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TUESDAY, August 15, 2006

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 06-033

Relating to definitions, experience, educational courses, continuing education, conduct and renewal for real estate appraisers.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, August 4, 2006.

To committee on **Small Business**.

Referred on August 15, 2006.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 06-051

Relating to nutritional counseling certification.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, August 4, 2006.

To committee on **Health**.

Referred on August 15, 2006.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 06-054

Relating to required examinations for licensure as a professional counselor.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, August 8, 2006.

To committee on **Health**.

Referred on August 15, 2006.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 06-055

Relating to psychotherapeutic counseling by professional counselors.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, August 8, 2006.

To committee on **Health**.

Referred on August 15, 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS

August 3, 2006

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

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I hereby resign my seat as the State Representative for the 37th Assembly District, effective Friday, August 2, 2006. Subsequently, this resignation will also terminate my membership to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance, the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Authority Board, and the Governor's Bicycle Coordinating Council.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
DAVID WARD
State Representative
37th Assembly District

August 10, 2006

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

Dear Patrick:

Enclosed is a copy of the General Report of the Joint Legislative Council to the 2005-2006 Legislature, prepared and submitted pursuant to s. 13.81 (3), Stats.

I would appreciate your noting in the Assembly Journal, pursuant to s. 13.172, Stats., that this report has been delivered to your office.

Sincerely,
TERRY C. ANDERSON
Director
Joint Legislative Council

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

August 2, 2006

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

In compliance with Wisconsin statute 16.548, please find the Wisconsin Office of Federal/State Relations quarterly report to be submitted to the Legislature for the second quarter of 2006. This report provides information on the activities of the

office and the status of federal legislation of concern to the State of Wisconsin.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this material.

Sincerely,
STEPHEN E. BABLITCH
Secretary

Referred to committee on **State-Federal Relations**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
Madison

August 8, 2006

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I'm pleased to announce the availability a new publication entitled *Wisconsin's Brownfields Initiative: 2006 Report To The State Legislature*, a joint publication from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Commerce and Department of Administration.

The report, required by statute (S. 292.255, Wis. Stats.), provides a summary of the legislative, financial and policy initiatives created and implemented by the State of Wisconsin since the passage of the Land Recycling Act in 1994 (Wisconsin Act 453). These initiatives have aided communities all across the state in the investigation, cleanup and redevelopment of hundreds of brownfields – abandoned, idle or underused properties where the reuse is hindered by real or perceived contamination.

The report will be available on the Remediation and Redevelopment's web pages at the following link: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/index.htm>. If you would like additional copies of the report, please contact Andrew Savagian at 608-261-6422, or andrew.savagian@dnr.state.wi.us.

Sincerely,
SCOTT HASSETT
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

August 8, 2006

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, we have completed a review of the State's economic development programs. The Department of Commerce is the State's lead agency for economic development. It administered 88 of the 152 programs we identified to encourage the establishment and growth of businesses, including creating and retaining jobs. Seven other state agencies administered the remaining programs.

The 152 programs we identified provided financial assistance and direct services to businesses, individuals, local governments, and nonprofit and other organizations from fiscal year (FY) 2001-02 through FY 2004-05. During the period we reviewed, these programs awarded \$180.9 million in grants and loans, as well as \$56.3 million in targeted tax credits, \$240.4 million in bonding authorization, and \$64.4 million in loan guarantees.

We make a number of recommendations to streamline economic development programs by clarifying their purposes, consolidating statutory requirements, and standardizing eligibility criteria. In addition, accountability could be enhanced by strengthening agency reporting requirements and disclosing project costs and benefits to the public.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Department of Commerce and the other agencies we reviewed. A response from Commerce follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor