

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Senate Journal
Ninety–Seventh Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2005

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Monday, December 19, 2005.

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 41
Senate Bill 121
Senate Bill 132
Senate Bill 167
Senate Bill 347

Presented to the Governor on December 19, 2005.

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Wednesday, December 21, 2005.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 05–068

Relating to agricultural producer security.
Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.
Report received from Agency, December 16, 2005.
Referred to committee on **Agriculture and Insurance**, December 20, 2005.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 481

Relating to: the maximum amount of a Wisconsin higher education grant.

By Senators Harsdorf, Darling, Miller, Taylor, Coggs, Roessler, Hansen, Risser and Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representatives Ballweg, Kreibich, Gronemus, Towns, Nischke, Krawczyk, Hines, Seidel, Sheridan, Pettis, Boyle, Loeffelholz, Townsend, Freese, Molepske, Grigsby and Shilling.

To committee on **Higher Education and Tourism**.

Senate Bill 482

Relating to: the calculation of a school district's special adjustment aid and revenue limit when territory is detached from one or more school districts to create a new school district.

By Senators Olsen, Darling, Harsdorf, Grothman, Schultz, Zien and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Towns, Hines, Kestell, Davis, Nass, Hahn, Ott, Petrowski, Albers, Pridemore, Lehman and Wood.

To committee on **Education**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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

Assembly Bill 29

Relating to: registration of vehicles operated exclusively by volunteer fire departments.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Noes, 0 – None.

Assembly Bill 69

Relating to: driver licenses and identification cards for aliens.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 4 – Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke and Wirch.

Noes, 1 – Senator Breske.

Assembly Bill 95

Relating to: the definitions of motor bicycle and moped.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Noes, 0 – None.

Assembly Bill 97

Relating to: displaying the empty weight on the side of certain motor vehicles.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Noes, 0 – None.

NEAL KEDZIE
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board**

December 20, 2005

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 2005 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us>

Bentley, Marc S	Schuetz, Inc.
Bock, Peter	Arjo Wiggins Appleton Limited
Brooks, Bryan	Primerica Financial Services
Brozek, Michael	Lexmark International
Elias, Nathan	Pfizer Inc
Elverman, Timothy J	Wisconsin Association of Staffing Services
Flaherty, Patrick	Center Advocates, Inc.
Gussert, Andy	AFT – Wisconsin
Harff, James	Office Max Contract Inc
Heins, Stephen	Orion Energy Systems
Hubbard, Gregory	Wisconsin Association of Staffing Services
Langenohl, Tony	Development Association Inc, The
Langenohl, Tony	Pfizer Inc
Leonard, Ramie	Wisconsin Association of Staffing Services
Lisak, Andrew	Development Association Inc, The
Longmire, Erin	Wisconsin Airport Management Association
Millis, Don	Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Petersen, Eric J	Select Management Resources
Shepherd, Jeremy	Wisconsin Bankers Association
Smith, Joshua	Rock County
Stitt, Donald	Wisconsin Rental Dealers Association

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
Legislative Audit Bureau**

December 16, 2005

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of the State of Wisconsin Educational Communications Board (ECB) Television Network to meet our audit requirements under s. 13.94, Wis. Stats., and as requested by ECB to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities to determine future funding levels.

ECB, which is an agency of the State of Wisconsin, operates a television network of 5 digital stations and 5 analog stations, as well as a radio network of 12 FM stations and 1 AM station. The Television Network received \$11.6 million in support and revenue during fiscal year 2004–05, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

Our audit report contains ECB Television Network's financial statements and related notes for the period July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. We were able to issue an unqualified independent auditor's report on these statements.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by ECB staff during the audit.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
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Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

December 16, 2005

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of WHA Television, as requested by the University of Wisconsin–Extension to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities to determine future funding levels.

WHA Television is licensed to the University of Wisconsin System's Board of Regents and is operated by the University of Wisconsin–Extension. WHA Television earned \$15.8 million in revenues during fiscal year 2004–05, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

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JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
University System**

December 14, 2005

The Honorable, The Legislature:

The 1999-200 State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget, [1999 Wisconsin Act 9](#), included a provision to change the University of Wisconsin System’s appropriation for tuition and fee revenues (Academic Student Fees, Fund 131) from an annual, sum certain appropriation to a continuing appropriation.

Wisconsin Act 9 required the board of Regents to report annually, beginning on December 15, 2000, the amount by which actual expenditures in the previous fiscal year, in this case, 2004-2005, exceeded the amount in the schedule for that appropriation in the previous fiscal year. That report, including the purposes for which the additional revenues were spent and the amount spent for each purpose, is attached.

Please contact Lynn Paulson at (608) 263-7481, if you have any questions related to this report.

Sincerely,

DEBORAH A. DURCAN
Vice President, Finance

**State of Wisconsin
Technical College System**

December 8, 2005

The Honorable, The Legislature:

This letter certifies that all sixteen Wisconsin have provided sexual assault and harassment orientation, materials and information to students as required under state statute 38.12(11) for the 2005–2006 school year.

Individual college letters assuring compliance are on file in our office at this time. If you have any questions or need additional

information, please contact Linda Fahey, System Equal Opportunity Officer, at 267-2479.

Sincerely,

DANIEL CLANCY
President

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

December 12, 2005

The Honorable, The Senate:

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Health Insurance Risk Sharing plan (HIRSP), I am pleased to submit the calendar year 2004 annual report. The submission is in accordance with the statutory requirements set forth at s. [149.15](#), Wisconsin Statutes.

The report includes:

- A summary of how HIRSP is funded, who is eligible, what services are covered and policyholder premium, deductible and coinsurance obligations.
- A historical overview and a summary of HIRSP-related legislative changes since 1997.
- Demographic information about HIRSP policyholders.
- An explanation of HIRSP’s funding and financial information.
- Utilization and cost data, including summaries of HIRSP payments by diagnosis category and by therapeutic classes of prescription drugs.

The Department of Health and Family Services and the HIRSP Board appreciate the continuing support of the Legislature. Please contact me if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

MARK B. MOODY
Administrator

Referred to the committee on **Higher Education and Tourism**.

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

December 21, 2005

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Senate Bill 149	Act 66	December 20, 2005
Senate Bill 174	Act 67	December 20, 2005
Senate Bill 206	Act 68	December 20, 2005
Senate Bill 167	Act 71	December 21, 2005
Senate Bill 347	Act 72	December 21, 2005
Senate Bill 132	Act 73	December 21, 2005
Senate Bill 121	Act 76	December 21, 2005
Senate Bill 41	Act 83	December 21, 2005

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State**

To the Honorable, the Senate:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Senate Bill 294	Act 52	December 29, 2005

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

Pursuant to Senate Rule [17 \(5\)](#), Senator Breske removed as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 292**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Lassa removed as a cosponsor of **Assembly Bill 69**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Carpenter added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 429**.

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

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02-095

Relating to groundwater quality standards.

No action taken.

NEAL KEDZIE
Chairperson

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 331

Presented to the Governor on December 20, 2005.