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

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 21** offered by Representative Townsend.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Joint Resolution 17

Relating to: requiring a photographic identification to vote, or register to vote, at the polls on election day (second consideration).

By Representatives Stone, Honadel, Vukmir, Newcomer, Pridemore, M. Williams, Van Roy, Lothian, Kestell, Moulton, Musser, Montgomery, Petersen, Suder, Tauchen, Murtha, Nygren, Roth, A. Ott, Ballweg, Rhoades, Bies, Zipperer, Hines, Kerkman, Jeskewitz, Vos, Huebsch, Kleefisch, J. Fitzgerald, Gundrum, Strachota, Meyer, Nass, J. Ott, Mursau, Petrowski, Owens, Kaufert, F. Lasee, Kramer, Friske, Gunderson, LeMahieu, Townsend, Gottlieb, Davis and Wood; cosponsored by Senators Leibham, S. Fitzgerald, Darling, Kanavas, Lazich, A. Lasee, Grothman, Schultz and Roessler.

To committee on **Elections and Constitutional Law**.

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Corrections
Madison

February 5, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The following information is provided to you pursuant to 301.03(6m) Wis. Stats. The figures below pertain to calendar year 2006.

1) In 2005, there were 70 Chapter 51 mental health commitments within the Department of Corrections. 58

commitments were obtained at the Wisconsin Resource Center (male inmates) and 12 commitments were obtained at Taycheedah Correctional Institution (female inmates).

After a Chapter 51 commitment, male inmates return to the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) for further treatment. Average length of stay for WRC inmates was 343 days. No male inmates were directly transferred to a state mental health institute on a voluntary or involuntary basis. Instead, the Wisconsin Resource Center provides an inpatient setting that is used for intensive mental health treatment of male inmates.

After a chapter 51 commitment, 9 females were transferred directly to Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI) and 3 were transferred back to Taycheedah Correctional Institution. All 9 of the transfers to WMHI represented involuntary transfers, and the average length of stay was 75 days. There were no voluntary transfers to a state mental health institute.

2) The total number of inmates who were treated with psychotropic medication in 2006 was 6865. This number includes inmates who were incarcerated for short-term stays as well as long-term stays. The number of inmates who were treated with psychotropic medication on any specific date is estimated at approximately 3900. Of these, the number treated on an involuntary basis was the same as the number of involuntary commitments (70). Major classes of medication included antidepressants, antipsychotics, and mood stabilizers.

3) Mental Health Services are available at all of the major institutions. Services include crisis intervention, individual counseling, and group therapy. Specific programs include sex offender treatment, anger management, domestic violence, substance abuse treatment, and cognitive interventions. Psychiatrists are available at all major institutions to provide evaluations for psychotropic medication and management of these medications. In addition, consultation is available from both psychologists and psychiatrists to evaluate competency to consent to psychotropic medication and/or medical treatment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,
MATTHEW J. FRANK
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Corrections and the Courts**.