



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, August 23, 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.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 20, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint RAEMISCH, RICHARD, of Madison, as Secretary of the Department of Corrections, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Judiciary and Corrections**.

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 20, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint FRANK, MATT, of Madison, as Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Economic Development, Job Creation, Family Prosperity and Housing** reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 221

Relating to: creating an individual income tax checkoff for the Special Olympics Wisconsin, Incorporated, and making an appropriation.

Passage.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Lassa, Lehman, Vinehout, Darling and Roessler.

Noes, 0 – None.

Senate Bill 237

Relating to: the method by which the Department of Revenue makes certain calculations regarding tax incremental financing district number 4 in the village of Union Grove.

Passage.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Lassa, Lehman, Vinehout, Darling and Roessler.

Noes, 0 – None.

JULIE LASSA
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

August 23, 2007

The Honorable, the Legislature:

As required by s. 39.46, Wis. Stats., we have completed a limited–scope review of the dental education contract between the State of Wisconsin and the Marquette University School of Dentistry for fiscal year (FY) 2004–05 and FY 2005–06. During this period, the State provided \$8,753 each to 142 Wisconsin residents enrolled in the undergraduate dental education program in FY 2004–05, and 159 Wisconsin residents in FY 2005–06, for a total of nearly \$2.6 million during the two–year period.

Overall, we found that Marquette University was in compliance with its contract with the State and with requirements set forth in s. 39.46, Wis. Stats. During our review, we found the students for whom Marquette University claimed tuition aid were certified by the Higher Educational Aids Board as Wisconsin residents and were eligible to receive this state aid. In addition, we found that Marquette University spent state funds only for the undergraduate dental school program, gave preference in admissions to Wisconsin residents, and promoted minority enrollment.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Marquette University staff during our review.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

August 23, 2007

The Honorable, the Legislature:

As required by s. 13.94(1)(dg), Wis. Stats., we have completed a limited-scope review of the dental services grant provided by the Department of Health and Family Services to the Marquette University School of Dentistry for fiscal year (FY) 2004-05 and FY 2005-06. Under this grant program, Marquette University received general purpose revenue funding of \$2.8 million in each year to provide dental services to low-income individuals at clinics in various locations throughout Wisconsin.

Overall, we found Marquette University has developed and implemented adequate procedures to ensure compliance with statutory and grant requirements. In addition, we found state funds were expended only for services normally considered a part of comprehensive general dental treatments, as required by statute.

We note that dental services expenses exceeded revenues by \$1.6 million in FY 2004-05, and \$1.8 million in FY 2005-06. Marquette University staff note that clinic revenues, which

include the State's grant as well as patient fees and other revenues, are not intended to cover all costs and that the clinics also depend upon financial support from other sources, such as tuition. In addition, we note that at the end of calendar year 2006, a federal Medicare waiver demonstration project ended and two clinics in the City of Milwaukee were closed. In FY 2006-07, the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee authorized a one-time \$1.0 million grant for Marquette University to open two new clinics in Milwaukee.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Marquette University staff during our review.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Clerk Marchant, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, August 28, 2007.

Adjourned.

11:01 A.M.