



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

One-Hundredth Regular Session

THURSDAY, March 24, 2011

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

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 23** offered by Representative Severson.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 59

Relating to: semiannual meetings of small winery cooperative wholesalers.

By Representatives Steineke, A. Ott, Brooks, Kerkman, Kooyenga, Spanbauer, Tauchen and Weininger; cosponsored by Senators Cowles, Kedzie, Lassa, Olsen and Schultz.

To committee on **Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 60

Relating to: individuals and officers who may be covered by a county blanket bond.

By Representatives Van Roy, Jacque, Wynn, Kerkman, Spanbauer, Petersen, LeMahieu, Rivard, Brooks, Sinicki and Strachota; cosponsored by Senators Cowles, Holperin, Galloway, Lassa and Hansen.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Assembly Bill 2

Relating to: authorizing the designation of additional enterprise zones and requiring the designation of enterprise zones in rural areas.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 13 – Representatives A. Ott, Petrowski, Murtha, Tauchen, Ripp, Krug, T. Larson, Rivard, Danou, Vruwink, Jorgensen, Radcliffe and Ringhand.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 10 – Representatives A. Ott, Petrowski, Murtha, Tauchen, Ripp, Krug, T. Larson, Rivard, Radcliffe and Ringhand.

Noes: 3 – Representatives Danou, Vruwink and Jorgensen.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

ALVIN OTT

Chairperson

Committee on Rural Economic
Development and Rural Affairs

COMMUNICATIONS

March 22, 2011

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Please add my name as a co-author of Assembly Bill 57, relating to certain controlled substances and providing a penalty.

Sincerely,
ANDRE JACQUE
State Representative
2nd Assembly District

March 22, 2011

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I am writing to request that my name be added as a co-author of 2011-2012 session Assembly Bill 48, relating to a DNR Stewardship Public Lands Directory.

Please feel free to contact my office at 266-5719 if you have any questions on this issue.

Sincerely,
DEAN KAUFERT
State Representative
55th Assembly District

March 24, 2011

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I would like to be added as a co-author on Assembly Bill 13 relating to a development opportunity zone for the city of Beloit.

Sincerely,
JOE KNILANS
State Representative
44th Assembly District

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

March 8, 2011

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

In response to a complaint reported on the Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement Hotline established by [2007 Wisconsin Act 126](#), we have completed a limited-scope review of the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) warranty program for asphalt state highways.

Concerns were raised about the quality of asphalt highways constructed under warranties. From 1995 through 2009, 184 such highways were constructed under warranties that guarantee pavements will meet contractually specified performance standards, typically for five years. If DOT determines that these standards have not been met, contractors can be required to perform and pay for repairs.

We reviewed all warranted asphalt state highway projects constructed from 2002 through 2004. Pavements on 12 of these 34 projects did not meet some performance standards during their warranty periods. However, because many inspection results were provided to DOT regional offices after warranties had expired, it is unclear whether contractors can now be required to repair identified problems.

We also compared the quality of 33 asphalt pavement projects constructed under warranties to that of all 215 asphalt pavement projects constructed on state highways during the same three year period. We found that the warranted projects generally show less distress—such as cracks, potholes, and ruts—and are smoother than those without warranties. However, some DOT engineers are concerned that warranted pavements constructed since 2004 are deteriorating more quickly than anticipated, particularly in northwest Wisconsin.

Because our May 2009 review of concrete state highways and several recent single audit reports for the State of Wisconsin found that DOT did not always follow its quality assurance program, we examined quality assurance procedures for asphalt state highways. We found that construction engineers performed 181 of the 193 tests (93.8 percent) required by DOT to measure the density of asphalt pavement on 41 projects constructed in 2009. We also found that DOT has improved its documentation of contractors' roughness measurements.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DOT in completing this review.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor