

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

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WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2010

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 222** offered by Senator Decker.

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 380** offered by Senator Taylor.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 381** offered by Senator Taylor.

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 392** offered by Senator Erpenbach.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 514

Relating to: additions to the 2009–11 Authorized State Building Program.

By Senators Plale, Kreitlow and Kanavas; cosponsored by Representatives Richards, Hintz, Black and Stone, by request of State of Wisconsin Building Commission.

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

Senate Bill 515

Relating to: authorization for final disposition of a decedent's remains.

By Senators Lehman, Miller, Taylor, Kreitlow and Lassa; cosponsored by Representatives Hilgenberg, Turner, Garthwaite, Roys, A. Williams, Steinbrink, Townsend, Young, Shilling and Knodl.

To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions**.

Senate Bill 516

Relating to: the Interstate Insurance Receivership Compact, investment guidelines for charitable gift annuity segregated accounts, Health Insurance Risk–Sharing Plan assessment participation, reciprocity for long–term care insurance policies, voting by fraternal members, the insurance security fund, modifications to motor vehicle insurance policy and umbrella and excess liability policy requirements, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule–making authority.

By Senator Taylor; cosponsored by Representative Cullen, by request of The Commissioner of Insurance.

To committee on **Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing**.

Senate Bill 517

Relating to: the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children.

By Senators Jauch, Holperin, Miller, Lehman and Lassa; cosponsored by Representatives Seidel, Berceau, Grigsby, Sinicki and Zepnick.

To committee on **Children and Families and Workforce Development**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule [17 \(5\)](#), Senator Schultz added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 513**.

Supreme Court of Wisconsin

February 3, 2010

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Under ss. [758.19\(5\)\(e\)](#) and [758.19\(6\)\(d\)](#), Wis. Stats., each county is required to submit an annual report to the Director of State Courts which provides information on the actual amount expended in the previous calendar year for court costs relating to the circuit court support and the guardian ad litem payment (GAL) programs. The Director of State Court is required under s. [758.19\(5\)\(i\)](#), Wis. Stats., to compile the data submitted by Wisconsin's counties and report this information to the Governor and Legislature by October 1st of each year.

On October 1, 2009, we submitted our annual report which compiled the counties' calendar year 2008 expenditure data. We noted in the report that counties do not submit audited reports, and, as a result, there are differing and inconsistent accounting practices among and within counties so the reported expenditures are not comparable among counties. We also reported that in fiscal year 2009 – 10, we would be performing audits of these expenditures to ensure consistency and uniformity among and within counties when reporting this information. Through our review process, we recently found that some of Milwaukee County's calendar year 2008 expenditures appeared to be misstated. We followed up with Milwaukee County and they agreed that they misclassified a portion of their indigent counsel and GAL costs for calendar year 2008. Milwaukee County immediately re–submitted a corrected 2008 annual report of actual costs.

While it is not our intent to re–issue the October 1st report whenever an error is found during our audit process, the

misclassifications of Milwaukee County's 2008 expenditures are considered material. Because GAL expenditure data is detailed in our annual report, we believe it is necessary to re-issue our October 1, 2009 report to correct the reporting error. The enclosed report includes corrected 2008 GAL expenditure data and shows that the statewide total GAL costs for 2008 were \$11,059,773 rather than the \$12,829,168 as originally reported.

Since audits of counties' 2008 data are still underway, we want to reiterate that caution should be used with comparing these numbers among counties. These numbers should still be considered unaudited. Please direct any questions regarding this re-submission to the court system's Fiscal Officer Brian Lamprech. He can be reached at 608-266-6865 or at brian.lamprech@wicourts.gov.

Sincerely,
A. JOHN VOELKER
Director of State Courts

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

February 2, 2010

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint KOPPLIN, CHARLES, of Milwaukee, as a member on the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Economic Development.**

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

February 2, 2010

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SEVERSON, JEANNE, of Cottage Grove, as a member on the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.**

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

January 29, 2010

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SOLER, NELSON, of Milwaukee, as a member on the Board of Nursing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.**

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 09-047

Relating to legal counsel advising the boards that are attached to the department while a board considers a final decision pertaining to an appeal.

Submitted by Department of Employee Trust Funds.
Report received from Agency, February 2, 2010.

Referred to committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions**, February 3, 2010.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 09-048

Relating to the agent for service of process upon the boards that are attached to the department.

Submitted by Department of Employee Trust Funds.
Report received from Agency, February 2, 2010.

Referred to committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions**, February 3, 2010.

The committee on **Economic Development** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 09-079

Relating to entrance requirements to take the architect examination.

No action taken.

JULIE LASSA
Chairperson