



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Room 411 South, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

February 1, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

[The following is a summary of the February 1, 2017 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 Roth called the meeting to order. The roll was called and it was noted that a quorum was present. Co-Chair Roth welcomed the new members of the Council and reminded members that votes taken today would be for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council to the Legislature.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Sen. Roger Roth and Rep. Robert Brooks, Co-Chairs; Sens. Scott Fitzgerald, Howard Marklein, Mark Miller, Jerry Petrowski, Fred Risser, Jennifer Shilling, Lena Taylor, and Van Wanggaard; and Reps. Tyler August, Joan Ballweg, Peter Barca, Dianne Hesselbein, Gordon Hintz, Cory Mason, John Nygren, Jim Steineke, and Robin Vos.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
EXCUSED:

Sens. Alberta Darling and Terry Moulton; and Rep. John Spiros.

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:

Terry C. Anderson, Director; Jessica Karls-Ruplinger, Deputy Director; Rachel Letzing and Larry Konopacki, Principal Attorneys; Katie Bender-Olson, Margit Kelley, Brian Larson, Mike Queensland, and Melissa Schmidt, Senior Staff Attorneys; Andrea Brauer, Julia Norsetter, Amber Otis, and Zach Ramirez, Staff Attorneys; and Julie Learned and Kelly Mautz, Senior Administrative Assistants.

APPEARANCES: Sen. Stephen Nass, Chair, Study Committee on Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Shortages; Sen. Howard Marklein, Chair, Study Committee on Rural Broadband; Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt, Chair, Study Committee on School Data; and Rep. Rob Hutton, Vice Chair, Study Committee on Reducing Recidivism and Removing Impediments to Ex-Offender Employment.

Approval of the Minutes of the Committee's March 18, 2015 Meeting

Co-Chair Roth asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2015 minutes of the Joint Legislative Council.

Rep. Ballweg moved, seconded by Sen. Taylor, that the minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Committee Report of the Study Committee on Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Shortages

Senator Stephen Nass, Chair, Study Committee on Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Shortages, accompanied by Andrea Brauer and Margit Kelley, Legislative Council staff, presented the report of the Study Committee. Senator Nass gave a summary of the committee's several recommendations, as well as an overview of the Study Committee's meetings and discussions.

After questions from committee members, Co-Chair Roth asked for a motion to introduce the committee's recommendations en masse. After hearing objection, Co-Chair Roth indicated each of the committee's recommendations would be voted on separately. He asked for a motion to introduce the following drafts:

*Rep. Ballweg moved, seconded by Rep. Brooks, that **LRB-0246/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 16 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 3 (Reps. Hesselbein, Hintz, and Mason); and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).*

*Rep. Ballweg moved, seconded by Rep. August, that **LRB-0247/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 16 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 3 (Reps.*

Hesselbein, Hintz, and Mason); and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).

*Rep. Ballweg moved, seconded by Sen. Fitzgerald, that **LRB-0567/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion failed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 8 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks and Ballweg); Noes, 11 (Sens. Risser, Shilling, and Taylor; and Reps. August, Barca, Hesselbein, Hintz, Mason, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).*

*Rep. Steineke moved, seconded by Rep. Nygren, that **LRB-0589/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 19 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Hesselbein, Hintz, Mason, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 0; and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).*

*Rep. Steineke moved, seconded by Rep. Nygren, that **LRB-0683/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 18 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Hesselbein, Hintz, Mason, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 1 (Sen. Risser); and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).*

*Rep. Nygren moved, seconded by Rep. Vos, that **LRB-0685/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 18 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Hesselbein, Hintz, Mason, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 1 (Sen. Risser); and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).*

*Rep. Brooks moved, seconded by Sen. Fitzgerald, that **LRB-0595/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote of Ayes, 19 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Hesselbein, Hintz, Mason, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 0; and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).*

Committee Report of the Study Committee on Rural Broadband

Senator Howard Marklein, Chair, Study Committee on Rural Broadband, accompanied by Representative Warren Petryk, Study Committee Vice Chair, and Zach Ramirez and Julia Norsetter,

Legislative Council staff, outlined the work of the Study Committee and described the committee's recommendation.

After discussion and questions from committee members, Co-Chair Roth asked for a motion to introduce LRB-0143/1:

*Rep. Ballweg moved, seconded by Rep. Nygren, that **LRB-0143/1**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 19 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Hesselbein, Hintz, Mason, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 0; and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).*

Committee Report of the Study Committee on School Data

Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt, Chair, Study Committee on School Data, accompanied by Katie Bender-Olson and Brian Larson, Legislative Council staff, gave a brief summary of the background of the Study Committee and described each of the committee's two recommendations.

After committee discussion, Co-Chair Roth asked for a motion to introduce the following recommendations of the Study Committee on School Data:

*Rep. August moved, seconded by Rep. Mason, that **LRB-0377/2**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 19 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Hesselbein, Hintz, Mason, Nygren, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 0; and Excused, 3 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Rep. Spiros).*

*Rep. Ballweg moved, seconded by Rep. Brooks, that **LRB-0445/2**, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 18 (Sens. Roth, Fitzgerald, Marklein, Miller, Petrowski, Risser, Shilling, Taylor, and Wanggaard; and Reps. Brooks, August, Ballweg, Barca, Hesselbein, Hintz, Mason, Steineke, and Vos); Noes, 0; and Excused, 4 (Sens. Darling and Moulton; and Reps. Nygren and Spiros).*

Committee Report of the Study Committee on Reducing Recidivism and Removing Impediments to Ex-Offender Employment

Representative Rob Hutton, Vice Chair, Study Committee on Reducing Recidivism and Removing Impediments to Ex-Offender Employment, accompanied by Mike Queensland and Melissa Schmidt, Legislative Council staff, presented the final report of the committee. Representative Hutton

explained that the committee made the following 11 recommendations, relating to (1) Windows to Work; (2) Opening Avenues to Reentry Success; (3) integrated reentry and employment strategies; (4) Milwaukee Area Technical College; (5) medication supply upon release from prison; (6) healthcare and human services enrollment; (7) trauma-informed care pilot program; (8) Department of Corrections study and training on trauma-informed care; (9) State of Wisconsin identification cards; (10) Council of State Governments Justice Reinvestment Initiative; and (11) issues for further review or study by the appropriate legislative standing committees.

Co-Chair Roth asked for any questions from committee members. Committee members then generally discussed the study committee process, including the scope statements and number of meetings, of Legislative Council study committees.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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