



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

10:15 A.M.

THURSDAY, March 15, 2007

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

Representative M. Williams in the chair.

The Assembly dispensed with the call of the roll.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 177

Relating to: creating an individual income and corporate income and franchise tax deduction for a donation of a conservation easement to a unit of government.

By Representatives Friske, LeMahieu, Albers, Lothian, Wood, Petrowski, Bies, A. Ott and Vos.

To committee on **Forestry**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Assembly Organization** reports and recommends:

Assembly Resolution 5

Relating to: the prohibition against memorializing the federal government.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Huebsch, J. Fitzgerald, Gottlieb, Honadel, Gundrum, Kreuser, Richards and Staskunas.

Noes: 0.

Adoption as amended:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Huebsch, J. Fitzgerald, Gottlieb, Honadel, Gundrum, Kreuser, Richards and Staskunas.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

MICHAEL HUEBSCH
Chairperson
Committee on Assembly Organization

COMMUNICATIONS

March 13, 2007

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Due to my absence during session on March 1, 2007, I am writing to indicate how I would have voted on the bills that were taken up before the Assembly on that day.

March 1, 2007

Assembly Bill 31, passage – aye
Assembly Bill 37, passage – aye
Assembly Joint Resolution 17, order to a third reading – aye
Assembly Joint Resolution 19, passage – aye
Senate Joint Resolution 13, concurrence – aye

I would appreciate it if you could include this information in the Assembly Journal. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
MARK GUNDRUM
State Representative
84th Assembly District

March 14, 2007

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

This letter is in regards to my voting record for session day March 13, 2007.

There was a button malfunction regarding my vote for Assembly Amendment 4 for Senate Bill 39. I would like to be recorded for voting Aye for Assembly Amendment 4 on Senate Bill 39.

If you have any questions, please contact me at my office phone 608-267-7990.

Sincerely,
CAROL OWENS
State Representative
53rd Assembly District

March 13, 2007

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
 Department of Natural Resources
 Madison

March 5, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Pursuant to section 23.165(6) of the statutes, the Department is required to report on the activities, receipts and disbursements for promotional activities for the preceding fiscal year.

Under section 23.165(3) of the statutes, the Department “may promote, through the sale of merchandise or otherwise, advertise or otherwise publicize department programs, department publications, and all properties, lands, facilities, waterways, projects and other areas subject to the jurisdiction or control of the department.”

Enclosed is the FY 06 Department of Natural Resources Promotional Activities Report.

Sincerely,
SCOTT HASSETT
 Secretary

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

State of Wisconsin
 Department of Health and Family Services
 Madison

March 7, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is an errata sheet to replace pages 33-34 of the 2005 Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Report, which you received from the Department of Health and Family Services in January 2007. New information on 2005 child abuse and neglect cases has recently come to our attention due to incomplete data reporting from counties. The corrections are highlighted on the errata sheet. The updated data will also be posted to the Department of Health and Family Services website.

Sincerely,
SUSAN J. REINARDY
 Deputy Secretary

Referred to committee on **Children and Family Law**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
 Legislative Audit Bureau
 Madison

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

We have completed an evaluation of personnel policies and practices within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. In March 2006, the 16 technical college districts employed 7,181 full- and part-time faculty and 5,664 full- and part-time support staff and administrators. Each district is a local unit of government that establishes its own personnel policies. The State’s Technical College System Board and its 63 staff oversee certain district operations.

The earnings of WTCS employees reflect compensation rates and workloads specified in each district’s policies and collective bargaining agreements. Full-time faculty earned an average of \$74,598 in fiscal year (FY) 2004-05, in part because most received additional compensation for work exceeding a full-time workload ranging from 32 to 40 hours per week. By comparison, faculty at the two-year University of Wisconsin Colleges earned an average of \$52,552 in 2005. Faculty in the largest WTCS district-Milwaukee Area-earned the most: an average of \$89,850.

Every district pays all or part of the cost of health insurance for retirees. By FY 2009-10, all public employers are required to report the cost of such non-pension benefits, which are known as other post-employment benefits (OPEB). Accounting rules do not require employers to fund these costs, but large unfunded liabilities could affect future operations. WTCS districts’ OPEB liabilities are largely unfunded, and the Milwaukee Area district’s is by far the greatest, at \$228.6 million.

The amounts of leave earned by WTCS employees vary widely. Full-time WTCS employees reported using an average of 6.0 days of sick leave in FY 2004-05, although 38.1 percent of faculty reported using no sick leave.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Technical College System Board and each of the districts. A response from the WTCS President follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
 State Auditor

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Mursau 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.

10:16 A.M.