STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

One-Hundredth Regular Session

MONDAY, October 17, 2011

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Friday**, **October 14**, **2011**.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read and referred:

Senate Joint Resolution 43

Relating to: congratulating the 147th Aviation Regiment.

By Senators Miller, S. Fitzgerald, C. Larson, Lazich, Vinehout, Wirch, Grothman, Jauch, Risser, Erpenbach, Lassa, Galloway, Harsdorf, S. Coggs, Olsen, Darling, Taylor and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Milroy, Hebl, Wynn, Pridemore, Kerkman, Kuglitsch, Tranel, Sinicki, Bernard Schaber, Rivard, Pope–Roberts, T. Larson, Roys, Steinbrink, Marklein, Stroebel, Petryk, Strachota, Mason, Spanbauer, Ripp, A. Ott, Craig, Berceau, Hintz, Steineke, Meyer, LeMahieu, Petersen, Brooks, Endsley and Ballweg.

To committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 44

Relating to: commending the 2011 Stars of Life honorees. By Senators Harsdorf, Kedzie, Carpenter, Darling, S. Coggs, Lassa, Taylor and Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Kaufert, Ballweg, Kerkman, Marklein, Spanbauer, Williams, E. Coggs, A. Ott, Bies, Pope–Roberts, Stroebel, Ringhand, Hebl, Brooks, C. Taylor and Endsley.

To committee on Senate Organization.

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 235

Relating to: age restrictions and safety certificate requirements regarding the operation of an all-terrain vehicle.

By Senators Leibham, Holperin and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Rivard, Severson, Brooks, Endsley, Kestell, Molepske Jr, A. Ott, Spanbauer, Tranel and Ripp.

To committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs.

Senate Bill 236

Relating to: grants to technical college districts to reduce unemployment; creating a new individual income tax upper bracket; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures; granting rule—making authority; and making appropriations.

By Senators C. Larson, Carpenter, S. Coggs, Erpenbach, Hansen, Holperin, Risser and Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Mason, Grigsby, Pocan, Zamarripa, Roys, Clark, Milroy, Bewley, Turner, Steinbrink, Toles, Vruwink, Zepnick, E. Coggs, Fields, Ringhand, Berceau, Hebl, Young, Kessler, Hulsey, Jorgensen and C. Taylor.

To committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education.

Senate Bill 237

Relating to: providing instruction in human growth and development.

By Senators Lazich, Galloway, Grothman and Leibham; cosponsored by Representatives Thiesfeldt, Bernier, Bies, Brooks, Craig, Jacque, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kooyenga, T. Larson, Litjens, Meyer, Nass, Nygren, A. Ott, Pridemore, Ripp, Spanbauer, Strachota, Stroebel, Wynn, Ziegelbauer and LeMahieu.

To committee on **Education**.

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

October 12, 2011

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint JOHNSON, KEN, of Madison, as a member of the Great Lakes Protection Fund, to serve for the term ending January 12, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Environment.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs** reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 153

Relating to: permitting governmental employers who are not participating employers in the Wisconsin Retirement System to be covered in the local government health insurance plan offered by the group insurance board.

Adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Wanggaard, Grothman, Lazich, Wirch and King.

Noes, 0 – None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Wanggaard, Grothman, Lazich, Wirch and King.

Noes, 0 - None.

NAGLE, KATHLEEN, of Fond du Lac, as Chairman of the Parole Commission, to serve for the term ending March 1, 2013.

Confirmation.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Wanggaard, Grothman, Lazich, Wirch and King.

Noes, 0 - None.

VAN WANGGAARD Chairperson

The committee on **Senate Organization** reports:

Placed the following appointments and proposals on the Senate Calendar of Tuesday, October 18, 2011:

Eloise Anderson

Melanie Blechl

Dan Bohlin

Thomas Bradley

John Church

Mark Cook

Beverly Dittmar

Richard Fetherston

Andrew Gersich

Jerry Green

Lorna Hemp Boll

Ellen Henningsen

Ted Kellner

Carl Krueger

Samuel Landes

Robert Lang

Terry Lynch

Christopher Magiera

Andrew Malecki

Jeff Plale

Katherine Pointer

Sheldon Schall

Thaddeus Schumacher

John Scocos

Troy Sherven

Kenneth Simons

Trig Solberg

William Van Sant

James Wenzler

Joshua Beggs

Lisa Benz

William Dallas

Katie Hajdu

John Haslam

James Juergensen

Terry Schoessow

Katherine Swain

Julie Underwood

Senate Joint Resolution 43

Senate Joint Resolution 44

Senate Bill 5

Senate Bill 47

Senate Bill 174

Senate Bill 184

Senate Bill 203

Assembly Bill 30

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

Noes: 0 - None.

SCOTT FITZGERALD Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Loudenbeck added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 30**.

Supreme Court of Wisconsin

October 3, 2011

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 that provides information on the actual amount of revenue collected and expenditures incurred by the county for the operation of its circuit courts. Pursuant to s. 758.19(5)(i), Wis. Stats., the Director of State Courts is required to compile and annually submit the information to the Governor and the Legislature.

Questions regarding counties' reported financial information should be directed to the Court System 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

State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

October 11, 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/.

Foti, Steven Diageo North America
Foti, Tyler Diageo North America

Gardner, John Zuffa, LLC Langenohl, Tony Zuffa, LLC

Welch, Robert RYO Machine Rental LLC

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.

Sincerely,

KEVIN KENNEDY

Director and General Counsel

State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

October 14, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

I am pleased to provide you with this report on the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) for the biennium ending June 30, 2011.

As you are well aware, the period includes a change in administration on January 3, 2011. Under your leadership, Governor Walker, DWD has acted quickly to move the state's workforce system in a new direction, one that supports your goal of promoting a business climate that helps the private sector create 250,000 jobs in four years.

Our mission at DWD is advancing Wisconsin's economy and business climate by empowering and supporting the workforce, and our vision is to make Wisconsin the workforce of choice.

This report spans two years of workforce development efforts, but I want to note briefly some of our accomplishments so far this year.

2011–13 Budget – The fiscally responsible budget required tough decisions to get Wisconsin moving in the right direction. The budget included a one–week waiting period for initial payment of Unemployment Insurance benefits, saving \$45.2 million a year when the measure takes effect next year. The budget also included \$15 million a year in state facing for vocational rehabilitation services to serve people with disabilities.

- New website One of my top priorities was to work with staff to identify ways we can better serve the public and communicate the many things we do every day to serve the people of Wisconsin. One June 20th, we launched a redesigned agency website at http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/, making it easier for job seekers, employers and the public to find information about our programs and services. This projects was done in house with existing staff and resources.
- www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com Our overall objective is to get Wisconsin working again, whether in new jobs we help create of existing positions that are vacant. At every opportunity, we promote this free, user–friendly employment site. Job postings by employers have set records, exceeding 34,000 on a given day and topping 100,000 in early September, surpassing the 75,000 total postings for all of last year.
- Governor's Council on Workforce Investment In step with efforts to create a more business friendly environment, the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment now has greater private sector representation. The council will play an important role as we work with our partners and all stakeholders to align resource, target funding more effectively and achieve the best results. At DWD, we are working closely with the new Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to advance the economy.
- Unemployment Insurance Working in consultation with the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council, we are setting forth a plan to restore solvency in the UI trust fund, repay funds borrowed from the federal government and strengthen program integrity. As noted, Wisconsin now has a one—week waiting period for benefits. We are working with the UI Advisory Council on other steps to balance the fund. Program integrity efforts have been ongoing.

The year also included centennial celebrations of the two programs that started in Wisconsin and served as models to the nation, the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Program and Worker's Compensation. The apprenticeship program remains one of our best training programs and will serve us well in meeting the needs of employers for skilled workers. With its focus on safety, the worker's compensation program will help employers maintain safe, productive worksites and control costs. Much as we are working to move Wisconsin in a new direction and seek innovation, we also are committed to maintaining effective programs and services, improving them as needed.

We are pleased to be a part of your efforts to advance Wisconsin's economy and create new employment opportunities for the people of Wisconsin, and we look forward to continued success.

Sincerely, SCOTT C. BAUMBACH Secretary

State of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

October 17, 2011

The Honorable, The Legislature:

In accordance with Wis. Stats. s.45.35(3d)(b), the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the Wisconsin Council on Veterans Programs jointly submit the biennial report to the Chief Clerk of each house of the Legislature for distribution to the Legislature under s.13.172(2). The reports include a general summary of the activities and membership over the past two years of the Council on Veterans Programs and from each organization represented on the Council.

The information contained in the report was compiled by WDVA staff and the Council Chairman from materials submitted by the representative from each active organization on the Council. The following veterans' organizations have submitted Activities and Membership Reports: AMVETS, American GI Forum, American Legion, American Red Cross, Army Navy Union, Blinded Veterans Association, Catholic War Veterans, CVSO Association, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Marine Corps League, Military Officers Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Association for Black Veterans, Navy Club, The Retired Enlisted Assoc., United Women Veterans, US Submarine Veterans of WWII, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Wisconsin Association of Concerned Veterans Organizations, and Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans

These organizations have not yet submitted a report: Paralyzed Veterans of America, Polish Legion of American Veterans, and Ex-POWs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 266–1315 for further information or assistance.

Sincerely, JOHN A. SCOCOS Secretary

Motions Under Senate Rule 98 and Joint Rule 7 for the Month of September 2011

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Olsen, for Nena Beier, on the occasion of receiving the Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

A certificate of condolence by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Hansen, for Linda Belongia, on the occasion of extending our deepest sympathies to her family, friends and colleagues. A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lasee, for Airman 1st Class Bryeanne Brooks, on the occasion of her life-saving actions.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Fitzgerald, for the Central Wisconsin Christian School, on the occasion of their historic expansion.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Fitzgerald, for the Family Financial Education Team, on the occasion of being selected to receive the UW Colleges and UW Extension Chancellor's Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for Christopher Alexander Foley, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for Jill L. Frazier, on the occasion of her retirement after serving the State of Wisconsin and its citizens with honor and distinction for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Holperin, for Christopher Lee Frick, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Fitzgerald, for Gleason Reel Corporation of Mayville, on the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of dedicated service to the community.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Jauch, for Alan Gustafson, on the occasion of his retirement after 48 years of dedicated service as the Dairyland Town Clerk.

A certificate of condolences by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Taylor, for the family and friends of Clyde Houston Smith, Sr. "Smitty", on the occasion of offering condolences to his family and friends.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Zipperer, for Andrew Lynn Janus, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Fitzgerald, for Jefferson County, on the occasion of celebrating its 175th Anniversary.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Rex Key, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Schultz, for Lyndon Station Fire Department, on the occasion of its century of service to its community.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Olsen, for Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, on the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Harsdorf, for OEM Fabricators, Inc., on the occasion of celebrating 25 years of business.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lassa, for Joseph Allen O'Shasky, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lasee, for John Pagel, on the occasion of improving the quality of life in his community through service to its members and promotion of enhanced farming practices.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Olsen, for Pardeeville United Methodist Church, on the occasion of celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for David Ritter, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for Michael Short, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for Matthew Sobczak, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Taylor, for Dr. Nathaniel Jerome Stampley, Sr., on the occasion of the Pastor & Wives Appreciation Day.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Taylor, for Mrs. Carolyn Stampley, on the occasion of the Pastor & Wives Appreciation Day.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Olsen, for the Pardeeville United Methodist Church, on the occasion of celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Weber, for Daniel Gordon Weber on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Risser, for Ellis John Wilson, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for Matthew James Wiltback, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Risser, for the Wisconsin Alumni Association, on the occasion of celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Fitzgerald, for Captain Martin Zwieg, on the occasion of his return home and commend him for his bravery and selflessness.