

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
**Senate Journal**  
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WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2006

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

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**CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES**

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Friday, February 3, 2006.

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Read first time and referred:

**Senate Bill 550**

Relating to: return of funds in excess of surplus and incurred liabilities.

By Senators Darling, Lassa and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Gielow, Nischke, Ainsworth, Albers, Bies, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Hundertmark, McCormick, Nerison, Ott and Strachota.

To committee on **Agriculture and Insurance**.

**Senate Bill 551**

Relating to: creating an exemption for certain wetlands for the construction of a structure located in the town of Franklin, Kewaunee County.

By Senators A. Lasee, Stepp, Brown, Kanavas, Zien, Darling, S. Fitzgerald and Reynolds; cosponsored by Representatives Bies, F. Lasee, Pettis, Petrowski, M. Williams, Loeffelholz, Wood, Lothian, Townsend, Hahn, Ballweg, Hines, Musser, Montgomery, Nischke, Hundertmark, Newcomer, Kleefisch, Vos, Pridemore, Jensen, Moulton, LeMahieu, Honadel, Gielow, Ainsworth, Jeskewitz, Nerison, Ott, Kestell, Gunderson and Krawczyk.

To select committee on **DNR Regulatory Reform**.

**Senate Bill 552**

Relating to: a Medical Assistance family planning demonstration project minimum age eligibility limitation change.

By Senators Grothman, S. Fitzgerald, Kedzie, Lazich, Leibham, Reynolds, Stepp and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Gundrum, Albers, J. Fitzgerald, Gottlieb, Hahn, Hundertmark, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleefisch, Krawczyk, LeMahieu, Loeffelholz, Lothian, Mursau, Owens, Petrowski, Pridemore, Strachota and Newcomer.

To committee for **Review of Administrative Rules**.

**Senate Bill 553**

Relating to: political fund raising by certain executive state officials.

By Senators Brown, Ellis and Carpenter; cosponsored by Representatives Black and Freese.

To committee on **Campaign Finance Reform and Ethics**.

**Senate Bill 554**

Relating to: membership of the State Laboratory of Hygiene Board; nonresident tuition exemption for veterans; and the transfer program at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (suggested as remedial legislation by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System).

By Law Revision Committee.

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

**Senate Bill 555**

Relating to: the deadline for applying for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Senate Bill 556**

Relating to: a system of classifying invasive species (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Senate Bill 557**

Relating to: boats and associated tackle and equipment that are public nuisances under the fish and game laws (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Senate Bill 558**

Relating to: hunting of cougars (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Senate Bill 559**

Relating to: removal of aquatic plants (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Senate Bill 560**

Relating to: the authority of a warden to kill certain dogs that injure wildlife (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Senate Bill 561**

Relating to: the definition of waterfowl that applies to hunting blinds that are used for hunting waterfowl (suggested

as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Senate Bill 562**

Relating to: possession of firearms by juveniles while hunting (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

By Law Revision Committee.

To committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Senate Bill 563**

Relating to: creating income and franchise tax credits for expenses related to film production services and for capital investments made by a film production company, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Senators Kanavas, Darling, Kedzie, Lassa, Risser and Plale; cosponsored by Representatives Gielow, Wasserman, Zepnick, Kerkman, F. Lasee, Vos, Loeffelholz, Strachota, Sherman, Lehman, Stone, Fields, Berceau, Sheridan, Pettis, Newcomer, Cullen, Seidel, Molepske, Toles, Pope-Roberts and Kleefisch.

To committee on **Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs**.

**Senate Bill 564**

Relating to: the number of ballots authorized to be printed at an election.

By Senators Kanavas and Stepp; cosponsored by Representatives Mursau, LeMahieu, Lothian, Gunderson, Kerkman, Vos, Strachota and Jeskewitz.

To committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**.

**Senate Bill 565**

Relating to: waiver of certain divestment requirements under Medical Assistance.

By Senators Roessler and Olsen; cosponsored by Representatives Strachota, Gielow, Vos, Loeffelholz, Kaufert, Hundertmark, Nischke, F. Lasee, Musser, Jeskewitz, Ainsworth, Ballweg and Towns.

To committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care**.

**Senate Bill 566**

Relating to: creating income and franchise tax credits for the offering of a Wisconsin business; excluding from taxable income gains from a Wisconsin business; liability of shareholders; and exemptions from securities registration requirements.

By Senators Kanavas, Leibham, Stepp, Roessler and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Hundertmark, Gard, Mursau, Strachota, Krawczyk, Lamb, Newcomer, Nischke, Vos, Hahn, F. Lasee, Bies, Townsend, Kreibich, Albers, Gunderson, Loeffelholz and Musser.

To committee on **Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs**.

**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.

By Senators Reynolds and Leibham.

To committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**.

**Senate Bill 568**

Relating to: the county of placement for persons on supervised release, creating a tax on adult entertainment businesses, providing grants for transitional release facilities, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Senator Reynolds.

To committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**.

**Senate Bill 569**

Relating to: deoxyribonucleic acid testing of criminals.

By Senators Reynolds, Roessler, Grothman, Lassa and Leibham; cosponsored by Representatives Gundrum, Cullen, Musser, Krawczyk, Mursau, Gunderson, Lehman, F. Lasee, Townsend, Albers and Petrowski.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

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By Patrick E. Fuller, chief clerk.

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has passed and asks concurrence in:

- Assembly Bill 7**
- Assembly Bill 41**
- Assembly Bill 136**
- Assembly Bill 268**
- Assembly Bill 354**
- Assembly Bill 449**
- Assembly Bill 609**
- Assembly Bill 617**
- Assembly Bill 695**
- Assembly Bill 718**
- Assembly Bill 725**
- Assembly Bill 736**
- Assembly Bill 748**
- Assembly Bill 857**
- Assembly Bill 905**

Concurred in:

- Senate Bill 112**
- Senate Bill 370**
- Senate Bill 525**
- Senate Joint Resolution 60**

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**Assembly Bill 7**

Relating to: location of contiguous land for purposes of eligibility under the Managed Forest Land Program.

By Representatives Albers, Mursau, Ainsworth, Bies, Gronemus, Hahn, Hundertmark, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Loeffelholz, Musser and Ott; cosponsored by Senators Olsen, A. Lasee, Lassa and Lazich.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Agriculture and Insurance**.

**Assembly Bill 41**

Relating to: the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

By Representatives Bies, Ainsworth, Gronemus, Krawczyk, F. Lasee, Lehman, Musser, Ott, Townsend and Van Roy; cosponsored by Senators Zien, A. Lasee and Lassa.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Assembly Bill 136**

Relating to: representations made regarding wild rice sold or offered for sale in this state, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Representative Musser.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Agriculture and Insurance**.

**Assembly Bill 268**

Relating to: mandatory and permissive subjects of collective bargaining under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

By Representatives Gottlieb, Nass, Hundertmark, Albers, Ballweg, Bies, Gard, Gielow, Hahn, Honadel, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Kerkman, LeMahieu, Lothian, Meyer, Mursau, Musser, Nischke, Ott, Owens, Pridemore, Strachota, Stone, Towns, Vos, Vrakas, Wieckert, Wood and Ainsworth; cosponsored by Senators Brown, Darling, Kanavas and Lazich.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**.

**Assembly Bill 354**

Relating to: garnishment of the income of a minor.

By Representatives Owens, Jeskewitz, Ainsworth, Nass, Hundertmark, Van Roy, Albers and Hahn; cosponsored by Senators Roessler, Olsen and Grothman.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Assembly Bill 449**

Relating to: the management and disposal of septage and municipal sewage sludge, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Joint Legislative Council.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Assembly Bill 609**

Relating to: agreements to indemnify persons who process or dispose of carcasses with chronic wasting disease; access to tissue or disease data from wild animals; the regulation of the transportation, possession, control, storage, or disposal of the carcass of a cervid from a chronic wasting disease control zone or a state with confirmed chronic wasting disease; hunting deer in a chronic wasting disease control zone without a deer hunting license; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Kleefisch, Gunderson, Hahn, Musser, Albers, Hines, Kestell, Lamb, Owens, Townsend, Pettis, Montgomery and Ott; cosponsored by Senators Stepp, Wirch and Miller.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Assembly Bill 617**

Relating to: coverage of certain health care costs in cancer clinical trials.

By Representatives Gunderson, Davis, Wasserman, Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Boyle, Fields, Gronemus, Hahn, Hines, Kaufert, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Kreuser, Lehman, Lothian, Molepske, Montgomery, Musser, Nelson, Ott, Pettis, Sheridan, Steinbrink, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos and Vruwink; cosponsored by Senators Stepp, Roessler, Brown, Darling, Erpenbach, Hansen, Kanavas, A. Lasee, Lassa, Olsen, Risser, Wirch and Zien.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Agriculture and Insurance**.

**Assembly Bill 695**

Relating to: the requirement that motor vehicles be equipped with safety glass.

By Representatives Schneider, Stone, Musser, Gunderson and Hahn.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

**Assembly Bill 718**

Relating to: a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for the sales tax paid on the purchase of gun-club memberships and admissions to gun-club activities.

By Representatives Wieckert, Suder, Hines, Ott, Albers, Hundertmark, Kaufert, Hahn, Davis, F. Lasee, Vos, Krawczyk, Townsend, Mursau, Jensen, Gundrum, Sheridan and McCormick; cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee, Olsen, Kanavas and Brown.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs**.

**Assembly Bill 725**

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

By Representatives Kleefisch, Molepske, Gundrum, Vos, Mursau, Seidel, Musser, Hines, Schneider, Petrowski and Townsend; cosponsored by Senator Darling.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Assembly Bill 736**

Relating to: drug and alcohol testing of employees who are required to be paid the prevailing wage rate for work performed on projects of public works, other than state highway projects, and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Stone, Towns, Albers, Hines, Townsend, Musser, Strachota, Vos, Ott, Zepnick, Bies and Sinicki; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Plale, Brown, Wirch and Miller.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**.

**Assembly Bill 748**

Relating to: discharging a firearm in the direction of an electric transmission facility and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Van Roy, Gard, Gunderson, Montgomery, Krawczyk, Bies, McCormick, Hahn, Vos, Musser, Albers, Owens, Nerison, Hines and Ott; cosponsored by Senators Cowles and Hansen.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Energy, Utilities and Information Technology**.

**Assembly Bill 857**

Relating to: final offer limits under the Municipal Employment Relations Act.

By Representatives Gottlieb, Nischke, Albers, Gielow, Hines, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Musser, Nass, Towns, Underheim, Vos, Wood and Nerison; cosponsored by Senators Darling and Reynolds.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**.

**Assembly Bill 905**

Relating to: issuing resident fishing licenses, resident small game hunting licenses, and resident deer hunting licenses to certain students attending colleges or universities in this state.

By Representatives Hubler, Gunderson, Friske, Molepske, Jeskewitz, Lehman, Seidel, Montgomery, Hahn, Musser,

Vruwink and Petrowski; cosponsored by Senators Jauch, Zien, Miller and Grothman.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation**.

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Monday, February 6, 2006.

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Read and referred:

**Senate Joint Resolution 61**

Relating to: senate approval of certain agreements negotiated by the governor (first consideration).

By Senators Kanavas, Leibham, Zien, A. Lasee, Kapanke, Olsen, Reynolds and Lazich; cosponsored by Representatives Kleefisch, LeMahieu, Lothian, Albers, Hahn, Bies, Kreibich, Vos, Gunderson and Townsend.

To committee on **Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs**.

Read first time and referred:

**Senate Bill 570**

Relating to: the property tax exemption exemption for property owned by certain benevolent or educational associations and the use of income from certain tax-exempt leased property.

By Senators Kapanke and Grothman; cosponsored by Representatives Vukmir, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Petrowski, Strachota, Pridemore and Van Roy.

To committee on **Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs**.

**Senate Bill 571**

Relating to: offenses against financial institutions, community currency exchanges, and providing penalties.

By Senators Stepp, Kanavas, Darling, Zien, Grothman and Leibham; cosponsored by Representatives Hundertmark, Davis, Vos, Krawczyk, Petrowski, Meyer, Mursau, J. Fitzgerald, Kreibich, Nischke, Montgomery, Musser, Ott, Hahn, Albers, Bies, Freese, Lamb, Gunderson, LeMahieu, Suder, Kaufert, Van Roy and Hines.

To committee on **Housing and Financial Institutions**.

**Senate Bill 572**

Relating to: a trial jobs plus project under Wisconsin Works.

By Senators Taylor, Roessler and Miller; cosponsored by Representatives Grigsby, Young, Berceau, Pocan, Fields, Sinicki, A. Williams, Seidel, Sheridan and Kessler.

To committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**.

**Senate Bill 573**

Relating to: admitting evidence of other crimes in certain criminal proceedings.

By Senators Zien, Leibham, A. Lasee, Lazich, Darling, Kedzie and Grothman; cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Pettis, Gundrum, Gronemus, Townsend, Ainsworth, Mursau, Owens, Krawczyk, Kleefisch, LeMahieu, Albers, Bies, Van Roy, M. Williams, Musser, Kreibich, Jeskewitz and Petrowski.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Senate Bill 574**

Relating to: deadline for distributing a physician's or psychologist's report on a criminal defendant or a person

committed upon a finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

By Senators Zien and Grothman; cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Musser, Townsend, Hines, Gunderson, Albers and Jeskewitz.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Senate Bill 575**

Relating to: applying cash deposited for bail to restitution payments or to recompense ordered in criminal cases.

By Senators Zien and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Wood, Gronemus, Musser, Townsend, Hines, Owens, LeMahieu, Albers, Petrowski and Van Roy.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Senate Bill 576**

Relating to: popular election of technical college district boards, providing an exemption from and extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures and granting rule-making authority.

By Senators A. Lasee and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Wood, Kerkman, LeMahieu, F. Lasee, Suder, Lehman, Rhoades, Towns and Vukmir.

To committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform**.

**Senate Bill 577**

Relating to: the Volunteer Fire Fighter and Emergency Medical Technician Service Award Program and the exclusion of wages earned for services performed as a volunteer fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or first responder from partial unemployment benefit determinations.

By Senators Zien, Brown, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Lazich, Miller and Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, M. Williams, Ainsworth, Albers, Kerkman, Petrowski, Rhoades, Sherman, Suder, Vos, Wood and Lehman.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Senate Bill 578**

Relating to: confidentiality of health care review records and immunity.

By Senators Kanavas, Roessler, Darling, Cowles and Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representatives Underheim, Gielow, Moulton, Krawczyk, Hahn, Wieckert, Hundertmark, Albers, Strachota, Vruwink and Shilling.

To committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care**.

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

**Assembly Bill 298**

Relating to: tourism promotion and development under room tax law.

Adoption of Senate Amendment 1.

Ayes, 4 – Senators Harsdorf, Kapanke, Breske and Plale.  
Noes, 1 – Senator Leibham.

Concurrence as amended.

Ayes, 4 – Senators Harsdorf, Kapanke, Breske and Plale.  
Noes, 1 – Senator Leibham.

SHEILA HARSDORF  
Chairperson

The committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy** reports and recommends:

**Senate Bill 123**

Relating to: reorganizing and revising chapter 767 of the statutes.

Introduction and adoption of Senate Amendment 1.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Zien, Roessler, Grothman, Taylor and Risser.  
Noes, 0 – None.  
Passage as amended.  
Ayes, 5 – Senators Zien, Roessler, Grothman, Taylor and Risser.  
Noes, 0 – None.

DAVID ZIEN  
Chairperson

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**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

February 2, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

This letter is to rescind the nomination of William Elman that was made on May 26, 2005 for the Land and Water Conservation Board.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE  
Governor

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Albers added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 532**.

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Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 542** offered by Senator A. Lasee.

Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 566** offered by Senator Kanavas.

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The Chief Clerk records:

**Senate Bill 157**  
**Senate Bill 158**  
**Senate Bill 361**  
**Senate Bill 525**

Report correctly enrolled on February 6, 2006.

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

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Read first time and referred:

**Senate Bill 579**

Relating to: caregiver background information and providing a penalty.

By Senators Grothman and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Moulton, Krawczyk, Gunderson, Bies, Townsend, Albers, Petrowski and Gielow.

To committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care**.

**Senate Bill 580**

Relating to: child pornography, sexual exploitation of a child, using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, child sex offenders working with children, making appropriations, and providing penalties.

By Senators Darling, Roessler and Plale; cosponsored by Representatives Jeskewitz, Suder, Gronemus, Strachota, Ballweg, Ainsworth, Vos, Townsend, Kreibich, Sheridan, Musser, Lamb, M. Williams, Stone, Kleefisch, Kaufert, Petrowski, Albers, Owens and Krawczyk.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Senate Bill 581**

Relating to: mail theft, penalty enhancers for identity theft crimes against certain persons, protection of social security numbers of employees, prohibiting discrimination against an individual who refuses to disclose the individual's social security number, prohibiting social security numbers as identifying numbers on driver's licenses and identification cards, allowing individuals to restrict release of credit reports, and providing penalties.

By Senators Decker, Robson, Risser, Taylor, Breske, Hansen and Carpenter; cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Seidel, Black, Sinicki, Vruwink and Molepske.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**Senate Bill 582**

Relating to: decreasing Medical Assistance reimbursement, transferring moneys from the general fund to the Medical Assistance trust fund, increasing low-income energy assistance, and making appropriations.

By Senators Decker, Taylor, Miller, Erpenbach and Carpenter; cosponsored by Representatives Colon, Pocan, Sinicki, Fields, Hebl, Lehman, Grigsby, Parisi, Pope-Roberts, Cullen, Seidel, Berceau, Molepske and Shilling.

To committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care**.

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The committee on **Energy, Utilities and Information Technology** reports and recommends:

**Assembly Bill 615**

Relating to: mitigation payment agreements.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Cowles, Kapanke, Plale, Wirch and Kedzie.

Noes, 0 – None.

**Assembly Bill 806**

Relating to: low-income assistance grants made from the utility public benefits fund.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 3 – Senators Cowles, Kapanke and Kedzie.

Noes, 2 – Senators Plale and Wirch.

**Senate Bill 400**

Relating to: mitigation payment agreements.

Passage.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Cowles, Kapanke, Plale, Wirch and Kedzie.

Noes, 0 – None.

ROBERT COWLES  
Chairperson

The committee on **Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform** reports and recommends:

**Senate Bill 427**

Relating to: eligibility for tuition fee remission for spouses and children of certain veterans.

Adoption of Senate Amendment 1.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and Wirch.

Noes, 0 – None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and Wirch.

Noes, 0 – None.

RONALD BROWN  
Chairperson

**State of Wisconsin**

February 3, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 46(2)(c), I am writing to direct that **Assembly Bill 678** be withdrawn from the committee on **Natural Resources and Transportation** and rereferred to the committee on **Judiciary**. I have obtained the consent of the appropriate chairperson.

Sincerely,

ALAN LASEE  
Senate President

Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 391** offered by Senator Olsen.

The Chief Clerk records:

- Senate Joint Resolution 59**
- Senate Joint Resolution 60**
- Senate Bill 283**
- Senate Bill 341**
- Senate Bill 349**
- Senate Bill 370**
- Senate Bill 375**
- Senate Bill 386**

Report correctly enrolled on February 7, 2006.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS**

Read first time and referred:

**Senate Bill 583**

Relating to: limiting the scope of county zoning authority over commercial establishments.

By Senators Stepp and S. Fitzgerald; cosponsored by Representatives Albers, F. Lasee, Hines, Bies, Petrowski and Musser.

To committee on **Housing and Financial Institutions**.

**Senate Bill 584**

Relating to: regulation of bank branches, mergers and acquisitions of banks, providing an exemption from rule-making procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

By Senators Stepp, Brown, Grothman, Erpenbach and Harsdorf; cosponsored by Representatives Vos, Molepske, Albers, Fields, Musser, Krawczyk, Jeskewitz, Petrowski, Kreibich, J. Fitzgerald, Jensen, Hahn, Gunderson, Moulton, F. Lasee and Nischke.

To committee on **Housing and Financial Institutions**.

**Senate Bill 585**

Relating to: operation of the Building Commission, submission of capital budget recommendations, waiver of state construction contracting procedures, supervision of state facilities construction, estimates of state facility costs, and approval of leases that provide for construction of state facilities.

By Senators Cowles, Grothman, A. Lasee and Olsen; cosponsored by Representatives Vos, Jeskewitz, Krawczyk and Petrowski.

To committee on **Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform**.

**Senate Bill 586**

Relating to: preparing and filing parenting plans, equalizing periods of physical placement to the highest degree possible, using parenting plans to determine periods of physical placement, and modifying physical placement and custody orders.

By Senators Plale, Reynolds, A. Lasee and Lazich; cosponsored by Representatives Pridemore, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hines, Kestell, Krawczyk, Kreibich, F. Lasee, Musser, Nass, Ott, Van Roy, Wood, Strachota and Vos.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

The committee on **Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03-085**

Relating to department recoupment of program benefit overpayments from program recipients.

Modifications requested, Ayes 5, Noes 0.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Roessler, Darling, Brown, Erpenbach and Carpenter.

Noes, 0 – None.

CAROL ROESSLER  
Chairperson

The committee on **Labor and Election Process Reform** reports and recommends:

**Assembly Bill 377**

Relating to: absentee balloting by certain military electors.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas, Hansen and Carpenter.

Noes, 0 – None.

**Senate Bill 419**

Relating to: mailing and transmittal of absentee ballots.

Passage.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas, Hansen and Carpenter.

Noes, 0 – None.

**Senate Bill 474**

Relating to: making various changes in the worker's compensation law, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and making appropriations.

Passage.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas, Hansen and Carpenter.

Noes, 0 – None.

THOMAS REYNOLDS  
Chairperson

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin  
Ethics Board**

February 7, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

Arnold, G Brett

Wisconsin Council of Religious  
and Independent Schools

Canuteson, Beth                      Sprint Nextel Corporation  
Hoven, Timothy                      Cottonwood Financial Ltd.  
Taylor, Chad                          Apartment Association of  
   Southeastern Wisconsin  
Welsh, Michael                      Cottonwood Financial Ltd.

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>

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**

February 8, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the Milwaukee County child welfare program, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The program, which protects children from abuse and neglect, is administered by the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare in the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), which contracts for most services. In June 2005, the program served 3,188 children who had been removed from their homes to ensure their safety. An additional 266 families received services without having a child removed from the home. From January 2001 through June 2005, program expenditures totaled \$493.7 million. Our review of program expenditure and staffing issues is report 06-2.

DHFS has taken important steps in recent years to improve the welfare of children in Milwaukee County, including significantly reducing the number of children in out-of-home care. However, we identified concerns with the timeliness of investigations of child abuse and neglect, as well as the timeliness with which court-ordered services are provided. Collaboration and coordination among child welfare staff is limited, and problems related to establishing permanent placements were documented in 25 of 48 cases we reviewed. We make a number of recommendations for the Bureau to improve program management.

To assess whether the Bureau adequately ensured the safety of children, we reviewed 73 highrisk cases that were most likely to involve child abuse or neglect. The Bureau and its contractors took reasonable and appropriate action in 69 of these cases, but we believe more could have been done to protect children in the remaining 4 cases.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DHFS and the child welfare contractors. A response from DHFS follows the appendices.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

February 8, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

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Child Welfare in the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS). This review is part of a comprehensive evaluation that also addresses program management and performance (report 06-1).

Program expenditures totaled \$493.7 million from January 2001 through June 2005, when the Bureau had 153 full-time equivalent employees, including 90 certified social workers. The Bureau provides some program services, but most services are provided through contractors with an estimated 500 full-time equivalent employees in 2004.

We identified concerns with the Bureau's oversight of these contractors. For example, contractors have not reported on the services they provided to families, as required by their contracts. We also reviewed the appropriateness and reasonableness of costs that contractors charged to the program in 2004. We found \$677,694 in unallowable and questioned costs charged by six contractors, including payment of a \$541,604 duplicate reimbursement request submitted by one contractor.

A significant problem hampering effective program management is staff turnover. In 2004, turnover was 10.9 percent among the Bureau's social workers. Among contract staff, turnover was significantly higher and ranged from 25.5 percent for those serving families whose children remained in the home to 38.6 percent for those serving families whose children were removed from the home. We include a number of recommendations related to improving oversight of contractors and program funds, staff retention, and staff training.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DHFS and the child welfare contractors. DHFS's response follows the appendices.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Administration**

February 2, 2006

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 fourth quarter of 2005. 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

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Revenue**

February 6, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending December 31, 2005. As required by s. [565.37\(3\)](#), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain unaudited Wisconsin Lottery year to date Revenue and Expenditure information.

This past quarter had the second highest quarterly sales ever for the Wisconsin Lottery and puts us on track to exceed last year's contributions toward property tax relief.

The information reported here is a summary and is not intended to be a complete financial accounting of Wisconsin Lottery operations.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-6466.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL L. MORGAN  
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Transportation**

February 3, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

Enclosed is the report required under Act 280, to study the costs and benefits of integrating the computer linkup between the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to automate the searches of sex offender and caregiver abuse registry databases prior to issuing a school bus license.

Members of the team include: DOJ Deputy Director, Criminal Information Bureau, Phillip Collins; DHFS Information Resource Supervisor, Bureau of Quality Assurance, Richard Betz; DHFS IT Bureau of Information Systems, Grace Cudney; DHFS Manager, Development Services Section, Bureau of Information Systems, Josann Jesberger; DHFS Supervisor of Care Giver Quality, Shari Busse; DPI, Director of School Management Services, Robert Soldner; DPI Application Development Manager, Tiffany Boyd; DOT, IS Systems Developer, Bureau of Information Technology, Jeffrey Dorner; DOT, Supervisor of Medical Review Unit, Bureau of Driver Services, Jill Reeve; and DOT, Program Chief, Qualification and Issuance Section, Bureau of Driver Services, Karen Schwartz.

This report contains the options available for integration of the databases and estimated costs associated with each option. Please forward this report, as you feel appropriate to any interested parties.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Karen Schwartz, Chief of the Qualifications and Issuance Section, Bureau of Driver Services, at (608) 266-0054, or Jill Reeve, Supervisor of the Medical Review Unit at (608) 264-7393.

Sincerely,

FRANK J. BUSALACCI  
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Corrections**

February 8, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As required under Section 301.03(6r) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I am submitting information relative to the number of prisoners that the Department of Corrections considers violent and the total number of prisoners.

On November 30, 2005 the Department had 22,657 adult inmates assigned to Type "1" prisons in state and in contract facilities in and out of the state. Out of the 22,657 inmates, 13,944 or 66.4 percent had violent offenses.

Sincerely,

MATTHEW J. FRANK  
Secretary

**THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #138**

*Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin be Flown at Half-Staff in Remembrance of Coretta Scott King*

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2006, Coretta Scott King passed away at the age of seventy-eight; and

**WHEREAS**, Coretta Scott King was a leader of the civil rights movement, who kept Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream alive after his assassination; and

**WHEREAS**, the President has directed that the flag of the United States be lowered to half-staff at all public buildings and grounds in honor of Coretta Scott King on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, the day of her interment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by Federal and State law, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds and military installations of the State of Wisconsin equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on **Tuesday, February 7, 2006**, and ending at sunset on that date

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this seventh day of February in the year two thousand and six.

JIM DOYLE  
Governor

*BY THE GOVERNOR:*

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

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**AMENDMENTS OFFERED**

Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 435** offered by Senator Kanavas.

Senate substitute amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 448** offered by Senator Olsen.

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 563** offered by Senator Kanavas.

Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 578** offered by Senator Kanavas.

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**SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS**

The Chief Clerk records:

**Senate Bill 112**  
**Senate Bill 253**  
**Senate Bill 429**  
**Senate Bill 481**

Report correctly enrolled on February 8, 2006.

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**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU  
CORRECTIONS**

**CORRECTIONS IN:**

**TO 2005 SENATE BILL 450**

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau  
(February 8, 2006)

1. Page 28, line 21: delete "prime prime" and substitute "prime".