board  
Madison

January 17, 2006

Dear Representative-Elect Newcomer:

I am pleased to extend my congratulations on your election as Representative to the Assembly, Thirty third District for the State of Wisconsin. You have been elected to complete the balance of the unexpired, two-year term ending January 1, 2007, caused by the resignation of Daniel P. Vrakas.

If the State Elections Board staff can provide you with any information or assistance, please contact our office.

*KEVIN J. KENNEDY*  
Executive Director  
State Elections Board

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

I, Kevin J. Kennedy, Executive Director of the State Elections Board of the State of Wisconsin, certify that

*Scott Newcomer*

was elected to the office of

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY**

from the Thirty third Assembly District of the State of Wisconsin, for the unexpired term of two years, commencing on January 3, 2005, and ending January 1, 2007, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Daniel P. Vrakas, as shown on the official canvass of the votes cast at the Special Election held on January 10, 2006.

Done in the City of Madison, this  
17th day of January, 2006.

Sincerely,  
*KEVIN J. KENNEDY*  
Executive Director  
State Elections Board

**OATH OF OFFICE**

On Tuesday, January 17, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice David Prosser, Jr. administered the oath of office to Scott Newcomer of the Thirty third Assembly District in a ceremony held in the State Capitol in the city of Madison. Representative Newcomer addressed the members from the rostrum, accompanied by his wife, Julie, and daughters Alicia, Nicole and Taylor.

Speaker Pro Tempore Freese asked unanimous consent that the Assembly stand recessed. Granted.

The Assembly stood recessed.

5:19 P.M.

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**RECESS**

6:44 P.M.

The Assembly reconvened.

Speaker Gard in the chair.

Representative Huebsch asked unanimous consent for a quorum call. Granted.

A quorum was present.

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The Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Skindrud announced the arrival of the Honorable Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Skindrud announced the arrival of the members of the Wisconsin State Senate.

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**JOINT CONVENTION**

The houses went into joint convention.

Senate President Lasee presiding.

Senator Lasee recognized the presence of Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton, Attorney General Peggy Lautenschlager, State Treasurer Jack Voight and Superintendent of Public Instruction Elizabeth Burmaster; Justices Jon P. Wilcox, Ann Walsh Bradley, N. Patrick Crooks, David T. Prosser, Jr., Patience Drake Roggensack, and Louis B. Butler, Jr., of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Skindrud announced the arrival of Governor Jim Doyle

Governor Jim Doyle took his place at the rostrum to deliver his state of the state address.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 73, the governor's message is printed in the Senate journal only.

Representative Huebsch moved that the joint convention arise.

The question was: Shall the joint convention arise?

Motion carried.

8:05 P.M.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Kessler asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Tom Parker, a former Milwaukee County Labor Council President, who passed away on January 1. Granted.

Representative Albers asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Bob Wollersheim of Wollersheim Winery in Prairie du Sac, who passed away last month. He left behind a legacy of good will, good wine, good friends and a great family. Granted.

Representative Toles asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his contributions to this country. Granted.

Representative Wood asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of African American Students. Granted.

Representative Wieckert asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics for completing 1000 heart and lung transplants. Granted.

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**VISITORS**

During today's session, the following visitors honored the Assembly by their presence and were welcomed by the presiding officer and the members:

Nick Cluppert, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls majoring in Political Science and the Student Government President, guest and intern of Representative Ballweg.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Huebsch moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 19.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

8:06 P.M.