



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

3:25 P.M.

THURSDAY, June 7, 2007

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Chief Clerk Marchant, pursuant to Senate Rule 5 (4)(b).

The Chair, with unanimous consent, asked that the proper entries be made in the journal.

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND

REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

Read and referred:

Senate Joint Resolution 52

Relating to: David C. Mills' dedicated public service on behalf of all Wisconsin citizens, particularly the members of the Wisconsin Retirement System.

By Senators Robson, Coggs, Lehman, Harsdorf, Lassa, Olsen, Sullivan, Risser, Plale, Miller, Erpenbach, Roessler, Darling and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Huebsch, J. Fitzgerald, Jeskewitz, Travis, Hahn, Black, A. Ott, Berceau, Petrowski, Turner, Townsend and Boyle.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 202

Relating to: specifically authorizing local governmental units to issue debt related to the brownfields revolving loan program.

By Senators Roessler, Cowles, Olsen and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, Hahn, A. Ott, Kaufert, Hintz, Albers, Staskunas, Petrowski and Ballweg.

To committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**.

Senate Bill 203

Relating to: authorizing cities, villages, towns, and counties to solicit bids for certain contracts by using the Internet.

By Senator Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Owens, Jeskewitz, Albers, Bies, Mursau, A. Ott, Vos and Lothian.

To committee on **Ethics Reform and Government Operations**.

Senate Bill 204

Relating to: the removal of nonconforming outdoor advertising signs.

By Senators Breske, Olsen, Hansen, Grothman, Kreitlow, Schultz, Kapanke, Plale and Lassa; cosponsored by Representatives Petrowski, Staskunas, Jeskewitz, Gronemus, Vos, Hahn, LeMahieu, Musser, Ballweg, Gunderson, Albers, Honadel, Sheridan, Friske, Mursau and Van Roy.

To committee on **Transportation, Tourism and Insurance**.

Senate Bill 205

Relating to: a sales tax and use tax exemption for nonprescription drugs.

By Senators Carpenter, Lehman, Roessler, Olsen, Darling and Coggs; cosponsored by Representatives Jorgensen, Black, Sheridan, Staskunas, Zepnick, Turner, Hrachuck, Parisi, Sinicki, Vukmir, Berceau, Nelson, Albers, J. Ott and A. Williams.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Senate Bill 206

Relating to: providing a health savings account option under the Health Insurance Risk–Sharing Plan.

By Senators Harsdorf, Cowles, Darling, Grothman, A. Lasee, Roessler and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Nygren, Albers, Ballweg, Bies, Davis, Friske, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Hubler, Kerkman, Kestell, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Mursau, A. Ott, J. Ott, Petrowski, Strachota, Vos and Wood.

To committee on **Transportation, Tourism and Insurance**.

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–043

Relating to charges for voter registration data. Submitted by Elections Board.

Report received from Agency, June 5, 2007.

Referred to committee on **Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs**, June 6, 2007.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–015

Relating to hunting and trapping regulations.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, June 5, 2007.

Referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**, June 6, 2007.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Ethics Board

June 6, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2007–2008 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board’s web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us/>

Baird, Mick	Invenergy Wind LLC
Bliss, Amy	Wisconsin Housing Alliance
Deschane, Gerard	Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin
Higgins, Melissa	Meriter Management Services Inc
McClenahan, William	Invenergy Wind LLC
Millard, Jonathan	Bank of America Corporation/Bank of America, N.A.
Moede, Peggy	Speedy Loan
Schimming, Brian	Global Notice, Inc
Schooff, Susan	American Council of Engineering Companies of Wisconsin
Sidman, Alicia	Disability Rights Wisconsin
Wiedenhoeft, Woodrow	Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,
R. ROTH JUDD
Executive Director

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

June 6, 2007

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As required by s. 13.94(1)(dm), Wis. Stats., we have completed our annual financial audit of State Fair Park. We have issued an unqualified opinion on State Fair Park’s fiscal year (FY) 2005–06 financial statements. In addition, we have continued to monitor State Fair Park’s financial condition and its efforts to improve its financial performance.

In FY 2005–06, State Fair Park’s expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1.7 million, increasing the fairgrounds’ accumulated cash deficit to \$11.5 million. As part of efforts to improve State Fair Park’s financial condition, agency officials have restructured the fairgrounds’ financial relationships with two other facilities that operate on the fairgrounds: the Milwaukee Mile and the Pettit National Ice Center.

In December 2005, State Fair Park entered into an agreement with a private promoter to operate the Milwaukee Mile racetrack. The promoter acquired all promotional rights to the racetrack in exchange for an annual license fee. This license fee will provide State Fair Park with between \$1.7 million and \$1.8 million per year over the 18–year term of the agreement.

In January 2007, the Pettit Center was sold to its managing not–for–profit corporation for nearly \$5.6 million. Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund remaining debt service payments, which at the time of the sale were \$5.7 million. As a condition of the sale, State Fair Park waived \$1.0 million in past–due rent, which had been outstanding since June 30, 2004.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the staff of State Fair Park. A response from State Fair Park’s executive director follows the appendix.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

June 4, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint PICKAR, VANESSA, of West Salem, as a member of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2009.

Sincerely,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Clerk Marchant, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

Adjourned.

3:26 P.M.