



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

12:15 P.M.

TUESDAY, August 14, 2007

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

Representative Townsend in the chair.

The Assembly dispensed with the call of the roll.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 381** offered by Representative Wieckert.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 445** offered by Representative F. Lasee.

Assembly amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 445** offered by Representative F. Lasee.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 20** offered by Representative Petrowski.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-030

Relating to child care rates and affecting small businesses. Submitted by Department of Workforce Development. Report received from Agency, July 31, 2007. To committee on **Children and Family Law**. Referred on August 14, 2007.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Joint Resolution 62

Relating to: recognizing Kikkoman and its contribution to the cultural and economic vitality of Wisconsin.

By Representative Lothian; cosponsored by Senator Kedzie.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 485

Relating to: distribution of accumulated additional contributions under the Wisconsin Retirement System.

By Representatives Van Roy, Montgomery, Albers, Vos, Bies and Townsend.

To joint survey committee on **Retirement Systems**.

Assembly Bill 486

Relating to: expenditure of \$10,317.93 from moneys appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources in payment of a claim against the state made by the Klemme Brothers Well Drilling, Inc.

By Representatives Stone, LeMahieu, Albers, Hahn, Townsend and Petrowski; cosponsored by Senators Decker and Grothman, by request of State of Wisconsin Claims Board.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

Assembly Bill 487

Relating to: the prohibition against making, reproducing, or possessing a nude depiction of a person without the person's consent and the sex offender registry.

By Representatives Parisi, Hraychuck, Sheridan, Albers, Berceau, Townsend, Pope-Roberts, Fields and Sinicki; cosponsored by Senator Darling.

To committee on **Criminal Justice**.

Assembly Bill 488

Relating to: the sale of consumer goods containing radio frequency identification tags.

By Representatives Schneider, Hixson and Vruwink; cosponsored by Senator Lassa.

To committee on **Consumer Protection and Personal Privacy**.

Assembly Bill 489

Relating to: the disclosure to a birth parent whose parental rights to his or her birth child were terminated of identifying information about the birth child and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Townsend, Albers and Hahn; cosponsored by Senator Lazich.

To committee on **Children and Family Law**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Rural Economic Development** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 302

Relating to: the use of golf carts in Governor Tommy G. Thompson Centennial State Park and Peshtigo River State Forest and granting rule-making authority.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Mursau, A. Ott, M. Williams, Murtha, Garthwaite and Hixson.
Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 6 – Representatives Mursau, A. Ott, M. Williams, Murtha, Garthwaite and Hixson.
Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

JEFFREY MURSAU
Chairperson
Committee on Rural Economic
Development

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services
Madison

August 13, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The Department of Health and Family Services is pleased to submit to you, as required by s. 253.115 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the annual report on the status of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) in Wisconsin. Once again I am pleased to note that in 2006 Wisconsin hospitals have exceeded the legislative directive that at least 88% of all deliveries be performed in hospitals with a UNHS program. In 2006, 99.9% of Wisconsin babies born in birthing hospitals were born in hospitals with a universal newborn hearing screening program. Including children born at home, 96% of all Wisconsin newborns were screened for hearing disorders in 2006.

Hearing loss is the most common congenital birth defect affecting Wisconsin infants. If hearing loss is left undetected, it will impede speech, language, cognitive and social development. Working in collaboration with other public and private agencies, the Department has developed an exemplary program of early hearing detection and intervention. The Department looks forward to continuing to provide a sound beginning for Wisconsin babies.

With warm regards,
KEVIN R. HAYDEN
Secretary

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

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

August 1, 2007

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

We have completed an evaluation of the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, as directed by s. 25.17(51m), Wis. Stats. As of December 31, 2006, the Investment Board managed a total of \$88.4 billion in investments that included assets of the Wisconsin Retirement System, the State Investment Fund, and five smaller insurance and trust funds.

The retirement funds provided mixed returns for periods ending December 31, 2005 and 2006. The Core Fund exceeded all of its benchmarks. The Variable Fund met or exceeded all of its benchmarks in 2005 but lagged its three- and five-year benchmarks at the end of 2006. We include a recommendation for the Investment Board to re-evaluate its policies and procedures for making decisions affecting the Variable Fund's performance.

The Core Fund's performance ranked in the middle in comparison to nine other public pension funds surveyed as of December 2006. A relatively lower allocation to private equity and real estate and underperformance of its domestic equities contributed to this ranking.

In past years, the Investment Board encountered difficulties in the management of private markets investments. It has made organizational, staffing, and procedural changes to address these concerns. Correspondingly, its private markets investments have provided strong returns in recent years.

The Investment Board manages two private markets portfolios with a Wisconsin emphasis. The Wisconsin private debt portfolio is providing solid returns. However, it is too early to assess the long-term success of the Wisconsin private equity portfolio, which was established in 2000.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the Investment Board. A response from the Board's Executive Director follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Honadel moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 16.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

12:16 P.M.