



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

11:09 A.M.

TUESDAY, February 20, 2007

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol.

Speaker Huebsch in the chair.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent for a quorum call. Granted.

A quorum was present.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Bill Weiss of the Emerald Grove Church in Whitewater.

Representative Shilling led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present – Representatives Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Bies, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hebl, 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, Wieckert, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch – 98.

Absent with leave – Representative Ballweg – 1.

Vacancies – None.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Representative Honadel asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for part of today's session for Representatives Roth and Wood. Granted.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 47** offered by Representative Vukmir.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 56** offered by Representative Strachota.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Joint Resolution 18

Relating to: taxation of principal homesteads of individuals (first consideration).

By Representatives Sherman, Sheridan, Fields, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Gronemus, Hubler, Molepske, Zepnick, Sinicki, Pocan and Pope–Roberts; cosponsored by Senators Jauch, Erpenbach, Carpenter, Decker and Lassa.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 73

Relating to: restrictions on employment of former commissioners and certain staff of the Public Service Commission and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Black, Pope–Roberts, Boyle, Berceau, Pocan, Hilgenberg, Sheridan, Hintz and Jorgensen; cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Carpenter, Lehman, Risser and Coggs.

To committee on **Energy and Utilities**.

Assembly Bill 74

Relating to: service by a former member of the legislature as a lobbyist.

By Representatives Black, Ziegelbauer, Strachota, Cullen, Boyle, Benedict, Smith, Pocan, Hilgenberg, Sheridan, Hintz and Jorgensen; cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Carpenter, Lehman, Hansen, Risser and Sullivan.

To committee on **Judiciary and Ethics**.

Assembly Bill 75

Relating to: assistance for veterans affected by depleted uranium.

By Representatives Nelson, Lothian, Black, Boyle, Pocan, Parisi, Van Akkeren, Richards, Shilling, Seidel, Sheridan, Kreuser, Sinicki, Fields, Vruwink, Molepske, Travis, Berceau, Hahn, Albers, Hubler, Townsend, Turner, Petrowski, Mason, Soletski, Hintz, Hraychuck and Hilgenberg; cosponsored by Senators Cowles, Hansen, Lehman, Roessler, Breske, Wirch, Lassa and Miller.

To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 76

Relating to: increasing the recycling fee imposed on the disposal of solid waste, the program of financial assistance for local recycling programs, and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Black, Smith, Hraychuck, Hubler, Boyle, Benedict, Hilgenberg, Kessler, Parisi, Pocan, Cullen, Garthwaite, Turner, Hebl, Berceau, Molepske, Sherman and Sinicki; cosponsored by Senators Jauch, Kreitlow, Harsdorf, Carpenter, Lehman, Lassa and Risser.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Assembly Bill 77

Relating to: distributing the school levy and lottery and gaming property tax credits.

By Representatives Sherman, Petrowski, Ballweg, Albers, Townsend, Turner, F. Lasee, Berceau, Zepnick and Seidel; cosponsored by Senators Jauch and Olsen.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 78

Relating to: directing school boards to provide instruction about the recent history of the Hmong people.

By Representatives Seidel, Kessler, Nelson, Fields, Black, Hebl, Smith, Travis, Sheridan, Shilling, Hintz, Molepske, Hilgenberg, Soletski, Grigsby, Pocan, Zepnick, Berceau and Musser; cosponsored by Senators Lehman, Wirch, Schultz, Hansen, Plale and Roessler.

To committee on **Education**.

Assembly Bill 79

Relating to: the powers of certain towns, authorizing the creation of charter towns by certain town boards, and expanding the authority of charter towns to create tax incremental financing districts.

By Representatives Kerkman, Owens, Bies, Lothian, A. Ott, Ballweg, Albers, Musser, Hines, F. Lasee, Pridemore, Hahn, Vos, Gunderson, Smith, Hraychuck, Boyle, Davis and Petersen; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Schultz and Kapanke.

To committee on **Rural Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 80

Relating to: special distinguishing registration plates for persons who have had an immediate family member die while in military service.

By Representatives Gottlieb, Musser, Albers, Berceau, Bies, Friske, Gronemus, Hahn, Hines, Kerkman, Kleefisch, Lothian, Montgomery, A. Ott, Suder, Townsend, Travis, Molepske, Vos, Sinicki and Gunderson; cosponsored by

Senators Breske, Coggs, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Kedzie, Lassa, Leibham, Plale, Roessler and Schultz.

To committee on **Transportation**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Health and Healthcare Reform** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 37

Relating to: the administration by a dentist of oral medication to induce conscious sedation.

Passage:

Ayes: 13 – Representatives Vukmir, Moulton, F. Lasee, Wieckert, Strachota, Newcomer, Nygren, Zipperer, Wasserman, Shilling, Vruwink, Benedict and Seidel.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

LEAH VUKMIR

Chairperson

Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

From: Robert J. Marchant, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has

Adopted and asks concurrence in:

Senate Joint Resolution 7

Senate Joint Resolution 13

Senate Joint Resolution 14

Senate Joint Resolution 15

Senate Joint Resolution 16

ACTION ON THE SENATE MESSAGE

Senate Joint Resolution 7

Relating to: the life and public service of Jerris Leonard.

By Senators Darling, Cowles, Ellis, Grothman, Kanavas, A. Lasee, Schultz and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives J. Ott, Ballweg, Berceau, Gundrum, Hahn, Jeskewitz, Kerkman, Kessler, Nerison, A. Ott, Schneider, Sherman, Townsend, Ziegelbauer and Gunderson.

To committee on **Rules**.

Senate Joint Resolution 13

Relating to: the life and military service of United States Marine Corps Corporal Joshua M. Schmitz.

By Senator Kreitlow; cosponsored by Representative Suder.

To committee on **Rules**.

Senate Joint Resolution 14

Relating to: the life and military service of United States Army Corporal Matthew Grimm.

By Senator Lassa; cosponsored by Representative Schneider.

To committee on **Rules**.

Senate Joint Resolution 15

Relating to: the life and military service of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jesse Tillery.

By Senator Lassa; cosponsored by Representative Vruwink.

To committee on **Rules**.

Senate Joint Resolution 16

Relating to: honoring Wisconsin citizens who lost their lives in the war on terrorism.

By Senator Robson.

To committee on **Rules**.

SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

February 14, 2007

Governor Jim Doyle
State Capitol, Room 115 East
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Governor Doyle,

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [14.019](#), I would like to appoint Representative Brett Davis to the Governor's Bicycle Coordinating Council.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
MIKE HUEBSCH
Assembly Speaker

February 15, 2007

Governor Jim Doyle
State Capitol, Room 115 East
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Governor Doyle,

Pursuant to [2005 Wisconsin Act 457](#), I have appointed the following person to the Building Inspector Review Board:

David Huebsch
W16941 Pow Wow Lane
Galesville, WI 54630
608-582-1147

David has experience as a building inspector, and I am certain he will make an excellent addition to the Board.

Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,
MIKE HUEBSCH
Assembly Speaker

February 15, 2007

Patrick Fuller, Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [234.02\(1\)](#), I have appointed Representative Steve Wieckert to the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.155\(4\)\(a\)4](#), I have appointed Representative Scott Suder to the Rural Economic Development Board.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.197\(24\)\(a\)2](#), I have appointed Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz to serve on the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [14.017\(4\)](#), I have appointed Representative Terry Musser to serve on the Council on Military and State Relations.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.70\(2\)](#), I have appointed Representative Steve Kestell to the Historical Society Board of Curators.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.467\(3\)\(c\)](#), I have appointed Representative Jerry Petrowski and Representative Eugene Hahn to the Council on Highway Safety.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.915\(6\)\(b\)5](#), I have appointed Representative Don Friske to the Environmental Education Board.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.57\(4\)](#), I have appointed Representative Scott Newcomer to the Educational Communications Board.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.195\(4\)](#), I have appointed Representative Joel Kleefisch to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [14.017\(2\)](#), I have appointed Representative John Townsend to the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [13.55\(1\)](#), I have appointed Representative Mark Gundrum and Representative David Cullen to the Commission on Uniform State Laws.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [113.489\(1g\)](#), I have appointed the following members to the Transportation Projects Commission:

Representative Phil Montgomery
Representative Mark Gottlieb
Representative Jerry Petrowski

Representative Amy Sue Vruwink
Representative Tom Nelson

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.227\(8\)](#), I have appointed Representative John Townsend and Representative Pedro Colon to the Council on Migrant Labor.

Sincerely,
MIKE HUEBSCH
Assembly Speaker

February 15, 2007

Larry Isaak, President
Midwestern Higher Education Compact
1300 South Second Street, Suite 130
Minneapolis, MN 55454-1079

Dear Mr. Isaak,

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [14.90\(1\)\(b\)](#), I have appointed Representative Steve Nass to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission.

Representative Nass is currently serving as the chair of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, and I am certain he will make an excellent addition to the Commission. Representative Nass can be reached at:

Representative Steve Nass
Wisconsin State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 12 West
Madison, WI 53708
608-266-5715

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
MIKE HUEBSCH
Assembly Speaker

February 15, 2007

Charles Merritt
Vice President of External Relations
Education Commission of the States
700 Broadway, Suite 1200
Denver, CO 80203-3460

Dear Mr. Merritt,

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [39.76\(1\)](#), I have appointed Representative Don Pridemore as the Wisconsin State Assembly commissioner on the Education Commission of the States.

Representative Pridemore currently serves as the chair of the Assembly Education Reform Committee, and I am certain he

will make an excellent addition to the Commission. Representative Pridemore can be reached at:

Representative Don Pridemore
Wisconsin State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 318 North
Madison, WI 53708
608-267-2367

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
MIKE HUEBSCH
Assembly Speaker

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

February 14, 2007

Dear President Risser and Speaker Huebsch:

Assembly Bill 72 makes certain adjustments to the 2005-2007 executive budget and contains a fiscal note in excess of \$10,000. Accordingly, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § [16.47\(2\)](#), I consider this bill an emergency bill, and I recommend that its passage be permitted prior to the passage of the budget bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

COMMUNICATIONS

February 15, 2007

Representative Jeff Fitzgerald
Chairperson, Assembly Committee on Rules
215 West, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Chairperson Fitzgerald:

Representative Richards and myself are unable to attend the Assembly Rules Committee meeting today due to a prior engagement.

I am hereby requesting excused absences for both of us.

Sincerely,
JIM KREUSER
Assembly Democratic Leader

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Technical College System
Madison

February 16, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I am pleased to share with you the attached report in compliance with sec. 38.04(21), stat. This provision requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board to submit an annual report regarding high school students attending technical colleges. The report is to be submitted to the Legislature and to three state agencies (Departments of Administration, Public Instruction and Workforce Development). The reporting requirement was established in the 1997-99 biennial budget (1997 Wisconsin Act 27). This edition of the report provides enrollment information from 2000-01 through 2005-06. The following level of activity occurred in 2005-06:

- 2,276 high school students attended the WTCS under the 118.15 Compulsory Education Option.
- 2,896 high school students attended the WTCS under the Youth Options Program.
- Over 8,663 high school students enrolled in WTCS postsecondary level courses through means other than 118.15 Compulsory Education or Youth Options.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Jayson Chung, Associate Vice President, at (608) 266-5517.

Sincerely,
DAN CLANCY
System President

Referred to committee on **Colleges and Universities**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

February 16, 2007

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

We have completed a financial audit of the State of Wisconsin Unemployment Reserve Fund for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005. We performed the audit at the request of the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and to meet our audit responsibilities under s. 13.94, Wis. Stats.

Our audit report contains our unqualified opinion on the financial statements and related notes. It does not discuss DWD's ongoing development of computer software to support the Unemployment Insurance program, which we will address in a future evaluation.

During the period of this audit, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was lower than in prior years and ranged

between 4.5 percent and 5.0 percent. However, unemployment benefit payments and other expenses exceeded employer contributions and other revenues. Consequently, the Unemployment Reserve Fund's balance continued to decline from its high of \$1.9 billion as of June 30, 2000. The Fund's balance was \$971.0 million at the start of our audit period and \$895.0 million as of June 30, 2006. 2005 Wisconsin Act 86 directed DWD to study the long-term financial stability of the Fund and report to the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council by July 1, 2007, on any measures required to maintain the Fund's stability.

As part of our audit, we matched data on unemployment benefit payments and individuals in the custody of the Department of Corrections. From this work, it was determined that two prisoners had inappropriately received \$2,697 in unemployment benefits. We have therefore recommended in a separate audit communication that DWD work with the Department of Corrections to periodically identify any similar instances of inappropriate benefit payments.

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

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

SPECIAL GUEST

Representatives Kerkman and Vos introduced Jim Wanasek of Burlington, the first Hometown Hero Award recipient of the 2007-2008 Session, who addressed the members from the rostrum.

Representative Honadel asked unanimous consent that the Assembly stand recessed. Granted.

The Assembly stood recessed.

11:37 A.M.

RECESS

5:14 P.M.

The Assembly reconvened.

Speaker Pro Tempore Gottlieb in the chair.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent for a quorum call. Granted.

A quorum was present.

Representative Roth asked unanimous consent that his leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

Representative Wood asked unanimous consent that his leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 7** be withdrawn from the committee on **Rules** and taken up at this time. Granted.

Senate Joint Resolution 7

Relating to: the life and public service of Jerris Leonard.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 7** be concurred in?

Motion carried.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 7** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

CALENDAR OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Assembly Joint Resolution 9

Relating to: celebrating March 1, 2007, as St. David's Day.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Joint Resolution 9** be adopted?

Motion carried.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Joint Resolution 9** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

Assembly Bill 31

Relating to: elimination of accumulated sick leave credit program for legislators, justices and judges, and all other state elected officials.

Representative Nass asked unanimous consent to be made a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 31**. Granted.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** offered by Representative Strachota.

Assembly substitute amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 31** offered by Representative Kaufert.

Representative Kaufert asked unanimous consent that Assembly substitute amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 31** be withdrawn and returned to the author. Granted.

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** offered by Representative Boyle.

Representative Boyle asked unanimous consent that Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** be withdrawn and returned to the author. Granted.

Assembly amendment 2 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** offered by Representatives M. Williams, Albers and Kaufert.

Representative J. Fitzgerald moved that Assembly amendment 2 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** be laid on the table.

The question was: Shall Assembly amendment 2 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** be laid on the table?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Berceau, Black, Boyle, Davis, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Gottlieb, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hines, Hixson, Honadel, Hubler, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Meyer, Montgomery, Moulton, Murtha, Musser, Nass, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, J. Ott, Owens, Petersen, Petrowski, Pridemore, Rhoades, Schneider, Seidel, Sinicki, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, Wood, Young, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch – 51.

Noes – Representatives Albers, Benedict, Bies, Colon, Cullen, Fields, Garthwaite, Grigsby, Gronemus, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hraychuck, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kessler, Kreuser, Krusick, Mason, Molepske, Mursau, Nelson, A. Ott, Parisi, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Richards, Roth, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Wasserman, Wieckert, A. Williams, M. Williams, Zepnick and Ziegelbauer – 47.

Absent or not voting – Representative Ballweg – 1.

Motion carried.

Assembly amendment 3 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** offered by Representative Bies.

Representative Bies asked unanimous consent that Assembly amendment 3 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** be withdrawn and returned to the author. Granted.

The question was: Shall Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 31** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Bies, Cullen, Davis, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Gottlieb, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hines, Honadel, Hraychuck, Jeskewitz, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleefisch, Kramer, Kreuser, Krusick, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Meyer, Montgomery, Moulton, Mursau, Murtha, Musser, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Owens, Petersen, Petrowski, Pridemore, Rhoades, Richards, Roth, Sinicki, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Van Roy, Vos, Vukmir, Wasserman, Wieckert, M. Williams, Wood, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch – 60.

Noes – Representatives Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Colon, Fields, Garthwaite, Grigsby, Gronemus, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Hubler, Kessler, Mason, Molepske, Nass, Parisi, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Schneider,

Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Smith, Soletski, Staskunas, Toles, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren, Vruwink, A. Williams and Young – 38.

Absent or not voting – Representative Ballweg – 1.

Representative Nass asked unanimous consent to be recorded as voting “**Aye**” on the previous question. Granted.

Motion carried.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 31** be ordered engrossed and read a third time?

Motion carried.

Representative J. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 31** be given a third reading.

Representative Schneider objected.

Representative J. Fitzgerald moved that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 31** be given a third reading.

The question was: Shall the rules be suspended and **Assembly Bill 31** be given a third reading?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Albers, Bies, Davis, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Gottlieb, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hines, Honadel, 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, Wieckert, M. Williams, Wood, Zipperer and Speaker Huebsch– 51.

Noes – Representatives Benedict, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Colon, Cullen, Fields, Garthwaite, Grigsby, Gronemus, Hebl, 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 – 47.

Absent or not voting – Representative Ballweg – 1.

Motion failed.

VISITORS

During today’s session, the following visitors honored the Assembly by their presence and were welcomed by the presiding officer and the members:

Nate Fiene of Weston, a 7th grade student from D.C. Everest Middle School, guest of Representative Seidel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Hraychuck asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of 7 year-old Zachery Wolf, who was murdered by his father on February 14. Granted.

Representative Williams asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Lance Corporal Andrew Gary Matus of Weyerhaeuser, who died on January 21 while serving in Iraq. Granted.

Representative Albers asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Richland County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Johnson of Richland Center, who was killed in a logging accident on February 17. Granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative J. Fitzgerald moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 22.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

5:50 P.M.