



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Seventh Regular Session

THURSDAY, June 8, 2006

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 05–116

Relating to national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for industrial, commercial and institutional boilers and process heaters.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, June 6, 2006.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Referred on June 8, 2006.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 06–011

Relating to fishing on the inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, June 6, 2006.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Referred on June 8, 2006.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 06–012

Relating to deer and turkey hunting, hunting and trapping techniques, permit and license issuance, dog training, and learn to hunt programs.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, June 6, 2006.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Referred on June 8, 2006.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 06–029

Relating to user fees at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

Submitted by Department of Tourism.

Report received from Agency, June 2, 2006.

To committee on **Tourism**.

Referred on June 8, 2006.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 06–036

Relating to the transportation facilities economic assistance and development (TEA) program.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, June 7, 2006.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Referred on June 8, 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS

June 5, 2006

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Mr. Fuller:

On May 5, 2006, I had a leave of absence from the floor beginning at 11:16 P.M. As a result of illness, I left the building.

I missed two votes and would like the record to reflect how I would have voted, if present:

No on Senate Joint Resolution 5, relating to: providing for an advisory referendum on the question of enacting the death penalty in this state.

Aye on Senate Bill 567, relating to: limiting eligibility for public assistance programs to U.S. citizens and qualifying aliens, requiring documentary proof of citizenship or satisfactory immigration status, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
SHERYL K. ALBERS
State Representative
50th Assembly District

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State
Madison

To Whom It May Concern:

Acts, Joint Resolutions and Resolutions deposited in this office have been numbered and published as follows:

<u>Jt. Res. Number</u>	<u>Enrolled Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Assembly Joint Res. 30	.. 62	Not Published
Assembly Joint Res. 75	.. 63	Not Published
Assembly Joint Res. 81	.. 64	Not Published
Assembly Joint Res. 91	.. 65	Not Published
Assembly Joint Res. 103	.. 66	Not Published
Assembly Joint Res. 104	.. 67	Not Published
Assembly Joint Res. 105	.. 68	Not Published

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

Wisconsin Hospital Association
2004 Health Care Data Report
Madison

June 6, 2006

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is a hard copy of the 2004 Health Care Data Report produced by WHA Information Center pursuant to s. 153.22, Wis. Stats. The report (www.whainfocenter.com) was posted on our Web site in March 2006. Please feel free to download and print additional copies.

If you have any questions regarding the report you may contact me at 608-274-1820, 800-231-8340 or jkachelski@wha.org.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH KACHELSKI
Vice President, WHA Information Center

Referred to committee on **Health**.

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AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

June 5, 2006

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, we have completed an evaluation of expenditures made by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to support fish and wildlife activities. In fiscal year (FY) 2004-05, these expenditures totaled \$120.2 million. Of this amount, \$68.2 million was generated through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and other user fees. Fish and wildlife activities were also funded with federal aid, general purpose revenue, and program revenues.

For a number of years, some hunters and anglers have raised concerns about the extent to which the fees they pay are spent on activities related to hunting and fishing. We found that 97.6 percent of DNR's user fee-funded expenditures in FY 2004-05 provided some benefit to hunters and anglers, including 57.3 percent spent primarily for their benefit. User fees also funded \$1.6 million in expenditures that did not directly benefit hunters and anglers.

In FY 2004-05, DNR spent \$7.5 million in user fees for administrative costs at the department and division level. These costs represented 11.1 percent of all user fee expenditures, which is below the 16.0 percent limit established in statutes.

When we reviewed the financial condition of the Fish and Wildlife Account, we found that expenditures exceeded revenues in each year and the account's balance declined significantly, from \$28.3 million in FY 2000-01 to \$1.0 million in FY 2004-05. Fee increases that took effect in July 2005 will increase revenues, but preliminary information for FY 2005-06 indicates that sales of some types of licenses declined from 2004 to 2005. These trends will have to be monitored closely.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by staff of DNR and by the interest groups with which we spoke. DNR's response follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor