



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

Ninety-Ninth Regular Session

2:00 P.M.

MONDAY, January 5, 2009

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol. Pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Assembly Rule 5, the Assembly was called to order by the Chief Clerk of the 2007-2008 session, Patrick Fuller.

The prayer was offered by the Reverend Doctor Steven Nelson, Senior Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in North St. Paul, Minnesota:

"Thank you for the opportunity to speak and pray with you today. It is an honor for me to be standing here.

If you are wondering why the leadership had to go to St. Paul, Minnesota to find someone to do the invocation, it's because I'm Thomas Nelson's Dad. When he asked me to do it, he told me I could be the Rick Warren of Wisconsin, at least for a day. Who could resist that?

I bring to you today this word from the Old Testament, 2 Chronicles 1:10. It's the story of Solomon becoming King of Israel, following in his father David's footsteps. God appears to Solomon in the night and, almost like a genie, says, "Ask what I should give you." Solomon replies,

"Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people; for who can govern this great people of yours?" (2 Chronicles 1:10).

I'm struck by the question, "who can govern this great people of yours?" As you know, campaigning is over, and governing now begins. Remember, it wasn't about getting elected; it's about governing! And yes, who can govern? In a climate of budget shortfalls and uncertain economic times, it will be a challenge to govern a great and diverse people like the citizens of Wisconsin.

Solomon was wise enough though to know that governing could only be done with knowledge and wisdom.

Knowledge is a grocery store stocked with food; wisdom is the ability to select the right items to make your holiday dinner. You'll need both to govern. You'll need to know what's really happening in this state and your options for dealing with these issues. You'll need to be receptive and perceptive, and that requires listening. By trade we preachers and politicians are much better at speaking than listening. But if we are going to learn anything, we have to listen. As an old Christmas card once said, "May the Baby Jesus open your mind and shut your mouth." Ah, the road to knowledge! Listening and learning.

But wisdom is even more important. Wisdom means to choose rightly from among all the options. Solomon knew that wisdom comes from outside of us. He asked God for wisdom. Wisdom is intuitive. It is a gift of the Creator. I hope you will remain open to God's wisdom as you govern. As we parents say to our children, "Do your best, but don't be afraid to ask for help."

You legislators get paid to think in terms of a two-year budget cycle. I get paid to think about now and eternity. So my final wish is that all of you will be wise enough to appreciate the magnitude of this moment and the fleeting chance to be alive and make a difference in the world today. The 2009-10 session will be your legacy. May God generously grant you both knowledge and wisdom to govern in the months ahead.

I invite you to pray with me:

Holy God, you graced your servant Solomon with great knowledge and wisdom, and you stand ready to give us the same. Bless these your servants as they struggle with the challenges of today. Give them patience to listen, and a heart for all of your people.

We thank you Lord for all who have helped these Assembly members to reach this day. Give family and friends a true sense of pride in what has been accomplished. Bless them for their sacrifices and give all of us the wisdom and patience to help our loved ones fulfill their calling.

As the generations rise and fall before you, O God, teach us to treasure every moment to be alive and be productive in your wonderful world. Amen."

The Colors were presented by Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Forces Reserves.

Representatives-elect Penny Bernard Schaber and Keith Ripp led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Dana Marie Carlson from Somerset led the membership in singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Government Accountability Board
Madison

December 4, 2008

The Honorable Patrick Fuller, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the official canvass of the November 4, 2008 General Election vote for representative to the assembly along with the determination by the Chairperson of the Government Accountability Board of the winners.

With this letter, I am delivering the Certificates of Election for the winners to you for distribution.

If the Government Accountability Board can provide you with further information or assistance, please contact our office.

Government Accountability Board,
KEVIN J. KENNEDY
Director and General Counsel

1st - Gary D. Bies
2520 Settlement Road
Sister Bay 54234
Republican

2nd - Ted Zigmunt
305 Oakwood Drive
Francis Creek 54214
Democrat

3rd - Alvin R. Ott
W2168 Campground Road
P.O. Box 112
Forest Junction 54123
Republican

4th - Phil Montgomery
1305 Oak Crest Drive
Green Bay 54313
Republican

5th - Tom Nelson
1510 Orchard Drive
Kaukauna 54130
Democrat

6th - Gary J. Tauchen
N3397 South Broadway Road
Bonduel 54107
Republican

7th - Peggy Krusick
3426 South 69th Street
Milwaukee 53219
Democrat

8th - Pedro A. Colon
821 South 3rd Street
Milwaukee 53204
Democrat

9th - Josh Zepnick
3173 South 49th Street
Milwaukee 53219
Democrat

10th - Annette Polly Williams
3927 North 16th Street
Milwaukee 53206
Democrat

11th - Jason Fields
5686 North 60th Street
Milwaukee 53218
Democrat

12th - Frederick Kessler
11221 West Sanctuary Drive
Milwaukee 53224
Democrat

13th - David A. Cullen
2845 North 68th Street
Milwaukee 53210
Democrat

14th - Leah Vukmir
2544 North 93rd Street
Wauwatosa 53226
Republican

15th - Tony Staskunas
2010 South 103rd Court
West Allis 53227
Democrat

16th - Leon D. Young
2224 North 17th Street
Milwaukee 53205
Democrat

17th - Barbara Toles
3835 North 56th Street
Milwaukee 53216
Democrat

18th - Tamara Grigsby
2354 North 41st Street
Milwaukee 53208
Democrat

19th - Jon Richards
1823 North Oakland Avenue
Milwaukee 53202
Democrat

20th - Christine M. Sinicki
3132 South Indiana Avenue
Milwaukee 53207
Democrat

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| 21st - Mark Honadel
1219 Manitoba Avenue
South Milwaukee 53172
Republican | 34th - Dan Meyer
1013 Walnut Street
Eagle River 54521
Republican |
| 22nd -Sandy Pasch
6301 North Berkeley Boulevard
Whitefish Bay 53217
Democrat | 35th - Donald Friske
N2998 County Highway K
Merrill 54452
Republican |
| 23rd - Jim Ott
11743 North Lakeshore Drive
Mequon 53092
Republican | 36th - Jeffrey Mursau
4 Oak Street
Crivitz 54114
Republican |
| 24th - Daniel Knodl
N101 W14475 Ridgfield Court
Germantown 53022
Republican | 37th - Andy E. Jorgensen
1424 Endl Boulevard
Fort Atkinson 53538
Democrat |
| 25th - Robert F. Ziegelbauer
P. O. Box 325
1213 South 8th Street
Manitowoc 54221-0325
Democrat | 38th - Joel Kleefisch
W357 N6189 Spinnaker Drive
Oconomowoc 53066
Republican |
| 26th - Terry Van Akkeren
1612 South 7th Street
Sheboygan 53081
Democrat | 39th - Jeff Fitzgerald
910 Sunset
Horicon 53032
Republican |
| 27th - Steve Kestell
W3829 State Highway 32
Elkhart Lake 53020
Republican | 40th - Kevin D. Petersen
N1433 Drivas Road
Waupaca 54981
Republican |
| 28th - Ann M. Hraychuck
P.O. Box 334
Balsam Lake 54810
Democrat | 41st - Joan Ballweg
170 West Summit Street
Markesan 53946
Republican |
| 29th - John P. Murtha
2283 20th Avenue
Baldwin 54002
Republican | 42nd -Fred Clark
E12367 Highway W
Baraboo 53913
Democrat |
| 30th - Kitty Rhoades
708 4th Street
Hudson 54016
Republican | 43rd - Kim Hixson
327 South Woodland Drive
Whitewater 53190
Democrat |
| 31st - Stephen Nass
N8330 Jackson Road
Whitewater 53190
Republican | 44th - Mike Sheridan
1032 Nantucket Drive
Janesville 53546
Democrat |
| 32nd -Thomas A. Lothian
539 Park Ridge Road
Williams Bay 53191
Republican | 45th - Charles Benedict
3639 Bee Lane
Beloit 53511
Democrat |
| 33rd - Scott Newcomer
1829 Nagawicka Road
Hartland 53029
Republican | 46th - Gary Hebl
515 Scheuerell Lane
Sun Prairie 53590
Democrat |
| | 47th - Keith Ripp
7113 County Road V
Lodi 53555
Republican |

- 48th - Joseph Parisi
702 McLean Drive
Madison 53718
Democrat
- 49th - Phil C. Garthwaite
1415 Main Street
P.O. Box 362
Dickeyville 53808
Democrat
- 50th - Edward Brooks
S. 4311 Grote Hill Road
Reedsburg 53959
Republican
- 51st - Steve J. Hilgenberg
3607 Evans Quarry Road
Dodgeville 53533
Democrat
- 52nd - John F. Townsend
297 Roosevelt
Fond du Lac 54935
Republican
- 53rd - Richard Spanbauer
3040 Sheldon Drive
Oshkosh 54904
Republican
- 54th - Gordon N. Hintz
1209 Waugoo Avenue
Oshkosh 54901
Democrat
- 55th - Dean R. Kaufert
1360 Alpine Lane
Neenah 54956
Republican
- 56th - Roger J. Roth, Jr.
2732 West Glenpark Drive
Appleton 54914
Republican
- 57th - Penny Bernard Schaber
815 East Washington Street
Appleton 54911
Democrat
- 58th - Patricia Strachota
639 Ridge Road
West Bend 53095
Republican
- 59th - Daniel R. LeMahieu
W6284 Lake Ellen Drive
P. O. Box 277
Cascade 53011
Republican
- 60th - Mark Gottlieb
1205 Noridge Trail
Port Washington 53074
Republican
- 61st - Robert L. Turner
36 McKinley Avenue
Racine 53404
Democrat
- 62nd - Cory Mason
3611 Kinzie Avenue
Racine 53405
Democrat
- 63rd - Robin Vos
4710 Eastwood Ridge
Racine 53406
Republican
- 64th - Peter Barca
1339 38th Avenue
Kenosha 53144
Democrat
- 65th - John P. Steinbrink
8640 88th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie 53158
Democrat
- 66th - Samantha Kerkman
40255 105th
Genoa City 53128
Republican
- 67th - Jeffrey Wood
435 21 1/2 Street
Chetek 54728
Independent
- 68th - Kristen Dexter
7410 Lakeview Drive
Eau Claire 54701
Democrat
- 69th - Scott Suder
102 South 4th Avenue
Abbotsford 54405
Republican
- 70th - Amy Sue Vruwink
9425 Flower Lane
Milladore 54454
Democrat
- 71st - Louis Molepske, Jr.
1557 Church Street
Stevens Point 54481
Democrat
- 72nd - Marlin D. Schneider
3820 Southbrook Lane
Wisconsin Rapids 54494
Democrat
- 73rd - Nick Milroy
2706 North 17th Street
Superior 54880
Democrat
- 74th - Gary E. Sherman
P.O. Box 157
Port Wing 54865
Democrat

75th - Mary Hubler
P. O. Box 544
Rice Lake 54868
Democrat

76th - Terese Berceau
4326 Somerset
Madison 53711
Democrat

77th - Spencer Black
5742 Elder Place
Madison 53705
Democrat

78th - Mark Pocan
309 North Baldwin
Madison 53703
Democrat

79th - SONDY POPE-ROBERTS
4793 Delmara Road
Middleton 53562
Democrat

80th - Brett Davis
1420 Raven Oaks Trail
Oregon 53575
Republican

81st - Kelda Helen Roys
2215 North Sherman Avenue
Madison 53704
Democrat

82nd - Jeff Stone
5535 Grandview Drive
Greendale 53129
Republican

83rd - Scott L. Gunderson
P. O. Box 7
Waterford 53185
Republican

84th - Mark Gundrum
5239 South Guerin Pass
New Berlin 53151
Republican

85th - Donna Seidel
807 South 20th Street
Wausau 54403
Democrat

86th - Jerry Petrowski
720 North 136th Avenue
Marathon 54448
Republican

87th - Mary Williams
542 Billings Avenue
Medford 54451
Republican

88th - James R. Soletski
496 Menlo Park Rd
Green Bay 54302
Democrat

89th - John A. Nygren
1224 Carney Boulevard
Marinette 54143
Republican

90th - Karl Van Roy
805 Riverview Drive
Green Bay 54303
Republican

91st - Chris Danou
23951 8th Street
Trempealeau 54661
Democrat

92nd - Mark Radcliffe
376 North 12th Street
Black River Falls 54615
Democrat

93rd - Jeffrey E. Smith
P.O. Box 8186
Eau Claire 54702
Democrat

94th - Mike Huebsch
419 West Franklin
West Salem 54669
Republican

95th - Jennifer Shilling
2608 Main Street
La Crosse 54601
Democrat

96th - Lee Nerison
S3035 CTH B
Westby 54667
Republican

97th - Bill Kramer
2005 Cliff Alex Court South
Waukesha 53189
Republican

98th - Rich Zipperer
N24 W26419 Bucks Island Court
Pewaukee 53072
Republican

99th - Don Pridemore
2277 Highway K
Hartford 53027
Republican

OATH OF OFFICE

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 28 of the Wisconsin
Constitution, the Honorable Chief Justice Shirley

Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to the members en masse.

The attendance roll was called by the clerk, and the members, as their names were called, came to the desk to sign the Oath of Office book.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present – Representatives Ballweg, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bies, Black, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Davis, Dexter, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, Krusick, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Montgomery, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Parisi, Pasch, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Radcliffe, Rhoades, Richards, Ripp, Roth, Roys, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zigmunt and Zipperer – 99.

Absent with leave – None.

Vacancies – None.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Representative Mason nominated Representative Sheridan for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Parisi seconded the nomination of Representative Sheridan for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the chair declared nominations closed.

Representative Nelson asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Representative Sheridan for Speaker of the Assembly. Granted.

For Representative Sheridan – Representatives Ballweg, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bies, Black, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Davis, Dexter, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, Krusick, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Montgomery, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Parisi, Pasch, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Radcliffe,

Rhoades, Richards, Ripp, Roth, Roys, Schneider, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zigmunt and Zipperer – 99.

Absent or not voting – None.

Representative Sheridan was elected Speaker of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Pocan and Seidel escorted Representative Sheridan to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Speaker Sheridan in the chair.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

“Welcome friends and colleagues, esteemed guests, and all others who gather here today as the members of the 99th Wisconsin State Assembly are sworn into office. Thanks go to Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, for presiding. I’d like to personally thank former Democratic Speakers Wally Kunicki and Tom Loftus who have been mentors and friends, and who join us here today.

I must thank my lovely wife, Sarah, for her constant support. I’m grateful to also be joined here today by my children: Jason, my oldest, and his fiancée, Amy, my son, Aaron, their children – Sam and Ella – and my youngest, my daughter, Hannah. Thanks also go to my Mom and Dad – of course, I wouldn’t be here today without you.

It is my honor to be here today, both as a representative of my friends and neighbors, the people of the 44th Assembly district, and in my new role, as the Speaker of this legislative body.

This is a body of varied talents and experiences. We are mothers, fathers, and grandparents. We are veterans, police officers, industrial workers, business owners, teachers, farmers, doctors, and lawyers. We hail from rural and urban districts. We represent areas with decidedly more conservative or liberal views of the world. It is in these differences that we draw strength and gain greater perspective.

While we may come from diverse backgrounds, we are also a body of shared values. We feel motivated to serve others – to help them grow and thrive, and to solve problems.

To be sure, how we approach a problem or attempt to solve it may be different, but more often than not, what we see as “important” is the same: a strong economy, the good stewardship of taxpayer dollars, an accessible and affordable health care system, excellence in education, public safety, and a just system of law enforcement.

These common values mean we have common challenges. We know that in this session, we face a budget deficit of historic proportions. Bridging that historic gap cannot be done without historic collaboration between the federal and state governments, between the executive and legislative branches, between the Senate and the Assembly, and, most importantly, between Democrats and Republicans.

Rebooting our economy will also be a challenge. Right now, we know that so many people are hurting. According to figures from DWD, in just the last year, more than 736,000 Wisconsinites filed for unemployment and initial claims are up 40 or 50 percent from this same time last year. The facts and figures are overwhelming and the personal stories, even more so.

Many of you know, before I served in the State Assembly, I manned the assembly line at the General Motors plant in Janesville. I come from a long line of hard workers: my father worked at GM for more than 40 years and my mother worked at Parker-Penn for more than 30 years. Following in my father's footsteps, I worked at GM for 31 years and last week, whole lifetimes and generations of that work came to a halt. With production on hold at the plant, thousands of people whose livelihoods depended on the American auto industry were put in jeopardy.

Their stories – this experience is playing out across our state. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin business giants like Midwest Airlines, Harley-Davidson, and Miller are cutting jobs. To our North, paper mills are closing, leaving hundreds without work.

We are given the ability and charged with the duty to take action.

Increased support for worker training and retraining programs, the encouraged growth of emerging industries – like green technologies – which hold the potential for thousands of family-supporting jobs, and a focus on buying locally – buying American – will be on our economic agenda, but there is room for innovative ideas from all members of this body, as we work to turn things around.

If you believe, as I do, that everyone's voice should be heard, that the tough times we are in require a different kind of politics and a return to civility – a path former Speaker Huebsch and Minority Leader Kreuser began walking down in the last session, and if you believe that the value of our success for the people we serve is greater than the value of our own individual or partisan interests, we can and we will work well together. In doing so, I believe that we can overcome the challenges we face in this state.

We have just taken our oaths of office. With those words, we pledge to serve the people we represent, to the best of our abilities. Today and throughout this session, I ask you not only to serve your constituents, but to truly serve with your colleagues.

I do not expect that we will always agree. In fact, I will be disappointed, if we do. As president of UAW Local 95, I saw that pushback in negotiations often led to the best product –

the best outcome. I believe that healthy discourse is important, as we consider solutions to our biggest concerns. But let us not lose sight, in those debates, of the strengths of others, our shared values, and the challenges and opportunities that lay before us all.

Together, we can make this, the 99th congress of the Wisconsin State Assembly, the most efficient, industrious, and productive, ever. That should be our ultimate shared goal and I pledge to do my part. Thank you.”

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Representative Colon nominated Representative Staskunas for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Berceau seconded the nomination of Representative Sheridan for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Nelson asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Representative Staskunas for Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore. Granted.

For Representative Staskunas – Representatives Ballweg, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bies, Black, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Davis, Dexter, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, Krusick, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Montgomery, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Parisi, Pasch, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Radcliffe, Rhoades, Richards, Ripp, Roth, Roys, Schneider, Seidel, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zigmunt, Zipperer and Speaker Sheridan – 99.

Absent or not voting – None.

Representative Staskunas was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representatives Cullen and Hraychuck escorted Representative Staskunas to the rostrum.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Sheridan.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

“Fellow Members and Honored Guests:

I would like to sincerely thank my fellow members for electing me to serve as Speaker Pro Tem for the 2009-2010 Session of the State Assembly. I recognize that the office of Speaker Pro Tem, along with the office of Speaker of the Assembly, are the two positions who owe a duty to more than just a political party. The Speaker Pro Tem also has a responsibility to the institution of the State Assembly; a responsibility to guard the integrity, reputation, history and traditions of the Assembly. I will do my best to honor and respect the institution of the State Assembly.

In addition to the oath of office that we have just taken, each one of us as members of the State Assembly has a duty to respect this institution. We owe this duty to the members who came before us, to the public and to our constituents. We have 25 members who are now in their first or second term in the State Assembly. This is a great opportunity to chart a new direction of civility and statesmanship in this body. I would like to thank Speaker Huebsch and Minority Leader Kreuser for the great efforts they made last session in restoring civility to this body.

This promises to be an extremely difficult session. For the first time in 15 years control of the State Assembly has passed from one political party to the other. The State Assembly is by its nature a political institution. Our constituents have elected us to pursue competing agendas and often times these agendas are at odds. As Speaker Pro Tem, I will work hard to make sure that each member has the opportunity to air their views and that they do so in a dignified manner and in accordance with the rules of the State Assembly.

It has been my great honor to serve in this body for 12 years. I know that there are some days, particularly when we are in session, when it feels as though we are simply going to work. However, on this momentous Inauguration day, January 5, 2009, I would ask us all to reflect for a few moments on what a great privilege it is to serve in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Even as we have disagreements in the coming months, I am hopeful that all 99 members will respect the dignity of the institution, so that each member can say at the conclusion of this session that we left the State Assembly a better place than we found it.

Thank you.”

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK

Representative Toles nominated Patrick E. Fuller for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Roth seconded the nomination of Patrick E. Fuller for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Nelson asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Patrick E. Fuller for Assembly Chief Clerk. Granted.

For Patrick E. Fuller – Representatives Ballweg, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bies, Black, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Davis, Dexter, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, Krusick, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Montgomery, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Parisi, Pasch, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Radcliffe, Rhoades, Richards, Ripp, Roth, Roys, Schneider, Seidel, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zigmunt, Zipperer and Speaker Sheridan – 99.

Absent or not voting – None.

Patrick E. Fuller was elected Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Sheridan.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Representative Zepnick nominated William M. Nagy for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Shilling seconded the nomination of William M. Nagy for the position of Sergeant-At-Arms of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Nelson asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for William M. Nagy for Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms. Granted.

For William M. Nagy – Representatives Ballweg, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bies, Black, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Davis, Dexter, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, Krusick, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Montgomery, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Parisi, Pasch, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Radcliffe,

Rhoades, Richards, Ripp, Roth, Roys, Schneider, Seidel, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zigmunt, Zipperer and Speaker Sheridan – 99.

Absent or not voting – None.

William M. Nagy was elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly for the Ninety-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Sheridan.

COMMUNICATIONS

November 13, 2008

Mr. Patrick Fuller
 Assembly Chief Clerk
 Room 401, 17 West Main Street
 Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Democratic Caucus:

- Majority Leader: Thomas Nelson
- Assistant Majority Leader: Donna Seidel
- Majority Caucus Chair: Peter Barca
- Majority Caucus Vice-Chair: Barbara Toles
- Majority Caucus Secretary: Ann Hraychuck
- Majority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Marlin Schneider

Sincerely,
ANTHONY J. STASKUNAS
 Democratic Caucus Chair

November 14, 2008

Mr. Patrick Fuller
 Assembly Chief Clerk
 Room 401, 17 West Main Street
 Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Republican Caucus:

- Minority Leader: Jeff Fitzgerald
- Assistant Minority Leader: Mark Gottlieb
- Minority Caucus Chairperson: Scott Suder
- Minority Caucus Vice-Chair: Joel Kleefisch

Minority Caucus Secretary: Mary Williams
 Minority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Gary Tauchen

 Sincerely,
SCOTT SUDER
 Republican Caucus Chair

SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (4), for the 2009-2010 Legislative Session in the Assembly Chamber, Democrat members will be seated on the east (door) side of the center aisle, and in seats numbered 83, 84, 96, 97, 98, 99 and 100. Republican members will be seated in the seats on the west (window) side of the center aisle. Representative Wood will occupy seat number 81. Speaker Sheridan will occupy seat number 5. Seat number 82 will remain vacant.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>
Ballweg	52
Barca	10
Benedict	35
Berceau	36
Bernard Schaber	39
Bies	79
Black	33
Brooks	46
Clark	87
Colon	11
Cullen	89
Danou	30
Davis	22
Fields	68
Fitzgerald	4
Friske	49
Garthwaite	34
Gottlieb	3
Grigsby	60
Gunderson	77
Gundrum	25
Hebl	13
Hilgenberg	57
Hintz	12
Hixson	58
Honadel	20
Hraychuck	84
Hubler	95
Huebsch	18
Jorgensen	38
Kaufert	21
Kerkman	73
Kessler	63
Kestell	76
Kleefisch	2
Knodl	70
Kramer	54
Krusick	9
LeMahieu	53
Lothian	72
Mason	92
Meyer	44
Molepske Jr.	29
Montgomery	28
Mursau	26
Murtha	50
Nass	41

Nelson	6
Nerison	43
Newcomer	55
Nygren	27
Ott, A	48
Ott, J	51
Parisi	37
Pasch	59
Petersen	74
Petrowski	80
Pocan	14
Pope-Roberts	65
Pridemore	16
Radcliffe	98
Rhoades	19
Richards	61
Ripp	75
Roth	42
Roys	31
Schneider	91
Seidel	7
Sheridan	5
Sherman	88
Shilling	85
Sinicki	62
Smith	97
Soletski	67
Spanbauer	47
Staskunas	8
Steinbrink	99
Stone	56
Strachota	45
Suder	1
Tauchen	71
Toles	40
Townsend	15
Turner	96
Van Akkeren	66
Van Roy	78
Vos	17
Vruwink	86
Vukmir	69
Williams, A.	90
Williams, M.	24
Wood	81
Young	64
Zepnick	32
Ziegelbauer	100
Zigmunt	94
Zipperer	23

Speaker Sheridan introduced a privileged resolution.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Assembly Resolution 1

Relating to: notifying the senate and the governor that the 2009–2010 assembly is organized.

By Representatives Sheridan and Nelson.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 1** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Ballweg, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bies, Black, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Davis, Dexter, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, Krusick, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Montgomery, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Parisi, Pasch, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Radcliffe, Rhoades, Richards, Ripp, Roth, Roys, Schneider, Seidel, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zigmunt, Zipperer and Speaker Sheridan – 99.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – None.

Motion carried.

Speaker Sheridan introduced a privileged resolution.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Assembly Resolution 2

Relating to: establishing the assembly committee structure and names for the 2009–2010 legislative session.

By Representatives Sheridan, Nelson, Seidel and Staskunas.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 2** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Ballweg, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bies, Black, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Davis, Dexter, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, Krusick, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Montgomery, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Parisi, Pasch, Petersen, Petrowski, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Radcliffe, Rhoades, Richards, Ripp, Roth, Roys, Schneider, Seidel, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zigmunt, Zipperer and Speaker Sheridan – 99.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – None.

Motion carried.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

From: Robert J. Marchant, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to the business of the 2009-2010 Session.

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has

Adopted and asks concurrence in:

Senate Joint Resolution 1

ACTION ON THE SENATE MESSAGE

Representative Nelson asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be withdrawn from the Senate message and taken up at this time. Granted.

Senate Joint Resolution 1

Relating to: the session schedule for the 2009–2010 biennial session period.

By joint committee on Legislative Organization.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be concurred in?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes – Representatives Ballweg, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Bies, Black, Brooks, Clark, Colon, Cullen, Danou, Davis, Dexter, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Friske, Garthwaite, Gottlieb, Grigsby, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hintz, Hixson, Honadel, Hraychuck, Hubler, Huebsch, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kessler, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, Krusick, LeMahieu, Lothian, Mason, Meyer, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Montgomery, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nygren, A. Ott, J. Ott, Parisi, Pasch, Petersen, Petrowski, Poca, Pope–Roberts, Pridemore, Radcliffe, Rhoades, Richards, Ripp, Roth, Roys, Seidel, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Tauchen, Toles, Townsend, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Vukmir, A. Williams, M. Williams, Wood, Young, Zepnick, Ziegelbauer, Zigmunt, Zipperer and Speaker Sheridan – 98.

Noes – Representative Schneider – 1.

Absent or not voting – None.

Motion carried.

Representative Nelson asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Parisi asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Debbie Loiselle who was tragically killed in a plane crash on January 1. Debbie worked for the Assembly for 30 years. Granted.

Representative Parisi asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Stuart Seffern who was tragically killed in a plane crash on January 1. Granted.

Representative Honadel asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Nathan and Jennifer Kender from Racine who were tragically killed in a snowmobile accident on January 3. Granted.

Representative Sherman asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Martin Hanson, a life long conservationist who helped preserve the Apostle Islands who passed away on October 22. Granted.

Representative Cullen asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of former Representative Rebecca Young who passed away on December 7. Granted.

Representative Hebl asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Francis Sheehan, four-sport coach and athletic director at Sun Prairie High School who passed away at age 97 on September 21. Granted.

Representative Hebl asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Robert Devenish of Sun Prairie who passed away at age 87 on November 19. Robert was instrumental in the creation of the Colonial Club, the Sun Prairie Taxi Service, Sun Prairie Education Foundation and the Sun Prairie Rotary Club. Granted.

Representative Hebl asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Randolph Pederson of Sun Prairie who passed away at age 81 on December 9. Granted.

Representative Hebl asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Wilfred “Fuzzy” Fassbender of Sun Prairie who passed away on November 6. “Fuzzy” farmed for many years and later worked for the City of Sun Prairie Street Department and was an active volunteer for several area organizations and a member of the Sun Prairie Fire Department. Granted.

Representative Mason asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of his wife Rebecca. Granted.

Representative Mason asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of his daughter, Eleanor Roosevelt on the occasion of her birth on December 26. Granted.

Representative Vruwink asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of her husband and daughter, Matthew and Kennedy Mae Crane. Granted.

Representative Shilling asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of her son, Zachary Benton on the occasion of his birth on November 21. Granted.

Representative Williams M. asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of her daughter, Michelle Wiskerchen on the occasion of her 40th birthday on December 23. Granted.

Representative Williams M. asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of her grandson, Evan Fechhelm on the occasion of his 2nd birthday on December 3. Granted.

Representative Schneider asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of Dana Marie Carlson who sang the “Star Spangled Banner” during today’s ceremony. Granted.

Representative Schneider asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of the United States Marine Color Guard, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Forces Reserves. Granted.

Representative Schneider asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of the United States Army Band, Corporal Destyn Flavell, Sergeant Dennis Bagley, Sergeant John Macias and Sergeant Nicholas Chappell. Granted.

Representative Vos asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of all the members of the Assembly and their families. Granted.

Representative Hixson asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks Football Team and their Head Coach Lance Leipold for their successful 2008 season which took them all the way to the NCAA Division III Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl Championship for the fourth year in a row. Granted.

Representative Parisi asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of all the support staff, including the Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms staff and the Chief Clerk’s staff. Granted.

Representative Sheridan asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of former Representative James Kreuser, who is Kenosha County Executive. Granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Nelson moved that the Assembly stand adjourned pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution 1**.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

4:02 P.M.