

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2007

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

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CHIEF CLERK’S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 269** offered by Senator Coggs.

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

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

October 22, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint GRIGNON, JOHN, of New Berlin, as a member of the Dentistry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS
CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Environment and Natural Resources** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–026
Relating to use of department properties.
No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 07–034
Relating to groundwater quality standards.
No action taken.

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MARK MILLER
Chairperson

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 228** offered by Senator Wirch.

SENATE ENROLLED PROPOSALS

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 40
Report correctly enrolled on 10–24–2007.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS IN:

**CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1
TO 2007 SENATE BILL 40**

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(October 24, 2007)

In enrolling, the following correction was made:

1. Page 1011, line 15: on lines 15 and 16, delete “publication” and substitute “the effective date of this subsection”.
2. Page 1012, line 16: on lines 16 and 17, delete “publication” and substitute “the effective date of this paragraph”.
3. Page 1014, line 7: delete “publication” and substitute “the effective date of this subsection”.
4. Page 1017, line 10: on lines 10 and 17, delete “publication” and substitute “the effective date of this subdivision”.
5. Page 1020, line 3: delete “publication” and substitute “the effective date of this paragraph”.

NOTE: Items 1. to 5., above, correct terminology consistent with LRB drafting.

6. Page 1608, line 25: delete “(e)” and substitute “(f)”.

NOTE: This change corrects a cross–reference.

7. Page 1618, line 19: delete “of the statutes (by SECTION 282f)” and substitute “(by SECTION 282f) of the statutes”.

8. Page 1620, line 11: delete lines 11 to 15 and substitute: “(1) HOME EXCHANGE SERVICE SALES. The creation of section 77.54 (54) of the statutes takes effect on the first day of the 2nd month beginning after publication.”

NOTE: This change deletes an effective date provision that references a nonexistent bill section and that was inadvertently retained in the bill.

9. Page 1621, line 6: delete “(e)” and substitute “(f)”.

NOTE: This change corrects a cross–reference.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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

Senate Bill 96

Relating to: liability for the actions of tribal law enforcement officers when enforcing state law.

Passage.

Ayes, 4 – Senators Taylor, Sullivan, Vinehout and Lazich.

Noes, 1 – Senator Grothman.

LENA TAYLOR
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Senate**

October 24, 2007

The Honorable, the Senate:

This letter is to officially inform you that the Senate Democratic Caucus has elected Senator Russ Decker as Senate Majority Leader, effective immediately.

Sincerely,
MARK MILLER
Caucus Chair

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration**

October 15, 2007

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

**State of Wisconsin
Medical College of Wisconsin**

October 16, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

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

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services**

October 17, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

In accordance with Section 51.06 (8), Wisconsin Statutes, enclosed is a copy of the report on people relocated and diverted from nursing homes, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICFs-MR), and State Centers for the Developmentally Disabled in FY 2007. This report provides information related to four programs, the ICF-MR Restructuring Initiative, Relocations from the State Centers for the Developmentally Disabled, the Community Relocation Initiative, and the Nursing Home Diversion Initiative.

The Department's relocation and diversion programs have been highly successful, providing the opportunity in FY07 for 1,064 elderly individuals and people with physical and developmental disabilities to live in community based settings, who otherwise would have resided in ICFs-MR and Nursing Facilities. Over the full 05-07 biennium, approximately 1,830 elders and people with physical and developmental disabilities have successfully relocated from institutional settings and an additional approximately 310 individuals were diverted from admission to a nursing home through the Department's programs. The quality of life for these 2,140 individuals has been enhanced through the opportunity to live in the community and be near family and friends and more fully involved in community activities.

I trust you will find the enclosed report useful. Please contact Sinikka Santala, Administrator of the Division of Long Term Care at 608-266-0554 if you have any questions.

With warm regards,
KEVIN R. HAYDEN
Acting Secretary