



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Room 412 East, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

March 18, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

[The following is a summary of the March 18, 2015 meeting of the Joint Legislative Council. The file copy of this summary has appended to it a copy of each document prepared for or submitted to the committee during the meeting. A digital recording of the meeting is available on our website at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc>.]

Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Lazich called the meeting to order. The roll was called and it was noted that a quorum was present. Co-Chair Lazich reminded members that bills recommended today will be introduced by the Council to the Legislature.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT: Sen. Mary Lazich and Rep. Joan Ballweg, Co-Chairs; Sens. Scott Fitzgerald, Rick Gudex, Terry Moulton, Fred Risser, Jennifer Shilling, and Van Wanggaard; and Reps. Tyler August, Peter Barca, Dan Knodl, Cory Mason, John Murtha, Katrina Shankland, and Robin Vos.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
EXCUSED: Sens. Alberta Darling, Mark Miller, Jerry Petrowski, and Lena Taylor; and Reps. John Nygren, Jim Steineke, and Chris Taylor.

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT: Terry C. Anderson, Director; Jessica Karls-Ruplinger, Deputy Director; David Lovell, Principal Analyst; Anna Henning, Brian Larson, Mike Queensland, and Zach Ramirez, Staff Attorneys; Julie Learned, Kelly Mautz, and Tracey Young, Senior Administrative Assistants; and Miranda Machgan, Administrative Assistant.

APPEARANCES: Rep. Jim Ott, Chair, and Rep. Dana Wachs, Vice Chair, Study Committee on Transfer of Structured Settlement Payments; Rep. Rob Hutton, Chair, Study Committee on the Review of Criminal

Penalties, and Rep. John Spiros, Chair, Subcommittee on Penalty Alignment and Organization; and Rep. Jeffrey Mursau, Chair, Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations.

Approval of the Minutes of the Committee's February 11, 2015 Meeting

Co-Chair Lazich asked for a motion to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes of the Joint Legislative Council.

Sen. Wanggaard moved, seconded by Sen. Shilling, that the minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Committee Report No. 2 of the Study Committee on Transfer of Structured Settlement Payments

Representative Jim Ott, Chair, and Representative Wachs, Vice Chair, Study Committee on the Transfer of Structured Settlement Payments, accompanied by Anna Henning and Brian Larson, Legislative Council staff, presented the report of the Study Committee. Representative Ott gave a summary of the committee's recommendation.

After questions from committee members, Co-Chair Lazich asked for a motion to introduce LRB-0731/1.

*Sen. Risser moved, seconded by Rep. Barca, that **LRB-0731/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 14 (Sens. Lazich, Fitzgerald, Gudex, Moulton, Risser, Shilling, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Ballweg, August, Barca, Knodl, Mason, Murtha, and Shankland); Noes, 0; and Excused, 8 (Sens. Darling, Miller, Petrowski and Taylor; and Reps. Nygren, Steineke, Taylor, and Vos).*

[Rep. Vos indicated that had he been present he would have voted "aye".]

Committee Report No. 8 of the Study Committee on the Review of Criminal Penalties

Representative Hutton, Chair, Study Committee on Problem-Solving Courts, Alternatives and Diversions, and Representative Spiros, Chair, Subcommittee on Penalty Alignment and Organization, accompanied by Mike Queensland, Legislative Council staff, outlined the work of the Study Committee and the committee's two subcommittees, which were created to work on specific aspects of the committee's scope. Rep. Hutton described the committee's recommendation.

After discussion from committee members, Co-Chair Lazich asked for a motion to introduce LRB-1635/1:

*Rep. Ballweg moved, seconded by Sen. Risser, that **LRB-1635/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 14 (Sens. Lazich, Fitzgerald, Gudex, Moulton, Risser, Shilling, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Ballweg, August, Barca, Knodl, Mason, Murtha, and Shankland); Noes, 0; and Excused, 8 (Sens. Darling, Miller, Petrowski and Taylor; and Reps. Nygren, Steineke, Taylor, and Vos).*

[Rep. Vos indicated that had he been present he would have voted “aye”.]

Committee Report No. 7 of the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations

Representative Mursau, Chair, Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations, accompanied by David Lovell, Legislative Council staff, gave a brief summary of the background of the Special Committee and then described each of the committee’s three recommendations.

After committee discussion, Co-Chair Lazich asked for a motion to introduce the following recommendations of the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations:

*Rep. Barca moved, seconded by Rep. Ballweg, that **LRB-0359/3**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion failed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 8 (Sens. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Moulton, Risser, Shilling, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Ballweg and Barca); Noes, 6 (Sen. Lazich; and Reps. August, Knodl, Mason, Murtha, and Shankland); and Excused, 8 (Sens. Darling, Miller, Petrowski, and Taylor; and Reps. Nygren, Steineke, Taylor, and Vos).*

[Rep. Vos indicated that had he been present he would have voted “no”.]

*Sen. Risser moved, seconded by Rep. Barca, that **LRB-0927/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 14 (Sens. Lazich, Fitzgerald, Gudex, Moulton, Risser, Shilling, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Ballweg, August, Barca, Knodl, Mason, Murtha, and Shankland); Noes, 0; and Excused, 8 (Sens. Darling, Miller, Petrowski and Taylor; and Reps. Nygren, Steineke, Taylor, and Vos).*

[Rep. Vos indicated that had he been present he would have voted “aye”.]

*Sen. Gudex moved, seconded by Sen. Wanggaard, that **LRB-1441/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion failed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 10 (Sens. Lazich, Fitzgerald, Gudex, Moulton, Shilling, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Ballweg, August, Knodl, and*

Murtha); Noes, 4 (Sen. Risser; and Reps. Barca, Mason, and Shankland); and Excused, 8 (Sens. Darling, Miller, Petrowski, and Taylor; and Reps. Nygren, Steineke, Taylor, and Vos).

[Rep. Vos indicated that had he been present he would have voted "aye".]

**Committee Report No. 6 of the
Study Committee on Review of Wisconsin Technical College System
Funding and Governance**

Co-Chair Lazich noted the report of this committee was an informational report and that members could find the report in their binders.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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