

# STATE OF WISCONSIN Senate Journal

# One-Hundred and Second Regular Session

11:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2015

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senate President Lazich.

The Chief Clerk read the certification of election from the Government Accountability Board.

#### Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Kapenga

"It is my honor to welcome Senator Chris Kapenga on his first session day in the Senate. A Certified Public Accountant by trade, Senator Kapenga joins us after serving three terms in the State Assembly, where he championed numerous conservative reforms and worked to reduce the tax burden for Wisconsin residents.

He will continue this work in the Senate, where he will serve as chair of the Senate Committee on Public Benefit and Regulatory Reform, vice chair of the Committee on Elections and Local Government and will sit on the Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection."

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Upon the calling of the newly elected Senator on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, Chris Kapenga appeared before the Senate, took and subscribed a ceremonial oath of office which was administered by the Honorable Pat Roggensack, Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Please see the August 6, 2015 Journal for Senator Kapenga's official oath of office.

#### 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 Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Harsdorf, Kapenga, C. Larson, Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 32.

Absent with leave - Senator Vinehout - 1.

The Senate stood for a moment of silent meditation.

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

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator Shilling, with unanimous consent, asked that Senator Vinehout be granted a leave of absence for today's session.

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

11:39 A.M.

#### RECESS

12:03 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

Senate President Lazich in the chair.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (6), the Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

#### CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

#### AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate Amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 233** offered by Senators Hansen, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Miller, Harris Dodd, Ringhand, L. Taylor and C. Larson.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Bewley added as a co-author of **Senate Joint Resolution 14**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Bewley added as a co-author of **Senate Joint Resolution 20**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Erpenbach added as a co-author of **Senate Bill 236**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Harsdorf added as a co-author of **Senate Bill 10**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Nass withdrawn as a co-author of **Senate Bill 87**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Taylor added as a co-author of **Senate Joint Resolution 48**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Taylor added as a co-author of **Senate Bill 93**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Taylor added as a co-sponsor of **Assembly Bill 193**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Wanggaard added as a co-sponsor of **Assembly Bill 193**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Wanggaard added as a co-author of **Senate Bill 230**.

# State of Wisconsin Office of the Senate Majority Caucus Chair

September 16, 2015

The Honorable, the Senate:

Based upon the recommendation of the Senate Republican caucus, Senator Leah Vukmir has been chosen to serve in the role of Assistant Majority Leader.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, SHEILA HARSDORF Majority Caucus Chair

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

The committee on **Natural Resources and Energy** reports and recommends:

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 15-005

Relating to increasing the operational efficiency of and simplifying the air permit process and affecting small business.

No action taken on September 16, 2015.

Referred to joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules**, September 16, 2015.

ROBERT COWLES
Chairperson

#### ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

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

**DOLL, MARK** of Iola, as a Member with Investment Experience on the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2021.

**ERICKSON, LARRY D.** of Hurley, as a Nothern Area Representative 5 on the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2018.

**JACKSON, JAMES** of Waukesha, as a Private Business/Independent Representative 2 on the Prison Industries Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2019.

**JEDWABNY, KITTY** of Keshena, as a Real Estate Sales Broker on the Real Estate Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2017.

**MADRIGRANO, ALDO** of Sussex, as a General Business Representative on the State Fair Park Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2020.

**MAYO, DALE** of Conover, as a Southern Area Representative on the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2018.

**NICK, BARBARA** of Green Bay, as Public Member on the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2021.

**PAMPERIN, THOMAS J.** of Marion, as a Public Member on the Banking Review Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2020.

**SCHEID, JOHN** of Milwaukee, as an Accountant 2 on the Accounting Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2019.

**SMITH, BILL G.** of Madison, as a Private Business/Ind. Representative on the Prison Industries Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2019.

**STEWART, PAUL** of Milwaukee, as a Member with Investment Experience on the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2021.

**VAN ZEELAND, LEE** of Appleton, as a Southern Area Representative on the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2018.

**YINGLING, JOHN** of Mequon, as a State Resident on the State Fair Park Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2020.

**ZWALD, GREGORY** of River Falls, as a Agriculture Representative on the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2021

The question was: Confirmation en masse?

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

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Harsdorf, Kapenga, C. Larson, Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 32.

Noes - None.

Absent or not voting - Senator Vinehout - 1.

Confirmed.

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

#### **Senate Joint Resolution 14**

Relating to: commending Pope Francis.

The question was: Adoption of **Senate Joint Resolution 14**?

Adopted.

#### **Senate Joint Resolution 20**

Relating to: proclaiming September 2015 as Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.

The question was: Adoption of **Senate Joint Resolution 20**?

Adopted.

#### **Senate Joint Resolution 44**

Relating to: commending Coach John Vodenlich on receiving the 2015 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Baseball Coach of the Year award.

The question was: Adoption of **Senate Joint Resolution** 44?

Adopted.

#### **Senate Joint Resolution 48**

Relating to: congratulating Whistling Straits, the Kohler Company, and Herbert Kohler Jr. on the 97th Annual PGA Championship.

The question was: Adoption of **Senate Joint Resolution 48**?

Adopted.

#### **Senate Joint Resolution 49**

Relating to: commemorating the 160th anniversary of Miller Brewing Company in the state of Wisconsin.

The question was: Adoption of **Senate Joint Resolution 49**?

Adopted.

#### **Assembly Joint Resolution 43**

Relating to: the life and public service of Representative Thomas Archer Lothian.

Read.

Concurred in by unanimous rising vote

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be added as cosponsors of **Assembly Joint Resolution 43**.

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

**Senate Joint Resolution 14 Senate Joint Resolution 20**  Senate Joint Resolution 44 Senate Joint Resolution 48 Senate Joint Resolution 49 Assembly Joint Resolution 43

Messaged.

Senator Taylor, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 50** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

#### **Senate Joint Resolution 50**

Relating to: recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month.

Senator Taylor, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be added as coauthors of **Senate Joint Resolution 50**.

The question was: Adoption of **Senate Joint Resolution** 50?

Adopted.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 51** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

#### **Senate Joint Resolution 51**

Relating to: proclaiming the second week in September each year as Towing Industry Awareness Week.

Read.

The question was: Adoption of **Senate Joint Resolution 51**?

Adopted.

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

Senate Joint Resolution 50 Senate Joint Resolution 51

Messaged.

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

#### Senate Bill 53

Relating to: tax incremental financing project plan amendments and extending the life of a tax incremental district if the district is adversely impacted by statutory changes to the method of calculating equalized valuation.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 53**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 53

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of Senate Bill 53?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 31; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 2; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Harsdorf, Kapenga, C. Larson, Lassa, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 31.

Noes - None.

Absent or not voting - Senators Lasee and Vinehout - 2.

Passed.

#### Senate Bill 56

Relating to: designation of tax incremental districts as distressed or severely distressed districts.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 56**?

Adopted.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 56**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 56

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of Senate Bill 56?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 31; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 2; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Harsdorf, Kapenga, C. Larson, Lassa, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 31.

Noes - None.

Absent or not voting - Senators Lasee and Vinehout - 2.

Passed.

#### Senate Bill 57

Relating to: redetermination of base value for tax incremental districts.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 57**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 57

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 57**?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 31; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 2; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Harsdorf, Kapenga, C. Larson, Lassa, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 31.

Noes - None.

Absent or not voting - Senators Lasee and Vinehout - 2.

Passed.

#### Senate Bill 87

Relating to: inspection of certain renovations of onefamily and two-family dwellings and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 87**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 87

Read a third time and passed.

#### Senate Bill 93

Relating to: motor vehicle repair practices.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 93?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 93

Read a third time and passed.

#### Senate Bill 104

Relating to: the authority of a town and of a county to zone shorelands in a town that is located entirely on an island in Lake Superior and authorized to exercise village powers.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 104

Read a third time and passed.

#### Senate Bill 217

Relating to: allowing a school board member to serve as a volunteer coach or extracurricular activity supervisor.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 217

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 217**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 29; noes, 2; absent or not voting, 2; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Harsdorf, Kapenga, C. Larson, Lassa, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 29.

Noes - Senators Miller and Nass - 2.

Absent or not voting - Senators Lasee and Vinehout - 2.

Passed.

#### Senate Bill 226

Relating to: the presence of underage persons on premises operating under a retail alcohol beverage license.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 226

Read a third time and passed.

#### Senate Bill 229

Relating to: regulation of columbaria maintained by religious associations.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 229**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 229

Read a third time and passed.

#### Senate Bill 233

Relating to: distributing excess sales tax revenue collected by a local professional football stadium district to Brown County and the municipalities within Brown County and making an appropriation.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 233?

Adopted.

Senator Cowles moved that Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 233 be laid on the table.

The question was: Shall Senate Amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 233** be laid on the table?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 19; noes, 12; absent or not voting, 2; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Cowles, Darling, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Harsdorf, Kapenga, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Roth, Stroebel, Tiffany, Vukmir and Wanggaard - 19.

Noes - Senators Carpenter, Erpenbach, Hansen, Harris Dodd, C. Larson, Lassa, Miller, Ringhand, Risser, Shilling, L. Taylor and Wirch - 12.

Absent or not voting - Senators Lasee and Vinehout - 2.

Tabled.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 233

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of Senate Bill 233?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 31; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 2; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Harsdorf, Kapenga, C. Larson, Lassa, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 31.

Noes - None.

Absent or not voting - Senators Lasee and Vinehout - 2.

Passed.

#### Senate Bill 236

Relating to: temporary alcohol beverage retail licenses.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 236**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 236

Read a third time and passed.

#### Senate Bill 252

Relating to: utility aid payments for decommissioned or closed production plants.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### Senate Bill 252

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 252**?

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

Ayes - Senators Bewley, Carpenter, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Gudex, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Harsdorf, Kapenga, C. Larson, Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, LeMahieu, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Vukmir, Wanggaard and Wirch - 32.

Noes - None.

Absent or not voting - Senator Vinehout - 1.

Passed.

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

Senate Bill 53

Senate Bill 56

Senate Bill 57

Senate Bill 87

Senate Bill 93

Senate Bill 104

Senate Bill 217

Senate Bill 226

Senate Bill 229

Senate Bill 233

Senate Bill 236

Senate Bill 252

Messaged.

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

#### **Assembly Bill 158**

Relating to: repealing rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### **Assembly Bill 158**

Read a third time and concurred in.

#### **Assembly Bill 193**

Relating to: the notification of relatives when a child is removed from the custody of the child's parent and placement of a child with a parent of a sibling of the child who has custody of the sibling.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading.

#### **Assembly Bill 193**

Read a third time and concurred in.

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

Assembly Bill 158 Assembly Bill 193

Messaged.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADJOURNMENT HONORS, AND REMARKS UNDER SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Hansen, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of University of Wisconsin – Green Bay's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 2, 2015 and University of Wisconsin – Marinette's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this fall.

Senator Harris Dodd, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of the individuals who have lost their lives to violence in Milwaukee over the summer. 113 lives have been taken in Milwaukee since January of this year. Nearly 50 lives were taken since the Senator last stood on the Senate floor. Nearly every day in her district, a person is shot or injured as a result of violence. 83% of homicides this year occurred as a result of violence through the use of a firearm. Children are dying in her district. 13 year-old Giovonnie Cameron was coming back from a prayer vigil when he was fatally shot. The prayer vigil was for his 14 year-old fried, Tariq, who died after being shot after a fireworks

show near the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. 17 year-old Breanna Eskridge was shot on a porch near the end of July, making her the 3<sup>rd</sup> teenager to die in a span of just a few weeks. Sadly, children in her district are not surprised by the sound of gunshots on their block. They are no longer phased by prayer vigils and peace walks and their friends dying. For children in her district, every day is a war zone. Every day is another day where they could be shot or their family member could be shot. Senator Harris Dodd challenges the Senate to work with her to reduce violence and build safer communities for our children.

Senator Wanggaard, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of the Burlington Little League 12U All-Star Baseball Team. This year, they earned the titles for 2015 District Champions and 2015 State Champions on their way to the Little League World Series, becoming only the second team in state history to advance to the regional title game. Unfortunately, they didn't reach their final goal of making it to the World Series this season. However, the Burlington 12U team has won the state championship six years in a row, and they will surely have another promising season next year. Senator Wanggaard would like to honor their sportsmanship, teamwork, and tremendous talent they demonstrated throughout their journey and congratulate them on their successful season that made Wisconsin history.

Senator Wanggaard, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Kyle Koenen, his former committee clerk, on his recent engagement.

Senator Darling, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Charlie Kubly and his parents Dr. and Sally Kubly. Charlie was a victim of depression and took his own life. A foundation has been formed in his memory to help others affected by depression.

Senator Tiffany, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Sergeant Einer Ingman Jr., who passed away last week. Mr. Ingman served in the United States Army and was one of five Wisconsinites to receive the Medal of Honor for his valor on the Korean War. The four others were awarded posthumously. On February 26, 1951, after taking over command of two squads when the squad leaders were injured, he single-handedly attacked a machine gun which was firing on his men, tossing a hand grenade into the emplacement and killing the crew with his rifle. He then attacked a second machine gun, killing the crew while losing part of his left ear after a grenade exploded near his head and taking a bullet to the face. Einar continued fighting, killing the remaining Chinese soldiers with his rifle and his bayonet until falling unconscious. His men went on to capture the objective and forced the opposing troops to retreat. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1951, Einer Ingman Jr. was presented the Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman. After the Army, he worked for a paper company for 32 years and married Mardelle Goodfellow, having seven children. Sergeant Ingman Jr. passed away on September 9, 2015, at the age of eighty-five. Today he will be laid to rest with full military honors after a funeral service in Tomahawk, WI. Flags are being flown at half-staff in his honor.

Senator Tiffany, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Jennifer Esser, his Chief of Staff. Today is her last session day as his Chief of Staff. She has taken a new position outside of the legislature after 16 years of service with the state legislature. Senator Tiffany would like to express his sincere gratitude for her dedication and passion for her job over the years. There are many friends and colleagues of hers in the legislature that wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Senator Kapenga, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Sarah Gibbs, a trusted campaign volunteer and a dear friend, who saved the Senator today at his first Senate session day by driving up his suit coat that he forgot at home, and it was just in the nick of time.

Senator Shilling, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Nate Shilling, her oldest son, in turning 10 on August 31 and also her husband, Chris Shilling, in celebrating his birthday September 3.

Senator Shilling, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of George Miller, who passed away on Friday, August 21, 2015. Just 10 days shy of the first day of his senior year at La Crosse Central High School, George fell victim to the growing gun violence on our state and nation. The La Crosse community has come together in support of George and his friends and family. Senator Shilling is proud of the work and discussions that administrators, teachers, community leaders, local law enforcement and George's schoolmates have had in the wake of George's death.

Senator Erpenbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor and recognition of the "Pursuit of Liberty in the Face of Injustice" by the Wisconsin NAACP Conference of Branches in Milwaukee, Dane County, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Beloit and Ozaukee, They have lifted their voices through press releases, rallies and marches in support of the National NAACP Journey for Justice March, which began August 1 in Selma, Alabama, traveling through five states and concluding August 16 in Washington DC. The March highlights the critical need to adopt a policy agenda that protects the lives of Americans, jobs of our citizenry, the people's right to vote, and addresses the need for public school and criminal justice reform. Senator Erpenbach would like to commend the Wisconsin NAACP Conference of Branches for standing on the principles of the Journey for Justice March and placing these critical issues at the fore of our current policy discourse.

Senator Risser, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Anne Nicol Gaylor, who passed away June 14, 2015. She had a long and distinguished career as a pioneer, activist, and reproductive rights advocate. Anne was editor and owner of the Middleton Times-Tribune. In 1974, Anne cofounded the Women's Medical Fund and in 1976 became principal founder of the Freedom from Religion Foundation. She received numerous awards and honors before she retired after 40 years in volunteer work in the spring of 2015.

Senator Stoebel, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Villa Loretto Nursing Home in Mount Calvary. Earlier this week, Villa Loretto celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a skilled nursing facility with a special mass. Since 1965, the Congregation of Sister-Servants of Christ the King has welcomed persons of every faith in their nurturing community.

Senator Harsdorf, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Rachel Veum, a valued member of the State Senate staff and Senate Chief Clerk's office that underwent surgery this week as part of her cancer treatment.

The Senate sends their encouragement to Rachel, her husband Eric, and her children Samantha and Andrew. Please join Senator Harsdorf in keeping Rachel in your prayers.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Senator Vukmir, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand adjourned until Monday, September 21, 2015.

Adjourned.

1:15 P.M.