



# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## One-Hundredth Regular Session

11:04 A.M.

TUESDAY, January 17, 2012

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senate President Pro Tempore Leibham.

### CALL OF ROLL

The roll was called, disclosing the presence of a quorum.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 15, the official attendance for session was:

Senators Carpenter, S. Coggs, Cowles, T. Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Jauch, Kedzie, King, C. Larson, Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Shilling, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Zipperer – 32.

Absent – None.

Absent with leave – Senator Wirch – 1.

The Senate stood for the prayer which was offered by Pastor Ron Ross of Green Bay, whose son, United States Army Corporal Justin David Ross, was honored by the Senate today.

“Lord God Almighty, we stand before you today, having been born out of your foreknowledge; with a purpose for our lives. May we accept your gift of faith as we live our lives with humility and yet hope that good will over come evil.

Further, we have been entrusted with the task of carrying out your will, yet having been commissioned by the people who have sent us to this hollowed hall. For many have offered petition to you in this room since 1917, I ask that the accumulated prayers of the spiritual benefactors of this State of Wisconsin will pile up to launch these combined branches of our Wisconsin State government, with Governor Walker into bringing their overlapping passions to the table with unity in such a way that they are being public servants and yet servants of the most high God!

Quoting Psalm 35:

“Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth and teach us; for you are the God of our salvation; for you We will wait all the day long.”

As prayed by Rev. Duche’ of the first Continental Congress in 1774:

“Be Thou present, O God of Wisdom, and direct the counsel of this Honorable Assembly; enable them to settle all things on the best and surest foundation; that the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony, and peace may be effectually restored, and that truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish among the people.”

We ask you God to preserve the delegates’ health and vigor of mind, and to grant them “temporal blessings” and “everlasting glory in the world to come.”

Lord, you are aware of the families here this day joining these Senators in an attempt to thank us for the lives of our our children. Help us Lord to be able to sincerely accept the words of your servant Abraham Lincoln, when he said following our civil war:

“The solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.”

May we be able to eventually see the sacrifices we’ve made as a way to identify with you in your suffering, and to propagate the freedom we’ve experienced; into the future generations.

All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Thy Son and our Saviour, Amen.”

The Senate remained standing and Senator Moulton led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that Senator Wirch be granted a leave of absence for today’s session.

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that Senator Coggs be granted a leave of absence for part of today’s session.

### CHIEF CLERK’S ENTRIES

#### AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 260** offered by Senator Harsdorf.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 261** offered by Senator Harsdorf.

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 368** offered by Senator Kedzie.

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Friday, January 13, 2012**.

#### AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 338** offered by Senator Galloway.

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 357** offered by Senator Moulton.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Carpenter added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 352**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Galloway added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 376**.

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

Read first time and referred:

**Senate Bill 379**

Relating to: purchasing or leasing a motor vehicle after a violation relating to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and providing a penalty.

By Senators Kedzie, C. Larson and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Nass, Thiesfeldt, Staskunas, Craig, Endsley and Marklein.

To committee on **Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations**.

**Senate Bill 380**

Relating to: removing cap on enrollment of Family Care and other long-term care programs.

By Senators Moulton, Vukmir, Carpenter, Harsdorf, Erpenbach, Jauch, Wanggaard, Risser and C. Larson; cosponsored by Representatives Kaufert, Kestell, Van Roy, Brooks, Doyle, A. Ott, Ziegelbauer, Bernier, Richards, Steinbrink, Ripp, Tranel, Molepske Jr, Grigsby, Stone, Endsley, Wynn, Fields, Staskunas, Jorgensen, Pasch, Sinicki, Petryk, Danou and Spanbauer.

To committee on **Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue**.

**Senate Bill 381**

Relating to: county and municipal canvassing procedures, provisional ballot information, the deadline for filing a recount petition, terms of town officers, the date of the annual town meeting, and technical revisions to certain election laws.

By Senator Lazich; cosponsored by Representative Tauchen, by request of Government Accountability Board.

To committee on **Transportation and Elections**.

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

The committee on **Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs** reports and recommends:

**Senate Bill 357**

Relating to: applying a service member's military education, training, or other experience for purposes of satisfying certain requirements for a professional credential.

Adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1.

Ayes, 7 – Senators Leibham, Darling, Wanggaard, Galloway, Lassa, Taylor and Shilling.  
Noes, 0 – None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes, 7 – Senators Leibham, Darling, Wanggaard, Galloway, Lassa, Taylor and Shilling.  
Noes, 0 – None.

*JOSEPH LEIBHAM*  
Chairperson

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

**Senate Bill 177**

Relating to: jurisdiction in matters relating to domestic abuse restraining orders and injunctions, child abuse restraining orders and injunctions, and harassment restraining orders and injunctions.

Adoption of Senate Amendment 1.

Ayes, 4 – Senators Wanggaard, Lazich, Wirch and King.  
Noes, 1 – Senator Grothman.

Passage as amended.

Ayes, 4 – Senators Wanggaard, Lazich, Wirch and King.  
Noes, 1 – Senator Grothman.

**Assembly Bill 149**

Relating to: false reporting of an emergency and providing a penalty.

Concurrence.

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

Noes, 0 – None.

**Assembly Bill 247**

Relating to: jurisdiction in matters relating to domestic abuse restraining orders and injunctions, child abuse restraining orders and injunctions, and harassment restraining orders and injunctions.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 4 – Senators Wanggaard, Lazich, Wirch and King.  
Noes, 1 – Senator Grothman.

**Assembly Bill 269**

Relating to: prohibitions against contacting certain persons and providing penalties.

Concurrence.

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

Noes, 0 – None.

*VAN WANGGAARD*  
Chairperson

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**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Hansen added as a coauthor of **Senate Joint Resolution 50**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Carpenter added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 338**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Taylor withdrawn as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 366**.

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**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS**

**CORRECTIONS IN:**

**2011 SENATE BILL 338**

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau  
(January 17, 2012)

1. Page 6, line 15: substitute “(a)” for “1”.
2. Page 6, line 16: substitute “(b)” for “2”.
3. Page 6, line 17: substitute “(c)” for “3”.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS IN:

2011 SENATE BILL 368

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau  
(January 17, 2012)

In enrolling, the following correction was made:

1. Page 15, line 1: delete "sub." and substitute "sub."
2. Page 15, line 2: delete "(1)" and substitute "(1) par. (a)".
3. Page 40, line 12: delete "requirement" and substitute "requirement".
4. Page 43, line 12: delete "section" and substitute "sections".

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

The committee on **Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 11-037**

Relating to county and district fairs.  
No action taken.

*DALE SCHULTZ*  
Chairperson

Referred to joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules** pursuant to s. 227.19 (5)(a), Wisconsin Statutes.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 51, Senate Joint Resolution 53, and Senate Joint Resolution 54** be withdrawn and taken up at this time.

**Senate Joint Resolution 51**

Relating to: the life and service of First Lieutenant Daren Miguel Hidalgo of the United States Army who lost his life during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Read.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 51** be adopted?

Adopted by unanimous rising vote.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be made coauthors of **Senate Joint Resolution 51**.

**Senate Joint Resolution 53**

Relating to: the life and military service of United States Army Pfc. Jacob A. Gassen (Jake).

Read.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 53** be adopted?

Adopted by unanimous rising vote.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be made coauthors of **Senate Joint Resolution 53**.

**Senate Joint Resolution 54**

Relating to: the life and military service of United States Army Corporal Justin David Ross.

Read.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 54** be adopted?

Adopted by unanimous rising vote.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be made coauthors of **Senate Joint Resolution 54**.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

**Senate Joint Resolution 51  
Senate Joint Resolution 53  
Senate Joint Resolution 54**

Messaged.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess.

11:21 A.M.

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**RECESS**

1:01 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

President Ellis in the chair.

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**ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE**

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all the appointments be taken up en masse.

**CHRISTENSON, DAVID**, of Wausau, as a member of the Credit Union Review Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2016.

**HIGGINS, TIM**, of Appleton, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2018.

**ROBERTS, GARY**, of Onalaska, as member of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2014.

**SHORE, SUE**, of Wausau, as a member of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Authority, to serve for a term ending January 1, 2016.

**SMITH, BILL**, of Madison, as a member of the Prison Industries Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2015.

**WEDDLE, MCARTHUR**, of Milwaukee, as a member of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, to serve for the term ending January 1, 2016.

**WHITBURN, GERALD**, of Wausau, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2018.

Read.

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, S. Coggs, Cowles, T. Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Jauch, Kedzie, King, C. Larson, Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Shilling, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Zipperer – 32.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Senator Wirch – 1.

Confirmed.

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## MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

### Senate Bill 2

Relating to: changes to timing of application process under the open enrollment program.

Read.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recede from its position on Assembly amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 2**.

The Senate recedes from its position.

Senate amendment 1 to Assembly amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 2** offered by Senator Olsen.

Senator C. Larson moved that **Senate Bill 2** be referred to the committee on **Education**.

The question was: Shall **Senate Bill 2** be referred to the committee on **Education**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 15; noes, 17; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, S. Coggs, T. Cullen, Erpenbach, Hansen, Holperin, Jauch, King, C. Larson, Lassa, Miller, Risser, Shilling, Taylor and Vinehout – 15.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kedzie, Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Moulton, Olsen, Schultz, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Zipperer – 17.

Absent or not voting – Senator Wirch – 1.

Referral Refused.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1 to Assembly amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 2**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 14; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Harsdorf, Holperin, Kedzie, Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Moulton, Olsen, Schultz, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Zipperer – 18.

Noes – Senators Carpenter, S. Coggs, T. Cullen, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, King, C. Larson, Lassa, Miller, Risser, Shilling, Taylor and Vinehout – 14.

Absent or not voting – Senator Wirch – 1.

Adopted.

The question was: Shall Assembly amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 2** be concurred in as amended?

Concurred in as amended.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

**Senate Bill 2**

Messaged.

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## CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING A THIRD READING

### Senate Joint Resolution 50

Relating to: the life and public service of Dick Wheeler.  
Read.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 50** be adopted?

Adopted.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be made coauthors of **Senate Joint Resolution 50**.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

**Senate Joint Resolution 50**

Messaged.

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## SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND SENATE BILLS

### Senate Bill 288

Relating to: federal financial hardship assistance under the Clean Water Fund Program (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

**Senate Bill 288**

Read a third time and passed.

### Senate Bill 307

Relating to: foreclosure on abandoned properties.

Read a second time.

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## IN THE CHAIR

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2 (1), Senate President Pro Tempore Leibham in the chair.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 307**?

Adopted.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 307** offered by Senators Grothman and Taylor.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 307**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

**Senate Bill 307**

Read a third time and passed.

**Senate Bill 325**

Relating to: training requirements for licenses to carry a concealed weapon.

Read a second time.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 325** be referred to committee on **Senate Organization**.

Referred.

**Senate Bill 338**

Relating to: waiving fees for certain professional and occupational licenses issued to veterans.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 338**?

Adopted.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 338**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

**Senate Bill 338**

Read a third time.

The question was: Shall **Senate Bill 338** be passed?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, S. Coggs, Cowles, T. Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Jauch, Kedzie, King, C. Larson, Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Shilling, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Zipperer – 32.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Senator Wirch – 1.

Passed.

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**SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS OF  
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
AND ASSEMBLY BILLS**

**Assembly Bill 46**

Relating to: eliminating the World Dairy Center Authority.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

**Assembly Bill 46**

Read a third time and concurred in.

**Assembly Bill 59**

Relating to: semiannual meetings of small winery cooperative wholesalers.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

**Assembly Bill 59**

Read a third time and concurred in.

**Assembly Bill 104**

Relating to: membership of the Natural Resources Board.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

**Assembly Bill 104**

Read a third time.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 104** be concurred in?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 23; noes, 9; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators S. Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Kedzie, King, Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Moulton, Olsen, Schultz, Shilling, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Zipperer – 23.

Noes – Senators Carpenter, T. Cullen, Erpenbach, Holperin, Jauch, C. Larson, Miller, Risser and Taylor – 9.

Absent or not voting – Senator Wirch – 1.

Concurred in.

**Assembly Bill 200**

Relating to: temporary alcohol beverages licenses issued for fairgrounds and eligibility for state aid for fairs.

Read a second time.

Senate amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 200** offered by Senator Lasee.

Senator Lasee, with unanimous consent, asked that Senate amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 200** be withdrawn and returned to author.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

**Assembly Bill 200**

Read a third time and concurred in.

**Assembly Bill 228**

Relating to: exemptions from securities registration requirements.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

**Assembly Bill 228**

Read a third time.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Bill 228** be concurred in?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, S. Coggs, Cowles, T. Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Jauch, Kedzie, King, C. Larson, Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Shilling, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Zipperer – 32.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Senator Wirch – 1.

Concurred in.

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**IN THE CHAIR**

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President Ellis in the chair.

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**RULING ON POINT OF ORDER**

President Ellis ruled on the point of order that was raised on November 3, 2011 by Senator Miller, questioning the status of **Senate Resolution 22**.

“On November 3, 2011, the Senator from the 16th, Senator Miller, raised a point of order questioning the status of Senate Resolution 22 as a privileged resolution. The Chair took the question under advisement. The Chair is now prepared to rule.

Senate Rule 69 states that a privileged resolution “need not lie over for consideration, but may be taken up immediately unless referred to the calendar or committee.” However, Senate Rule 90 specifically governs the procedure for changing the Senate Rules stating: “after the senate rules have been established at the commencement of the biennial session, any resolution to change the senate rules must lay over one week.” These rules appear to conflict, with one saying that a privileged resolution need not lie over and the other saying that a change to the rules must lie over. It is the Chair’s opinion, though, that when a privileged change to the rules is involved, the key to harmonizing Senate Rule 69 and Senate Rule 90 is the phrase “unless referred to the calendar.”

The Chair hereby rules that, pursuant to these two rules, a privileged resolution that changes the Senate Rules must be placed under the 10th Order of business on the first calendar established at least one week after introduction of the resolution.

More than one week has passed since the introduction of Senate Resolution 22. Thus, under the terms of this ruling, Senate Resolution 22 shall be placed on the next established calendar. The resolution shall be placed under the 10th Order of Business, consideration of motions, resolutions, and joint resolutions not requiring a 3rd reading.

The Chief Clerk shall spread this ruling upon the journal.”

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADJOURNMENT HONORS,  
AND REMARKS UNDER SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

Senator Erpenbach, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Grace Elizabeth Becker, born January 2, 2012 to Kelly and Matt Becker and big brother Logan. Kelly Becker is a member of Senator Erpenbach’s staff.

Senator Taylor, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of the more than one million Wisconsinites who signed the petitions to recall Governor Walker and Lieutenant Governor Kleefisch, because they are continuing the fight Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began 44 years ago in Memphis, Tennessee: the fight for workplace democracy, for dignity, for equity, and for access to the ballot and their just rights.

Senator Hansen, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his newest grandson, Grayson Brandon Scharer. He was born on January 8th – his Dad’s birthday. He is the Senator’s 11th grandchild.

Senator Wanggaard, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Carly Renguette, a constituent of his, who was recently named the 2011 National Youth Equestrian Rider of the Year by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship. Carly is a 16-year-old student at Racine Lutheran High School. She began horseback riding four years ago as an intensive therapy program to help her regain movement after she was paralyzed from the neck down from a stroke. Thanks to her hard work and dedication, today she is able to maintain her balance while standing in the saddle. Congratulations, Carly, on this wonderful achievement. Carly’s exceptional attitude and incredible perseverance should be an inspiration to us all.

Senator Jauch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Sawyer County Sheriff’s Patrol Deputies Laura Poppe and Jon Walter. This summer, on July 26, deputies Laura Poppe and Jon Walter responded to a house fire near Seeley. Poppe arrived at the scene first and heard Susan Earle yelling for help and indicating that she was badly burned. In order to reach Ms. Earle, Poppe ran to the back of the home, removed a section of chain-link fence without the use of tools, and entered the home. She then led Ms. Earle just outside the home where they were met by Deputy Walter. Walter stayed with Ms. Earle while being feet from the flames until Poppe returned with a blanket. The two deputies wrapped Ms. Earle in the blanket and carried her to safety. Poppe and Walter’s quick actions helped save the life of a resident in peril. The deputies have received much deserved thanks and recognition for their heroism, including from the Sawyer County Sheriff’s Department. Recently, the department presented the deputies with the Life-Saving Award at the December 15 Sawyer County Board meeting. Today the Senator would like to add his name to the list of those who are thankful that Deputy Laura Poppe and Deputy Jon Walter are on duty for Sawyer County.

Senator Jauch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Matt Rooni of the Ashland Police Department, and eight other Ashland Police officers honored for their service in 2011. Officer Matt Rooni recently received the Meritorious Service Award from the office of Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen for his efforts in solving crimes and saving multiple lives in the past

year. This marks the first ever Meritorious Service Award given by the Attorney General's office. The Ashland Police Department also honored officers Ty Juoni, Michelle Tutor, Nick Ovaska, Curt Greene, Scott Morland, Gene Grinker, and Investigator Jerry Katchka. Officer John Fangman also received the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the office of U.S. Congressman Sean Duffy. In his first year on duty, Rooni successfully resolved several violent incidents, including saving the life of a man being stabbed and beaten in an apartment, and stopping a bar fight and maintaining order until EMS arrived to treat a man who was severely beaten and another man whose throat had been slashed. Rooni also helped save the life of a woman who led police on a high speed chase and proceeded to douse herself with lighter fluid and light herself on fire. Rooni acted quickly and removed the woman from the car and covered her with snow to extinguish the fire. Rooni has had an incredible and difficult first year. The Senator wants to commend him and all the other officers honored for their bravery and willingness to put themselves into harms way in order to create a safer community for our citizens.

Senator Lassa, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Army Staff Sgt. Joseph J. Altmann, 27, of Marshfield, who died on Sunday, December 25, 2011, in Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Joe was a medic with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

Senator Lassa, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Private First Class Ryan J. Larson, of Friendship, who passed away on June 15, 2011, at Kandahar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered with insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Private First Class Larson was 19 years old. He was with the Army 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

Senator Lassa, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Diana Reabe, the mother of her former intern Gretchen Reabe, who passed away unexpectedly on Friday, November 4th, at Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield.

Senator Lassa, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Norman W. "Norm" Tritz, who was born in 1921, and died on November 11th, 2011. Norm was the "go to" guy in Marshfield and was involved in everything. He was a gentle soul and he will be missed by so many in our community.

Senator Harsdorf, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in memory of her father, Ervin Harsdorf, who passed away on December 3rd.

Senator Coggs, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of a colleague on the mend, Rep. Tamara Grigsby. All over the state, both Democrats and

Republicans, we've prayed for Tamara to get better. She's the perfect example that "Prayer Works!"

Senator Coggs, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Dick Wheeler, recognizing his life and his legacy, which is his work and his family.

Senator Lazich, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of the New Berlin Eisenhower High School's Academic Decathlon team that took first place in the State regional competition on Friday, January 13th. Eisenhower will now advance to the state competition. The Wisconsin team that wins the State Championship on March 15th and 16th in Wisconsin Dells will qualify to attend the U.S. Academic Decathlon National Competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on April 25-28.

Senator Lazich, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of New Berlin West Middle/High School's 50th Anniversary. In 1962, the opening of New Berlin High School, as West was known back then, opened as the city's first high school. Prior to 1962, students from New Berlin attended Brookfield, Muskego or West Allis high schools. For seven years, New Berlin High School was the only high school in the fast-growing city, until New Berlin Eisenhower High School opened in 1969 and New Berlin High School changed its name to New Berlin West, reflecting its comparative geographical position.

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Jeff Renk, who just completed his first day of session with his new duties.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Deputy Secretary of the Department of Employee Trust Funds, Rob Marchant. Rob began serving the Wisconsin State Senate as our Chief Clerk in 2004, and served in a way that focused on doing the people's business to the best of his abilities, while encouraging others to do the same. The Senator would like to thank Rob for his great service to this chamber and to the people of this state, as well as wish him well on his future endeavors.

Senator Darling, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of her new grandson, William Darling, who was born on November 26th.

Senator Wanggaard, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Laura Kaeppler of Kenosha, who was just crowned Miss America.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of the Green Bay Packers and their great season.

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## ADJOURNMENT

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, January 19, 2012.

Adjourned.

2:03 P.M.