

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Senate Journal
One–Hundredth Regular Session

THURSDAY, September 1, 2011

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

CHIEF CLERK’S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Wednesday, August 31, 2011.**

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 31, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

This letter is to remove the following appointment from consideration for confirmation by the Wisconsin Senate:

O’BRIEN, PATRICK, of Larsen, as a member of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 31, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

This letter is to remove the following appointment from consideration for confirmation by the Wisconsin Senate:

WILSON, WALTER, of Milwaukee, as a member of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors – Architect Section, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

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

Read and referred:

Senate Resolution 20

Relating to: recognizing the centennial of the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

By Senators Risser, Lassa, S. Coggs, Grothman, Schultz, Taylor and Hansen.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 37

Relating to: Clay Matthews AIDS Walk Wisconsin Day.

By Senators Carpenter, Darling, Hansen, Olsen, Taylor, Schultz, Lassa, C. Larson, Vinehout, Risser and S. Coggs; cosponsored by Representatives Kerkman, Pope–Roberts, Hebl, Steineke, Zepnick, Hulsey, Spanbauer, Milroy, Pocan, Ringhand, Pasch, Bewley, Endsley, Roys, Tranel, Jorgensen, Grigsby, Zamarripa, Brooks, Fields, Petryk, Turner and Mason.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Senate President**

September 1, 2011

The Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to Senate Rule [46 \(2\)\(c\)](#), I am writing to inform you that I have directed the following proposal(s) to be withdrawn from committee and rereferred. I have obtained the consent of the appropriate standing committee chairperson and the chairperson of the committee on Senate Organization.

Senate Bill 164, relating to an income and franchise tax credit for workplace wellness programs, granting rule–making authority, and requiring the exercise of rule–making authority, withdrawn from committee on Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue and rereferred to committee on Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL G. ELLIS
Senate President

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Reference Bureau**

September 1, 2011

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The following rules have been published in the August 31, 2011 Wisconsin Administrative [Register No. 668](#):

Clearinghouse Rules	Effective Date(s)
08–087	9–1–2011
10–103	(part) 9–1–2011, (part) 1–1–2012, (part) 7–1–2014
10–120	9–1–2011
10–131	9–1–2011

10-135 9-1-2011
 10-137 9-1-2011
 10-138 9-1-2011
 10-142 9-1-2011
 10-143 9-1-2011
 10-144 9-1-2011
 10-148 9-1-2011
 11-002 9-1-2011
 11-015 9-1-2011
 11-016 9-1-2011
 11-017 9-1-2011
 11-021 9-1-2011

Sincerely,
 BRUCE J. HOESLY
 Senior Legislative Attorney/Code Editor

**State of Wisconsin
 Legislative Audit Bureau**

August 31, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

At the request of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, we have completed an evaluation of the Contract Sunshine Act, which requires all state agencies to report information about contracts, requests for bids and other competitive proposals, and purchase orders totaling \$10,000 or more in a fiscal biennium to the Government Accountability Board (GAB) for posting on a publicly accessible Web site.

Only 12 state agencies reported information to GAB in fiscal year (FY) 2009-10, and 38 did so during the first four months of FY 2010-11. The posted information remains incomplete and is less than fully accurate because of limitations with the Web site's design, difficulties state agencies have had in compiling data for reporting at the level of detail required by the law, and confusion about which information must be reported. As a result, the Contract Sunshine Web site is of limited value in providing the public with clear, comprehensive, and useful information.

In 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, the Legislature directed the Department of Administration (DOA) to establish a new publicly accessible Web site that will report all executive, legislative, and judicial branch expenditures for state operations exceeding \$100. We include a recommendation that DOA report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee in January 2012 on its efforts to implement that Web site. If it can be successfully implemented, the new Web site will surpass the Contract Sunshine Web site in scope and potential usefulness to the public, and the Legislature should then consider repealing the Contract Sunshine statutes. If the Legislature chooses to retain the Contract Sunshine statutes, we present several statutory modifications that would somewhat improve the Contract Sunshine Web site's usefulness to the public.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by GAB. Its response follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOE CHRISMAN
 Interim State Auditor

**Vietnam Veterans of America
 Wisconsin Chapter**

August 26, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

The Vietnam Veterans of America continues to be the largest Vietnam War veteran's organization comprised solely of veterans of that war, in both Wisconsin and the United States. During the biennium, VVA's membership is approximately 1,922 with 33 chapters throughout Wisconsin. VVA is Wisconsin's fifth largest veteran's organization and has been represented on the Council of Veterans Programs since 1994.

For a full list of the Wisconsin activities of the VVA from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, please request the full report.

Sincerely,
 RICHARD W. LINDBECK
 President

**State of Wisconsin
 Department of Administration
 Division of Energy Services**

August 31, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

It is with pleasure that I forward the FY09 Annual Report for Wisconsin's Home Energy Plus Public Benefits Program. The Public Benefits Program was created in 1999 by Act 9 to preserve the benefits of energy efficiency, renewable energy and low-income energy assistance for the residents of Wisconsin. Since 2005, public benefits funding continues under Wisconsin Act 141, which allows the state to increase the number of households served. The segregated Public Benefits Fund, which supports the Home Energy Plus Programs, is funded by electric and natural gas utility ratepayers. Investor-owned utilities, participating municipal and cooperative utilities serve about 85 percent of the state's electricity customers.

Wisconsin's public benefits programs are administered by the Department of Administration, Division of Energy Services through the Home Energy Plus Program and encompass two distinct delivery areas. The Weatherization Assistance Program provides weatherization and conservation services, and the Home Energy Assistance Program provides bill payment assistance to resident households with incomes at or below 60 percent State Median Income.

Please take a few minutes to peruse this annual report. I am confident that you will find a comprehensive, productive Home Energy Plus Public Benefits Program. The State of Wisconsin can be justifiably proud of this achievement and the support from our partners and program providers.

You can also find this report on the Home Energy Plus Website at <http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov/category.asp?linkcatid=566&linkid=122&locid=25>

Sincerely,
 MARY G. MEUNIER
 Division of Energy Services

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

August 29, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint DITTMAR, BEVERLY, of Eagle

River, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 29, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint GREEN, JERRY, of Black River Falls, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 31, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint KRUEGER, CARL, of Cudahy, as a member of the Board of Veterans Affairs, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 29, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint LANDES, SAMUEL, of Dane, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 29, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint LANG, ROBERT, of Cable, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 29, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint MALECKI, ANDREW, of Green Bay, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 29, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SCHWEITZER, JON, of Black River Falls, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

August 25, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SCOCOS, JOHN, of Fitchburg, as Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs.**