



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

June 2009 Extraordinary Session

12:36 P.M.

TUESDAY, June 9, 2009

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by President Risser.

Senator Decker, with unanimous consent, asked that the roll call, prayer, and pledge of the regular session be applied to the extraordinary session.

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The committee on **Senate Organization** reports:

In accordance with Joint Rule [81\(2\)](#) and Senate Rule [93](#), it is moved that the Senate Committee on Organization authorize the Legislature to meet in Extraordinary session at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, solely for the consideration of **Senate Bill 232**. It is further moved that this proposal be exempt from the public hearing requirement pursuant to Senate Rule [18\(1m\)](#).

Ayes 5 – Senators Decker, Risser, Hansen, Fitzgerald and Grothman.

Noes 0 – None.

RUSS DECKER
Chairperson

The committee on **Assembly Organization** reports:

In accordance with Joint Rule [81 \(2\)](#), it is moved that the Assembly Committee on Organization authorize the Legislature to meet in Extraordinary Session at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, solely for the consideration of SB 232.

Ayes 8 – Representatives Sheridan, Nelson, Seidel, Staskunas, Barca, J. Fitzgerald, Gottlieb and Kleefisch.

Noes 0 – None.

TOM NELSON
Chairperson

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The joint committee on **Finance** reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 232

Relating to: the payment of state school aid in June 2009.

Report Passage, with emergency statement (s. [16.47](#) Wisconsin Statutes).

Ayes, 16 – Senators Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Darling and Olsen. Representatives Pocan, Colon, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Vos and Montgomery.

Noes, 0 – None.

MARK MILLER
Senate Chairperson

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND SENATE BILLS

Senator Decker, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 232** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

Senate Bill 232

Relating to: the payment of state school aid in June 2009.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Hansen, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 232

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Holperin, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Hopper, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen and Schultz – 15.

Absent or not voting – None.

Passed.

Senator Decker, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately message to the Assembly:

Senate Bill 232

Messaged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADJOURNMENT HONORS, AND REMARKS UNDER SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Jauch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Lori Schneider and Jim Ramsdell of Bayfield, and Lori's father Neal Schneider of Janesville. On May 23rd, Lori became the first person with Multiple Sclerosis to summit Mt. Everest. In addition, her summit of Mt. Everest completes her decades' long quest to become the first person with MS to summit each of the seven highest peaks on the globe and show the world that the disease has not kept her from achieving her dreams. Lori has received enormous support from father Neal Schneider, who turned 77

years old this past Sunday. In fact, he was there when the dream began, as the two summited Mt. Kilimanjaro on his 61st birthday in 1993. Lori was able to be there to celebrate his birthday this year as the dream came full circle. Jim Ramsdell, Lori's long time partner, has also provided Lori a great deal of support and encouragement during this monumental task. A strong environmental advocate and talented sculptor of stunning wooden replicas of wild animals, Jim has always understand the importance to Lori of pursuing her dreams, and she has provided him an equal amount of support pursuing his. Today Lori, Jim and Neal will ride together in a City of Bayfield parade honoring her and her family. They have all provided the inspiration to make this magnificent feat possible.

Senator Wirch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Jerry Covelli, who passed away this week at 95 years of age. Mr. Covelli was a long time political activist in Kenosha.

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Dr. Linda Farley, M.D. a passionate crusader for health care reform, who passed away on this morning, June 9, 2009. Dr. Farley spent her entire adult life delivering medical services to poor and underserved people and advocating for quality health care for all. Her work is the inspiration for the Wisconsin Health Security Act which would provide health care insurance for all Wisconsin residents. She will be missed.

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Mr. David Wood, who, as head of the Wisconsin Computer Take- Back Campaign, fought for producer responsibility for electronic recycling in Wisconsin. His work resulted in the first introduction of electronic recycling legislation in Wisconsin three sessions ago. Unfortunately Mr. Wood died as a young man before his work came to fruition. Today, with Senate passage of 2009 SB 107, Senator Miller asks that the Senate adjourn in Mr. Wood's honor.

Senator Kanavas, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his mother-in-law, Nancy Madison Hayes, who is celebrating her 80th birthday.

Senator Kanavas, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Kelsey Nelson, an intern in the Senator's office, who is celebrating her 20th birthday.

Senator Kanavas, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of area students who were successful at last weekend's WIAA State Track and Field Meet, which was held at University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Top finishers at the girls' meet include Brookfield Central High School, who placed second, and Arrowhead High School, who placed ninth. Chidera Obasih, a sophomore at Brookfield Central, was one of the top female athletes at this year's meet, setting a state record in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.85 seconds. Top finishers at the boys' meet include Arrowhead High School, who placed first, Menomonee Falls High School; second, Waukesha North High School; fifth, and Brookfield

East High School, who placed sixth at the state meet. Further congratulations go out to boys' first place finishers: Senior Tim Hucke of Arrowhead High School, 800 meter run; Junior DJ Tate of Waukesha North High School, 300 meter hurdles; Senior Collin Taylor of Brookfield East High School, high jump; Arrowhead high School's 4x200 meter relay team: Seniors Chris Pendergast, Evan Resimius and Jake Weber as well as Junior Casey Panawash-Bielinski; Arrowhead High School's 4x400 meter relay team: Seniors Tim Hucke and Evan Resimius as well Juniors Casey Panawash-Bielinski and Tyler Zeman.

Senator Hansen, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his granddaughter Alyssa Bicoy, who graduated from Bay-Port High School on Saturday.

Senator Kapanke, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his parents' 74th wedding anniversary.

Senator Kedzie, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his son, Ryan Kedzie, who recently graduated with honors from Western Technical College in LaCrosse, and his son Sean Kedzie, who graduates from Elkhorn Area High School this Thursday.

Senator Taylor, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of a woman who has been instrumental in her life, her mother, Ms. Lena Jacqueline Greer. She has been a huge source of inspiration to the Senator as well. Senator Taylor honors her today on her birthday, just as the Senator does every day, for the life she's led, for the dreams she's dreamed and the love she's shown to all. Senator Taylor honors her today for being a special force in the lives of people who surround her everyday because her encouragement to take on challenges in life, daring people to be more than they think they can be, has always been motivating to Senator Taylor. While the Senator's staff and Senator Taylor wished her a happy birthday this morning, she was very appreciative of the recognition; but then very adamant for them to "get back to work." Senator Taylor's mother's list of life accomplishments reaches deep, day to day. Senator Taylor adjourns in honor of Ms. Lena Jacqueline Greer, and wishes her another year of strength and even more determined to take on life as a fighter, while she continues to be a "mother" to all. Happy Birthday!

Senator Cogg, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of the graduation of his nephew, Troy Tyler, from North Junior High School in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Decker, with unanimous consent, asked that the June 2009 Extraordinary Session of the Senate adjourn until Thursday, June 11, 2009.

1:10 P.M.

Adjourned.