



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

10:30 A.M.

THURSDAY, October 25, 2007

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

Representative Rhoades in the chair.

The Assembly dispensed with the call of the roll.

Representative Terese Berceau will be serving in my place for the Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules committee meeting scheduled for October 25, 2007.

Sincerely,
JIM KREUSER
Assembly Democratic Leader

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 520** offered by Representative Suder.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Corrections and Courts** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 393

Relating to: adding a circuit court branch in Barron, Chippewa, Dodge, Green, Juneau, Monroe, and St. Croix counties.

Passage:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives Bies, Montgomery, Kaufert, Owens, Gundrum, LeMahieu, Parisi, Pocan, Wasserman, Pope–Roberts and Seidel.

Noes: 0.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

GAREY BIES
Chairperson
Committee on Corrections and Courts

COMMUNICATIONS

October 24, 2007

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

Dear Speaker Huebsch:

October 25, 2007

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

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Please add my name as a co-author of Assembly Bill 515, relating to the regulation of certain suppliers of liquefied petroleum gas, applicability of the statewide system for notification of the location of transmission facilities, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Sincerely,
JERRY PETROWSKI
State Representative
86th Assembly District

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Medical College of Wisconsin
Milwaukee

October 16, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is the biennial report of the Medical College of Wisconsin, prepared according to the statutory requirement under section 13.106. This report covers the period ending June 30, 2007, and contains information in the following areas:

- Minority student recruitment policies and programs
- Number of minority students enrolled
- Number and percentages of Wisconsin residents enrolled
- Average faculty salaries compared to national averages
- Development of cooperative educational programs with other institutions throughout the state
- Placement of graduates of doctor of medicine and residency training programs

Please feel free to contact me at (414) 456-8217 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,
KATHRYN A. KUHN
Associate Vice President
of Government Affairs

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

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

October 15, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

This report presents statements of fund condition and operations (budgetary basis) of the State of Wisconsin for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. This satisfies the requirements of sec. 16.40(3), Wisconsin Statutes. Displayed are major sources of revenues and major categories of expenditures for the General Fund and other funds compared to the prior year.

The General Fund has an undesignated balance of \$66.3 million as of the end of the fiscal year. This is \$5.4 million lower than the balance of \$71.7 million projected in the summary for 2007 Wis. Stat. Act 5. The balance would have been \$55.6 million higher had the new provisions of Chapter 16.518 not been in place requiring the transfer of fifty percent of revenue received over the original budget estimate to the Budget Stabilization Fund. The balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is now \$55.6 million higher.

General-purpose revenue taxes were \$12.618 billion compared to \$12.030 billion in the prior year, an increase of \$588 million or 4.9 percent. This increase was \$75.4 million

higher than the 2007 Wis. Stat. Act 5 summary of \$12.543 billion. General-purpose revenue expenditures, excluding fund transfers, were \$13.105 billion compared to \$12.385 billion in the prior year, an increase of \$720 million or 5.8 percent. This increase reflects funding associated with implementing support for two-thirds of local school costs and the property tax freeze.

In fiscal year 2007, the State of Wisconsin continued to devote the major share of state tax collections to assistance to local school districts, municipalities and counties. Local assistance accounted for 56.0 percent of total general purpose revenue spending. Aid payments to individuals and organizations represented 21.0 percent of total general purpose revenue expenditures. The University of Wisconsin accounted for 7.8 percent of total general purpose revenue spending and state operations spending for all other state agencies accounted for 15.2 percent of the total.

The State of Wisconsin expects to publish its comprehensive annual financial report in December of 2007. The report will be prepared under generally accepted accounting principles.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL L. MORGAN
Secretary
STEPHEN J. CENSKY, CPA
State Controller

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Friske moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 30.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

10:31 A.M.