



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

2:05 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2007

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol. Pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Assembly Rule 5, the Assembly was called to order by the chief clerk of the 2005-2006 session, Patrick Fuller.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Corey Sateren of Bethany Evangelical Free Church in La Crosse:

“Heavenly Father, we give You praise and thanks today that we are afforded the privilege to gather like this and for this reason. Like this because You have thus far kept us a free country to practice both politics and religion freely and openly, all the while realizing we would be at a loss if we were to practice either of them without Your Standards and You as our guide. And we praise You and give You thanks that we are afforded the privilege to gather for the reason of leaning on Your wisdom and the wisdom You give each one here to direct the affairs of this State we live in. As we know all too well, all countries do not have this privilege.

And speaking of wisdom, I’m quite certain these folks are here today embarking on a new year of decision making and opening up this Assembly in a word of prayer, to ask You for wisdom that is far above what any one of them or any group of them has on their own. So I do ask You to provide for these leaders of our State, Divine wisdom and Divine understanding and Divine discernment and Divine direction that go beyond their own, to Yours.

Also, would You protect them from making wrong decisions and guide them into making right ones according to what You and only You know about our future.

And Father, I ask that You would influence the hearts of each of the members of this Assembly to strive to put Your Kingdom principle of unity to work throughout this year. Not that they agree on everything, but that they agree to disagree and walk away, can I say “loving” each other, respecting each other as a person created in your image! That is true unity!

One last item, Father, we all ask You to continue protecting our Soldiers overseas. Supernaturally keep them from harms way. Now, by Your grace, mercy, and Divine direction allow the decisions made by this Assembly throughout 2007 to be both productive and within Your will.

As it is in Christ’s name that we ask it. Amen!”

The Colors were presented by Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division Reserve.

Representatives-elect Andy Jorgensen and Kevin Petersen led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Sara Honadel, daughter of State Representative Mark Honadel, led the membership in singing the “Star Spangled Banner.”

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Elections Board
Madison

December 11, 2006

The Honorable Patrick Fuller, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the official canvass of the November 7, 2006 General Election vote for representative to the assembly along with the determination by the Chairperson of the State Elections Board of the winners.

With this letter, I am delivering the Certificates of Election and transmittal letters for the winners to you for distribution.

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

State Elections Board,
KEVIN J. KENNEDY
Executive Director

1st - Garey D. Bies
2520 Settlement Road
Sister Bay 54234
Republican

- 2nd - Frank G. Lasee
2380 Bluestone Place
Green Bay 54311
Republican
- 3rd - Alvin R. Ott
W2168 Campground Road
P.O. Box 112
Forest Junction 54123
Republican
- 4th - Phil Montgomery
1305 Oak Crest Drive
Green Bay 54313
Republican
- 5th - Tom Nelson
1510 Orchard Drive
Kaukauna 54130
Democrat
- 6th - Gary J. Tauchen
N3397 South Broadway Road
Bonduel 54107
Republican
- 7th - Peggy Krusick
3426 South 69th Street
Milwaukee 53219
Democrat
- 8th - Pedro A. Colon
338 West Walker Street
Milwaukee 53204
Democrat
- 9th - Josh Zepnick
3173 South 49th Street
Milwaukee 53219
Democrat
- 10th - Annette Polly Williams
3927 North 16th Street
Milwaukee 53206
Democrat
- 11th - Jason Fields
5686 North 60th Street
Milwaukee 53218
Democrat
- 12th - Frederick Kessler
11221 West Sanctuary Drive
Milwaukee 53224
Democrat
- 13th - David A. Cullen
2845 North 68th Street
Milwaukee 53210
Democrat
- 14th - Leah Vukmir
2544 North 93rd Street
Wauwatosa 53226
Republican
- 15th - Tony Staskunas
2010 South 103rd Court
West Allis 53227
Democrat
- 16th - Leon D. Young
2224 North 17th Street
Milwaukee 53205
Democrat
- 17th - Barbara Toles
3835 North 56th Street
Milwaukee 53216
Democrat
- 18th - Tamara Grigsby
2354 North 41st Street
Milwaukee 53208
Democrat
- 19th - Jon Richards
1823 North Oakland Avenue
Milwaukee 53202
Democrat
- 20th - Christine M. Sinicki
3132 South Indiana Avenue
Milwaukee 53207
Democrat
- 21st - Mark Honadel
1219 Manitoba Avenue
South Milwaukee 53172
Republican
- 22nd - Sheldon A. Wasserman
3487 North Lake Drive
Milwaukee 53211
Democrat
- 23rd - Jim Ott
11743 North Lakeshore Drive
Mequon 53092
Republican
- 24th - Suzanne Jeskewitz
N80 W15239 Hilltop Drive
Menomonee Falls 53051
Republican
- 25th - Robert F. Ziegelbauer
P. O. Box 325
1213 South 8th Street
Manitowoc 54221-0325
Democrat
- 26th - Terry Van Akkeren
1612 South 7th Street
Sheboygan 53081
Democrat
- 27th - Steve Kestell
W3829 State Highway 32
Elkhart Lake 53020
Republican
- 28th - Ann M. Hraychuck
P.O. Box 334
Balsam Lake 54810
Democrat

- 29th - John P. Murtha
2283 20th Avenue
Baldwin 54002
Republican
- 30th - Kitty Rhoades
708 4th Street
Hudson 54016
Republican
- 31st - Steve Nass
N8330 Jackson Road
Whitewater 53190
Republican
- 32nd - Thomas A. Lothian
539 Park Ridge Road
Williams Bay 53191
Republican
- 33rd - Scott Newcomer
1829 Nagawicka Road
Hartland 53029
Republican
- 34th - Dan Meyer
1013 Walnut Street
Eagle River 54521
Republican
- 35th - Donald Friske
N2998 County Highway K
Merrill 54452
Republican
- 36th - Jeffrey Mursau
4 Oak Street
Crivitz 54114
Republican
- 37th - Andy E. Jorgensen
1424 Endl Boulevard
Fort Atkinson 53538
Democrat
- 38th - Joel Kleefisch
W357 N6189 Spinnaker Drive
Oconomowoc 53066
Republican
- 39th - Jeff Fitzgerald
910 Sunset
Horicon 53032
Republican
- 40th - Kevin D. Petersen
N1433 Drivas Road
Waupaca 54981
Republican
- 41st - Joan Ballweg
170 West Summit Street
Markesan 53926
Republican
- 42nd - J. A. Hines
W8632 County Road I
Oxford 53952
Republican
- 43rd - Kim Hixson
327 South Woodland Drive
Whitewater 53190
Democrat
- 44th - Mike Sheridan
1032 Nantucket Drive
Janesville 53546
Democrat
- 45th - Chuck Benedict
3639 Bee Lane
Beloit 53511
Democrat
- 46th - Gary Hebl
515 Scheuerell Lane
Sun Prairie 53590
Democrat
- 47th - Eugene Hahn
W3198 Old B Road
Cambria 53923
Republican
- 48th - Joseph Parisi
3114 Oakridge Avenue
Madison 53704
Democrat
- 49th - Phil C. Garthwaite
795 12th Street
Fennimore 53809
Democrat
- 50th - Sheryl K. Albers
339 Golf Course Road
Reedsburg 53959
Republican
- 51st - Steve J. Hilgenberg
3607 Evans Quarry Road
Dodgeville 53533
Democrat
- 52nd - John F. Townsend
297 Roosevelt
Fond du Lac 54935
Republican
- 53rd - Carol Owens
144 County Road C
Oshkosh 54904
Republican
- 54th - Gordon N. Hintz
1209 Waugoo Avenue
Oshkosh 54901
Democrat
- 55th - Dean R. Kaufert
1360 Alpine Lane
Neenah 54956
Republican

56th - Roger J. Roth, Jr. 1789 Sanctuary Court #51 Appleton 54914 Republican	69th - Scott Suder 102 South 4th Avenue Abbotsford 54405 Republican
57th - Steve Wieckert 1 Weatherstone Drive Appleton 54914 Republican	70th - Amy Sue Vruwink 9425 Flower Lane Milladore 54454 Democrat
58th - Patricia Strachota 639 Ridge Road West Bend 53095 Republican	71st - Louis Molepske 1557 Church Street Stevens Point 54481 Democrat
59th - Daniel R. LeMahieu 21 South 8th Street P. O. Box 700200 Oostburg 53070 Republican	72nd - Marlin D. Schneider 3820 Southbrook Lane Wisconsin Rapids 54494 Democrat
60th - Mark Gottlieb 1205 Noridge Trail Port Washington 53074 Republican	73rd - Frank Boyle 4900 East Tri-Lakes Road Superior 54880 Democrat
61st - Robert L. Turner 36 McKinley Avenue Racine 53404 Democrat	74th - Gary E. Sherman P.O. Box 157 Port Wing 54865 Democrat
62nd - John W. Lehman 708 Orchard Street Racine 53405 Democrat	75th - Mary Hubler P. O. Box 544 1966 21-7/8 Street Rice Lake 54868 Democrat
63rd - Robin Vos 4710 Eastwood Ridge Racine 53406 Republican	76th - Terese Berceau 4326 Somerset Madison 53711 Democrat
64th - James Kreuser 3505 14th Place Kenosha 53144 Democrat	77th - Spencer Black 5742 Elder Place Madison 53705 Democrat
65th - John P. Steinbrink 8640 88th Avenue Pleasant Prairie 53158 Democrat	78th - Mark Pocan 309 North Baldwin Madison 53703 Democrat
66th - Samantha Kerkman 40255 105th Genoa City 53128 Republican	79th - Sondy Pope-Roberts 4793 Delmara Middleton 53562 Democrat
67th - Jeffrey Wood 1501 Miles Street Chippewa Falls 54729 Republican	80th - Brett Davis 1420 Raven Oaks Trail Oregon 53575 Republican
68th - Terry Moulton 980 118th Street Chippewa Falls 54729 Republican	81st - David Travis 5440 Willow Road Waunakee 53597 Democrat
	82nd - Jeff Stone 5535 Grandview Drive Greendale 53129 Republican

83rd - Scott L. Gunderson
123 North 2nd Street
Waterford 53185
Republican

84th - Mark Gundrum
5239 South Guerin Pass
New Berlin 53151
Republican

85th - Donna Seidel
807 South 20th Street
Wausau 54403
Democrat

86th - Jerry Petrowski
720 North 136th Avenue
Marathon 54448-9580
Republican

87th - Mary Williams
542 Billings Avenue
Medford 54451
Republican

88th - James R. Soletski
496 Menlo Park Rd
Green Bay 54302
Democrat

89th - John A. Nygren
1224 Carney Boulevard
Marinette 54143
Republican

90th - Karl Van Roy
805 Riverview Drive
Green Bay 54303
Republican

91st - Barbara Gronemus
36301 West Street
P.O. Box 676
Whitehall 54773
Democrat

92nd - Terry M. Musser
W13550 Murray Road
Black River Falls 54615
Republican

93rd - Jeffrey E. Smith
P.O. Box 8186
Eau Claire 54702
Republican

94th - Mike Huebsch
419 West Franklin
West Salem 54669
Republican

95th - Jennifer Shilling
2608 Main Street
La Crosse 54601
Democrat

96th - Lee Nerison
S3035 CTH B
Westby 54667
Republican

97th - Bill Kramer
P.O. Box 2097
Waukesha 53187
Republican

98th - Rich Zipperer
N24 W26419 Bucks Island Court
Pewaukee 53072
Republican

99th - Don Pridemore
2277 Highway K
Hartford 53027
Republican

OATH OF OFFICE

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 28 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Honorable Justice David Prosser, Jr. of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to the members en masse.

The attendance roll was called by the clerk, and the members, as their names were called, came to the desk to sign the Oath of Office book.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present – Representatives Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hilgenberg, Hines, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, Kreuser, Krusick, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Roth, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Wasserman, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer and Zipperer – 97.

Absent with leave – Representatives Hebl and Wieckert – 2.

Vacancies – None.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Representative Honadel asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for today's session for Representative Wieckert. Granted.

Representative Staskunas asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for today's session for Representative Hebl. Granted.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Representative Vos nominated Representative Huebsch for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Kreuser nominated Representative Kessler for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the chair declared nominations closed.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

For Representative Huebsch – Representatives Albers, Ballweg, Bies, Davis, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Gottlieb, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hines, Honadel, Huebsch, Jeskewitz, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Meyer, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Petersen, Petrowski, Pridemore, Rhoades, Roth, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Townsend, Van Roy, Vos, Vukmir, M. Williams, Wood and Zipperer – 51.

For Representative Kessler – Representatives Benedict, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Fields, Garthwaite, Grigsby, Gronemus, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kreuser, Krusick, Mason, Molepske, Nelson, Parisi, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Richards, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Toles, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Vruwink, Wasserman, A. Williams, Young, Zepnick and Ziegelbauer – 46.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Hebl and Wieckert – 2.

Representative Huebsch was elected Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Ballweg and Murtha escorted Representative Huebsch to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Justice David Prosser, Jr. of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Speaker Huebsch in the chair.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

“Majority Leader Fitzgerald, Democratic Leader Kreuser, Justice Prosser, Pastor Corey, Colleagues, friends and family. Thank you very much. And welcome to the People's House.

Welcome to the Wisconsin State Assembly. Each of you is here today because you won something. I hope you realize what you won was not merely an election. No, you have won something much more. You have won an opportunity to make a difference, to grapple with the great issues of the day, to touch history, to make people's lives better. It is our task to work together to make Wisconsin the best place in the nation to live, work, raise a family and retire.

It is a high honor and a humbling experience to be elected as your Speaker today.

One of the reasons it is so humbling is because of the guests who have joined us today. The families and friends who fill the aisles and the galleries around us. Whether it is a parent who helped plant a dream in us, friends who spent their year working so we could follow our vision, or a spouse and children who reminded us that we were loved regardless of the title before our name or the number of votes we received, every one of us in this chamber has reached the heights we have only because we have had the help of so many others. Some of those special people are here with us today. Many are with us in spirit only, but are not far from our thoughts.

I think those of us who were elected should take a moment to thank those whose hearts and hands have helped bring us to this special place and who celebrate with us today.

I also want to take a moment to thank my Pastor, Corey Sateren for opening us in prayer and Sara Honadel for sharing her beautiful voice with us again today. Thank you both!

If you will permit me, I would like to personally recognize the very special people to me who are here today.

I think being a politician's wife is the toughest job in the world. They are asked to bear all the same scrutiny and put in much of the same work as a candidate, and all for a title they will not own and job they did not seek. And if in the end their husband wins, the wife's reward is to be forced to share him with 55,000 constituents demanding his time and attention. My wife Valerie has stood by my side since I started chasing my political dreams, and I'm pleased to have her by my side to share this special day with me.

I want to also recognize my sons Ryan and Brett. They are my reality check and make life worth living. I know they're as proud of me as I am of them. And they are a constant reminder that nothing that ever happens in the statehouse will ever be more important than what happens at our house. Speaker of the Assembly is a nice title, but it doesn't hold a candle to the title of being Ryan and Brett's dad. I love my boys.

My Mom, who since I was 6 years old has been telling anyone who would listen that I was going to be President someday, and my dad who, since I could remember has been proud of even my smallest accomplishments. I would never have done any of them without your love and faith in me. My dad has the flu and is unable to attend, but I'm proud to have my mom here today.

My oldest friend, the one who has been there the longest is my sister, Wendy. Her husband and their family are also here from Illinois. Wendy, Andy, Meghan and Hannah, thank you for being here today.

My mother-in-law, Elinor is truly a rare woman. A mother-in-law who likes her son-in-law. And I feel the same.

I want to mention someone who isn't here today, but without whom I would not be standing here. 12 years ago, when the people of the 94th District first elected me, some of them were voting for Mike Huebsch. But I'm convinced that more of them were voting for Doc Johnston's son-in-law. Valerie's dad, and Elinor's husband Ken was an extraordinary man. He spent a lifetime as a vet, working farm to farm all throughout the Coulee Region. In that first election, Tommy Thompson's endorsement was nice to have, but it was Ken Johnston's seal of approval that got me elected. Ken went home to be with the Lord 6 years ago, and I miss him, but especially on a day like today.

Finally, I want to thank the people of the 94th District who for 7 terms now have given me the privilege to be their voice in this chamber.

This is a special day. And this is a special place. You've probably heard that before, and if you're here long enough to hear some of your colleagues' farewell speeches you'll hear that again. But it is true.

I believe the State Assembly is a snapshot of Wisconsin. Spend some time in the different communities around our great state and you will never be surprised by the person sitting in this chamber representing that area.

From downtown Milwaukee to outside Oconto. From way up by Bayfield and clear over to Prairie du Chien. Our hometown, our background, our political ideology may be as different as you can imagine.

But in the wisdom of the men who founded our state nearly 160 years ago, these extremely different people are all thrown together in this beautiful building and told to work out the common good of our great state.

That is as amazing and visionary an idea today as it was 160 years ago, that our state's strength will not be born out of some sameness of race, geography, gender, or background, but rather out of our diversity. It is through the interaction of those different traits that groundbreaking ideas arise.

Each of us was sent here to represent the ideas and interests of our constituents, yes. But we were not sent here to represent those ideas in a vacuum. We were sent here to represent them in the context of the needs of the entire state.

In this election, the people of the state saw fit to split control of the houses between Republicans and Democrats. But they did not tell us to grind to a halt. They expect us to lead, to govern. And together we will!

That's the power of this place. That's the magic of this place. Those one-on-one interactions, multiplied by all 99 of us here, all 33 of our colleagues in the Senate, and by our partner in the East Wing are the individual bricks with which our state's future will be built.

We've seen that power in action in the past, as Wisconsin leaders working together led the nation in everything from creating the nation's first Kindergarten in Watertown in 1856

to workman's compensation in 1911. In this chamber we invented School Choice and our welfare reform not only became the model for the nation, but the model for the world. Wisconsin has always been ready to meet challenges with innovative and unique ideas.

Today I am confident that we can see that power in action again as we work to confront the challenges of today: From reining in Wisconsin's high tax burden and runaway health care costs to attracting and creating new jobs and preparing a workforce ready to fill those jobs. From providing wings on which the strongest in our society can soar to providing compassionate arms on which the neediest in our society can lean.

I believe it is within our grasp to meet these challenges and solve these problems if we are willing to work together—individual by individual – to do so. Our system allows it. Our history demonstrates it. Our constituents demand it. It now falls to us to have the will to do it. What legacy will we leave as future generations look back on our brief time here?

President Ronald Reagan said "There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

When we, in this special place, use partisan or parochial battles to tear each other down, all the people of this state lose.

When we focus on our own personal, political fortunes rather than the collective good of the entire state, even what we may call "success" rings hollow in the ears of the individuals and families looking to us for real leadership.

I spoke earlier about an opportunity to make a difference. Let us resolve today to enthusiastically seize that opportunity, and conduct ourselves in such a way that two years from now, whether I'm still standing here or you're still sitting there, or whether we are home reflecting on a political career that was, we will all be able to look back with pride on the work we did here and say we made Wisconsin a better place.

Now let's get to work...together!

Thank you all very much."

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Representative Honadel nominated Representative Gottlieb for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Representative Gottlieb for Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore. Granted.

For Representative Gottlieb – Representatives Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn,

Hilgenberg, Hines, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, Kreuser, Krusick, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Roth, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Wasserman, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch – 97.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Hebl and Wieckert – 2.

Representative Gottlieb was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives M. Williams and A. Ott escorted Representative Gottlieb to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Huebsch.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

“Mr. Speaker, members, distinguished guests and visitors: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as speaker pro tempore for the 2007-2008 legislative session.

In the months to come, we will debate legislation that affects the lives of everyone in our state. As your speaker pro tempore, it will often be my responsibility to preside over those debates. I promise to do so fairly, in accordance with our rules and precedents, and always mindful of the respect due to each of you, on both sides of the aisle, as the elected representatives of the citizens of Wisconsin.

From time to time our debates may become passionate and even acrimonious. But if each of us resolves to act in a spirit of good decorum and collegiality, we will enhance the reputation of the Assembly as an institution, and earn the respect of the people we are privileged to represent.

In the last 12 years, the Assembly has had four speakers, three majority leaders, four minority leaders, but only one speaker pro tempore, former representative Steve Freese. I’m afraid that I can’t claim to have Steve’s institutional knowledge, his imposing physical presence, or his booming baritone voice. But I will try to keep the body running with the same calm professionalism that we came to expect when Steve was in the chair.

None of us would be able to serve here without the support of our families, so I’d like to recognize three members of my family who were able to be here today, my wife Linda and two of our four children: Sarah and Christopher.

Thank you again, and I look forward to serving with each of you in the upcoming session.”

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK

Representative Kaufert nominated Patrick E. Fuller for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Kreuser seconded the nomination of Patrick E. Fuller for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Patrick E. Fuller for Assembly Chief Clerk. Granted.

For Patrick E. Fuller – Representatives Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hilgenberg, Hines, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, Kreuser, Krusick, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Roth, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Wasserman, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch – 97.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Hebl and Wieckert – 2.

Patrick E. Fuller was elected Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Huebsch.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Representative Petrowski nominated Richard Skindrud for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Gronemus seconded the nomination of Richard Skindrud for the position of Sergeant-At-Arms of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Richard Skindrud for Assembly Sergeant-At-Arms. Granted.

For Richard Skinrud – Representatives Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hilgenberg, Hines, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, Kreuser, Krusick, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Roth, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Wasserman, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch – 97.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Hebl and Wieckert – 2.

Richard Skindrud was elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Huebsch.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Richard Skindrud announced that he has appointed Anne Tonnon Byers as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly for the Ninety-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Huebsch.

OATH OF OFFICE

On Wednesday, December 27, 2006, the Honorable Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to Steve Wieckert of the 57th Assembly District in a ceremony held in the Supreme Court Chambers in Madison.

On Thursday, December 28, 2006, the Honorable Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to Gary Hebl of the 46th Assembly District in a ceremony held in the Assembly Chamber at the State Capitol in Madison.

COMMUNICATIONS

November 15, 2006

Mr. Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
Room 401, 17 West Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Republican Caucus:

Majority Leader: Jeff Fitzgerald
Assistant Majority Leader: Mark Gundrum
Majority Caucus Chair: Mark Honadel
Majority Caucus Vice-Chair: Pat Strachota
Majority Caucus Secretary: Mary Williams
Majority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Jerry Petrowski

Sincerely,
MARK HONADEL
Republican Caucus Chair

November 16, 2006

Mr. Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
Room 401, 17 West Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Democratic Caucus:

Minority Leader: James Kreuser
Assistant Minority Leader: Jon Richards
Minority Caucus Chairperson: Anthony Staskunas
Minority Caucus Vice-Chair: Tamara Grigsby
Minority Caucus Secretary: Donna Seidel
Minority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Ann Hraychuck

Sincerely,
ANTHONY J. STASKUNAS
Democratic Caucus Chair

December 11, 2006

The Honorable Patrick E. Fuller, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

The State Elections Board staff has received a number of inquiries concerning the last day on which the legislature may act to ensure that a proposed constitutional amendment can be

placed on the ballot for the April 3, 2007 spring election. The legislature must complete action on a proposed constitutional amendment no later than Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

By statute all proposed constitutional amendments and any other measure or question that is to be submitted to a vote of the people shall be filed with the official or agency responsible for preparing the ballots for the election no later than 42 days prior to the election at which the amendment, measure or question will appear on the ballot. S. 8.37 Wis. Stats. Tuesday, February 20, 2007, is 42 days before the April 3, 2007 spring election.

In order for the legislative action to be filed in our office, it is sufficient for the chief clerks to notify our office by e-mail, that the legislature passed the resolution no later than Tuesday, February 20, 2007. It is not necessary that we receive the signed resolution by the close of business on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

In order to facilitate preparation for the April 2007 spring election, I suggest that the sponsoring legislators contact the office of the Attorney General to make arrangements for the preparation of the explanatory statement required by S. 10.01 (2)(c) Wis. Stats. The explanatory statement is published in the paper by the county clerk immediately before the election. It is also posted at the polling place on election day.

Please make the appropriate arrangements to ensure that this information is communicated to the members of the legislature. If you or any member of the legislature has a question please contact me directly at 608-266-8005 or ask to speak to one of our Election Specialists.

State Elections Board
KEVIN J. KENNEDY
Executive Director

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State
Madison

December 11, 2006

To the Chief Clerk of the Assembly:

I, Douglas La Follette, Secretary of State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin have been approved by the regular session of the 2005-2006 legislature and duly published as required by Section 1 of [Article XII of the Constitution](#):

Enrolled Joint Resolution 39 (Assembly Joint Resolution 36)
Enrolled Joint Resolution 40 (Assembly Joint Resolution 68)
Enrolled Joint Resolution 46 (Senate Joint Resolution 33)

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 36

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 39

To create section 1m of [article III of the constitution](#); relating to: requiring a photographic identification to vote, or register to vote, at the polls on election day (first consideration).

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 1m of [article III of the constitution](#) is created to read:

[Article III] Section 1m(1) A qualified elector may not vote, or register to vote, at the polls on election day unless the elector presents a photographic identification issued by this state or by the federal government.

(2) After the date of ratification of this section, the legislature, by law, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members present, may exempt any class of electors from the requirements of subsection (1).

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 68

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 40

To amend section 10(1)(c) of [article V of the constitution](#); relating to: prohibiting the governor from using the partial veto authority to reject any individual word in a sentence of the enrolled bill (first consideration).

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 10(1)(c) of [article V of the constitution](#) is amended to read:

[Article V] Section 10(1)(c) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the governor may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the enrolled bill, and may not reject any individual word in a sentence of the enrolled bill unless the entire sentence is rejected.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

2005 Senate Joint Resolution 33

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 46

To amend section 10(1)(c) of [article V of the constitution](#); relating to: prohibiting partial vetoes from creating new sentences (first consideration).

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 10(1)(c) of [article V of the constitution](#) is amended to read:

[Article V] Section 10(1)(c) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the governor may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the enrolled bill, and may not create a new sentence by combining parts of 2 or more sentences of the enrolled bill.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

Pursuant to Assembly Rule [2 \(4\)](#), for the 2007-2008 Legislative Session in the Assembly Chamber, Democrat members will be seated on the east (door) side of the center aisle, and in seats numbered 96 and 97. Republican members will be seated in the seats on the west (window) side of the center aisle. Speaker Huebsch will occupy seat number 4. Seat number 98 will remain vacant.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>
Albers	18
Ballweg	51
Benedict	62
Berceau	32
Bies	79
Black	33
Boyle	94
Colon	11
Cullen	89
Davis	82
Fields	31
Fitzgerald, J.	1
Friske	49
Garthwaite	38
Gottlieb	3
Grigsby	7
Gronemus	35
Gunderson	77
Gundrum	2
Hahn	48
Hebl	13
Hilgenberg	30
Hines	52
Hintz	12
Hixson	58
Honadel	20
Hraychuck	87
Hubler	95
Huebsch	4
Jeskewitz	22
Jorgensen	67
Kaufert	21
Kramer	54
Kerkman	73
Kessler	63
Kestell	84
Kleefisch	47
Kreuser	5

Krusick	9
Lasee, F.	81
LeMahieu	53
Lothian	72
Mason	92
Meyer	44
Molepske	40
Montgomery	28
Moulton	75
Mursau	26
Murtha	50
Musser	100
Nass	41
Nelson	34
Nerison	43
Newcomer	55
Nygren	27
Ott, A	99
Ott, J	83
Owens	15
Parisi	68
Petrowski	80
Petersen	74
Pocan	29
Pope-Roberts	66
Pridemore	16
Rhoades	19
Richards	6
Roth	42
Schneider	91
Seidel	59
Sheridan	60
Sherman	88
Shilling	85
Sinicki	61
Smith	36
Soletski	39
Staskunas	8
Steinbrink	97
Stone	56
Strachota	45
Suder	76
Tauchen	71
Toles	57
Townsend	17
Travis	10
Turner	93
Van Akkeren	65
Van Roy	78
Vos	23
Vruwink	86
Vukmir	69
Wasserman	14
Wieckert	25
Williams, A.	90
Williams, M.	24
Wood	70
Young	64
Zepnick	37
Ziegelbauer	96
Zipperer	46

Representative J. Fitzgerald introduced a privileged resolution.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Assembly Resolution 1

Relating to: notifying the senate and the governor that the 2007–2008 assembly is organized.

By Representative J. Fitzgerald.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 1** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hilgenberg, Hines, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, Kreuser, Krusick, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Roth, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Wasserman, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer, and Speaker Huebsch – 97.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Hebl and Wieckert – 2.

Motion carried.

Speaker Huebsch introduced a privileged resolution.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Assembly Resolution 2

Relating to: establishing the assembly committee structure and names for the 2007–2008 legislative session.

By Representative Huebsch.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 2** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hilgenberg, Hines, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, Kreuser, Krusick, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason,

Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Roth, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Wasserman, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch – 97.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Hebl and Wieckert – 2.

Motion carried.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

From: Robert J. Marchant, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to the business of the 2007-2008 Session.

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has

Adopted and asks concurrence in:

Senate Joint Resolution 1

ACTION ON THE SENATE MESSAGE

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be withdrawn from the Senate message and taken up at this time. Granted.

Senate Joint Resolution 1

Relating to: the session schedule for the 2007–2008 biennial session period.

By joint committee on Legislative Organization.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be concurred in?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Albers, Ballweg, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hilgenberg, Hines, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, Kreuser, Krusick, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Parisi, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Roth,

Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Wasserman, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch – 97.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Representatives Hebl and Wieckert – 2.

Motion carried.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Lothian asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of his wife, Carol Ann Lothian, who passed away on August 9. Granted.

Representative Mursau asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of his mother, Esther Mursau, who passed away. Granted.

Representative Toles asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of her brother, Donald Toles, who passed away on November 10. Granted.

Representative Montgomery asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of President Gerald R. Ford, who passed away on December 26. Granted.

Representative Strachota asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Marine Captain Kevin Kryst of West Bend, who was killed in Anbar Province, Iraq, on December 18. Granted.

Representative Vos asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Army Private Evan A. Bixler of Racine, who was killed in Hit, Iraq, on December 24. Granted.

Representatives Nelson, Hintz and Kaufert asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of

Forrest “Woody” and Dale Weber of Menasha, who were killed in a car accident on December 31. Granted.

Representative Schneider asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of Sergeant Sergio J. Dominguezboza, Sergeant Timothy M. Warner, Corporal Adam M. Medina and Lance Corporal Joshua C. Crosby, of the Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve Color Guard. Granted.

Representative Schneider asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Hudson and Sergeants Timothy Nachtwey, Paul Baumgardt, Ryan Koelemay and Tyler Terrell, of the 132nd Army Band Brass Quintet. Granted.

Representative Richards asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of Representative Gronemus, on the occasion of her 25th anniversary in the Assembly. Granted.

Representative M. Williams asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of her grandson, Evan John Fechhelm, on the occasion of his birth on December 3. Granted.

Representative Musser asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of his grandson, Jackson Peterson, on the occasion of his birth on November 24. Granted.

Representative A. Ott asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of his family who attended the inauguration today, including his wife Connie, his son Lucas and his family, his daughters Callie Ann and Brittney Erin and their families and Dorothy Wink. Granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative J. Fitzgerald moved that the Assembly stand adjourned pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution 1**.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

3:44 P.M.