

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Senate Journal
One–Hundredth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, February 9, 2011

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Tuesday, February 8, 2011.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Senate Organization** reports:

Placed the following appointments and proposal on the Senate Calendar of Thursday, February 10, 2011:

PETE BILDSTEN
RICHARD CHANDLER
Senate Joint Resolution 3

Ayes: 5 – Senators Fitzgerald, Ellis, Grothman, Miller and Hansen.

Noes: 0 – None.

SCOTT FITZGERALD
Chairperson

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND
REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS**

Read and referred:

Senate Joint Resolution 11

Relating to: recognizing 2011 as World Veterinary Year.

By Senators Harsdorf, Olsen, Moulton, Vinehout, Kedzie, Risser, S. Cogg, Lassa, Taylor and Cowles; cosponsored by Representatives Knudson, Ballweg, Berceau, Bies, Brooks, Marklein, Mursau, A. Ott, Pasch, Pope–Roberts, Ripp, Spanbauer, Strachota, Tauchen, Tranel and Williams.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 17

Relating to: reporting of information by nonresident registrants under the campaign finance law.

By Senators Harsdorf, Cowles, Holperin and T. Cullen; cosponsored by Representatives Spanbauer, Bernier, Hintz, Hulsey, Mason, Parisi, Pope–Roberts, Rivard, Steineke and Bernard Schaber.

To committee on **Transportation and Elections**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Government Accountability Board**

February 1, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2011–2012 session of the legislature, visit the Government Accountability Board's web site at: <http://gab.wi.gov/>

Appling, Julaine K
Bailey, Kyle

Wisconsin Family Action Inc
WISPIRG (Wisconsin Public
Interest Research Group)

Beiriger, Jeffrey J

Wisconsin Water Well
Association Inc

Belanger, Katie
Bennett, Beth

Fair Wisconsin Inc.
Wisconsin Newspaper

Boetcher, David

Association
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers
Construction Electrician
Local Unions

Buchen, Elizabeth J

Lutheran Social Services of
Wisconsin & Upper Michigan
Inc

Cardona, Mary

Wisconsin Association of
Public, Educational and
Government Access
Channels, Inc.

Christianson, Peter C

Wisconsin Newspaper
Association

Cook, Andrew

American Coalition for Clean
Coal Electricity

Duffy, Melissa
Elverman, Timothy J

WisconsinRx
Blood Center of Wisconsin,
Inc.

Elverman, Timothy J
Essie, Patrick

Plumbers Local 75
Wisconsin Energy

Fassbender, Robert I

Corporation
American Coalition for Clean
Coal Electricity

Finger–Warmuth, Sara

Wisconsin Alliance for
Women's Health, Inc.

Fojtik, Brian

RAI Services Company
(formerly Reynolds

Fonfara, Thomas

American Inc.)
Wisconsin State Firefighters'
Association Inc

Foti, Steven	Wisconsin Energy Corporation	Springer, Thomas J	Insight Schools
Geiger, Karen	Wellpoint Inc./Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin	Springer, Thomas J	University of Phoenix
Gerrard, M William	Ashley Furniture Industries Inc	Spross, David	RAI Services Company (formerly Reynolds American Inc.)
Gundermann, Robert	Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin	Stenger, Scott	RAI Services Company (formerly Reynolds American Inc.)
Hanson, Peter	Wisconsin Restaurant Association	Taffora, Brian	Wisconsin Business Council
Horn, Melissa	American Heart Association	Tenuta, James	Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
Hoven, Timothy	School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin, The	Tenuta, James	Wisconsin State Reading Association
Hubbard, Gregory	American Heart Association	Theo, Michael	Wisconsin Energy Corporation
Hubbard, Gregory	Plumbers Local 75	Thompson, Craig	Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin (TDA)
Hubbard, Gregory	Wisconsin Energy Corporation	Thompson, Scott	Wisconsin Environment, Inc.
Hudzinski, Nicole	American Heart Association	Vornholt, Paul	City of Milwaukee
Jensen, Eric	Wisconsin Academy of Ophthalmology	Welsh, Michael	School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin, The
Johns, Jason E	Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin	Wilson, A.J.	American Heart Association
Kammer, Peter	Wisconsin Energy Corporation	Wilson, A.J.	Wisconsin Energy Corporation
Kent, Paul	Bergstrom Automotive	Winters, Amy	CropLife America
Kent, Paul	Municipal Environmental Group – Wastewater Division	Wiswell Sr, Jeffrey L	Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association
Klaetsch, George	AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP	Wright, Kimberlee	Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc.
Larson, David	Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Inc	Zelazny, Julian	Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.
Lawton, Elizabeth	Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc.	Zelenkova, Ramie	Blood Center of Wisconsin, Inc.
Lump, Edward	Wisconsin Restaurant Association	Zelenkova, Ramie	Plumbers Local 75
McIntosh, Forbes	Wisconsin Energy Corporation	Also available from the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.	
Mitchell, Brian	Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association	Sincerely, <i>KEVIN KENNEDY</i> Director and General Counsel	
Natzke, Ryan	School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin, The		
Nelson, Shannon	WISPIRG (Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group)		
Parr, Gail	Wisconsin Restaurant Association		
Pawlisch, Curt	Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Inc.		
Petersen, Andrew S.	TDS Telecommunications Corporation		
Petersen, Eric J	RAI Services Company (formerly Reynolds American Inc.)		
Pfaff, Shawn	AT&T Wisconsin		
Redman, Scott	Plumbers Local 75		
Rogowski, Michael	Get MOR Enterprises LLC		
Rogowski, Michael	Insight Schools		
Roth, Erin	American Petroleum Institute		
Severson, Megan	Wisconsin Environment, Inc.		
Simaytis, Anne	American Heart Association		
Speight, Bruce	WISPIRG (Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group)		
Spring, Gregory	United Staff Union		

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue**

February 1, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending December 31, 2010, as required by s. 565.37(3), Wis. Stats. The attached materials contain unaudited Wisconsin Lottery year-to-date Revenue and Expenditure information.

The information reported here is a summary and is not intended to be a complete financial accounting of Wisconsin Lottery operations.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-6466.

Sincerely,
RICHARD G. CHANDLER
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

February 9, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the Wisconsin Veterans Homes, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The homes are administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). As of December 2009, they provided skilled nursing or assisted living care to a total of 887 veterans and their spouses. In fiscal year (FY) 2008–09, the homes' combined expenditures totaled \$89.7 million. Operating expenditures increased by 64.2 percent during the five-year period we reviewed, largely because Union Grove opened a new skilled nursing facility in September 2006.

We identified significant financial and program management issues at the veterans homes. For example, operating expenditures have exceeded revenues in four of the past five fiscal years, and the homes remain solvent largely because of a one-time Medical Assistance reimbursement rate adjustment of \$20.1 million received in FY 2005–06 for care provided at King. Staffing requirements established by state and federal law have been met, but the homes have relied on overtime and limited-term employees to help address long-term staffing needs. Funding for the Aid to Indigent Veterans program, which assists veterans who cannot afford the full cost of assisted living care, has also increased significantly, and the program operates under policies that have frequently changed and are unclear. In a review of 20 participants' files, we found 4 instances in which eligibility had not been appropriately assessed.

The veterans homes purchased \$17.0 million in goods and services in FY 2008–09. We found numerous violations of state purchasing requirements in the documentation we reviewed, including noncompliance with prescribed procedures, expenditures made outside of statutory and budgetary authority, and inadequate oversight and monitoring. Turnover in key leadership positions has hampered oversight of veterans homes operations, and because of the homes' projected operating deficits in FY 2010–11, which we reported in August 2010, continuing legislative oversight will be important.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DVA in completing this evaluation. DVA's response follows the appendices.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

February 9, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed our financial audit of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009. UW System's financial statements and our unqualified audit opinion on them, dated December 10, 2010, have been included in UW System's 2010 Annual Financial Report, which is enclosed. This report will be presented to the UW Board of Regents at its meetings on February 10 and 11.

UW System unrestricted net assets, which represent the amount available to be used to meet ongoing obligations, increased by \$120.2 million to \$502.7 million as of June 30, 2010. According to UW System officials, these funds have been designated by the Board of Regents for purposes to fulfill UW System's responsibilities, including academic and research programs and capital projects.

General Purpose Revenue (GPR), which is shown as State Appropriations on UW System's financial statements, decreased 3.7 percent, from \$1,012.1 million in fiscal year (FY) 2008–09 to \$974.4 million in FY 2009–10. This funding does not include GPR funding that is used to repay debt on academic facilities, which is technically debt of the State of Wisconsin and not UW System. Such debt service payments totaled \$52.7 million for FY 2009–10 and \$123.9 million for FY 2008–09.

Operating revenues increased by \$237.7 million, or 8.3 percent, from FY 2008–09. Federal grants and contracts revenue accounted for the largest portion of this change, increasing from \$733.4 million in FY 2008–09 to \$813.3 million in FY 2009–10. We also note that tuition and fees increased by \$73.1 million.

UW System's total operating expenses were \$4.1 billion in FY 2009–10. Operating expenses increased by \$92.5 million, or 2.3 percent from FY 2008–09. Salaries and fringe benefits increased by \$67.5 million and supplies and services expenditures decreased by \$27.3 million. Salaries and fringe benefits represented 66.7 percent of all UW System operating costs, while supplies and services accounted for 25.0 percent.

Enclosed is a management letter, which includes an auditor's report on compliance and internal control over financial reporting, as required by Government Auditing Standards. This letter was provided to the UW System and includes four internal control concerns we identified during our audit and that are required to be reported under these standards.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE
State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

February 1, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint DARLING, ALBERTA, of River Hills, as a member of the College Savings Program Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education.**

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–101

Relating to the regulation of professional boxing contests.
Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, February 8, 2011.

Referred to committee on **Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs**, February 9, 2011.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–102

Relating to the regulation of mixed martial arts sporting events.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, February 8, 2011.

Referred to committee on **Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs**, February 9, 2011.