



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

One-Hundred and Seventh Regular Session

6:33 P.M.

TUESDAY, February 18, 2025

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol.

Speaker Pro Tempore Petersen in the chair.

Representative August asked unanimous consent for a quorum call. Granted.

A quorum was present.

Speaker Vos in the chair.

The prayer was offered by Representative Dittrich.

Representative Sortwell led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America flag.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present - Representatives Allen, Anderson, Andraca, Armstrong, Arney, August, Bare, Behnke, Billings, Born, Brill, Brooks, Brown, Callahan, Clancy, Cruz, Dallman, DeSanto, DeSmidt, Dittrich, Donovan, Doyle, Duchow, Emerson, Fitzgerald, Franklin, Goeben, Goodwin, Green, Gundrum, Gustafson, Haywood, Hong, Hurd, Hysell, B. Jacobson, J. Jacobson, Joers, Johnson, Kaufert, Kirsch, Kitchens, Knodl, Kreibich, Krug, Kurtz, Madison, Maxey, Mayadev, McCarville, McGuire, Melotik, Miresse, Moore Omokunde, Moses, Murphy, Mursau, Nedwesi, Neubauer, Neylon, Novak, O'Connor, Ortiz-Velez, Palmeri, Penterman, Petersen, Phelps, Piwowarczyk, Prado, Pronschinske, Rivera-Wagner, Rodriguez, Roe, Sheehan, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Snyder, Sortwell, Spaude, Spiros, Steffen, Stroud, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Taylor, Tenorio, Tittl, Tranel, Tucker, Tusler, Udell, VanderMeer, Vining, Wichgers, Wittke, Zimmerman, and Speaker Vos - 98.

Absent with leave - Representative Stubbs - 1.

Vacancies - None.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Representative Subeck asked unanimous consent for a leave of absence for today's session for Representative Stubbs. Granted.

Speaker Vos appointed Representatives Franklin and Spaude to escort Governor Tony Evers from his office to the Assembly Chamber.

Speaker Vos asked unanimous consent that the Assembly stand informal. Granted.

The Assembly stood informal.

6:45 P.M.

INFORMAL

The Assembly reconvened.

6:50 P.M.

Speaker Vos in the chair.

Assembly Sergeant at Arms Anne Tonnon Byers announced the arrival of the Honorable Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Assembly Sergeant at Arms Anne Tonnon Byers announced the arrival of the members of the Wisconsin State Senate.

JOINT CONVENTION

The houses went into joint convention.

6:56 P.M.

Senate President Felzkowski presiding.

Senator Felzkowski recognized the presence of Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez, Attorney General Josh Kaul, State Treasurer John Leiber, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly; Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Ann Walsh Bradley; and Wisconsin Tribal Leaders: Chairman James Crawford of the Forest County Potawatomi, President Jon Greendeer of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Vice Chairman Tweed Schumann of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Vice Chairman Michael Fish of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Chairman Tehassi Hill of the Oneida Nation.

Assembly Sergeant at Arms Anne Tonnon Byers announced the arrival of Governor Tony Evers.

Escorted by Senators Hutton and Dassler-Alfheim, and Representatives Franklin and Spaude, Governor Tony Evers took his place at the rostrum to deliver his 2025-2026 State Budget address.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 73, the governor's message is printed in the Senate journal only.

Senator Felzkowski moved that the joint convention arise.

The question was: Shall the joint convention arise?

Motion carried.

7:49 P.M.

The Assembly reconvened.

7:50 P.M.

Speaker Vos in the chair.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 50

Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2025 legislature.

By joint committee on **Finance**

To joint committee on **Finance**.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

To joint survey committee on **Retirement Systems**.

The Chief Clerk received the following coauthor and cosponsor requests on February 17, 2025:

Representative O'Connor added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 3**, relating to: incorporating cursive writing into the state model English language arts standards and requiring cursive writing in elementary grades.

Representative O'Connor added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 5**, relating to: requiring schoolboards to make textbooks, curricula, and instructional materials available for inspection by school district residents.

Representative O'Connor added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 6**, relating to: requiring a school board to spend at least 70 percent of its operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures and annual pay increases for school administrators.

Representative Green withdrawn as a coauthor of **Assembly Resolution 3**, Relating to: observing February 28, 2025, as Rare Disease Day in Wisconsin.

Representative O'Connor added as a coauthor of **Assembly Resolution 4**, Relating to: proclaiming our appreciation and respect for our Grocery and Retail Food Employees.

The Chief Clerk received the following coauthor and cosponsor requests on February 18, 2025:

Representative Gustafson added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 5**, relating to: requiring schoolboards to make textbooks, curricula, and instructional materials available for inspection by school district residents.

Representative Gustafson added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 6**, relating to: requiring a school board to spend at least 70 percent of its operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures and annual pay increases for school administrators.

Representative Fitzgerald added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 23**, relating to: establishment of a Palliative Care Council.

Representative Gustafson added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 24**, relating to: county sheriff assistance with certain federal immigration functions.

Representative O'Connor added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 30**, relating to: prohibiting a foreign adversary from acquiring agricultural or forestry land in this state.

Representative Gustafson added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 38**, relating to: an income tax exemption for cash tips paid to an employee.

Representative O'Connor added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 39**, relating to: requiring state employees to perform their work at the offices of their employer.

Representative Fitzgerald added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 43**, relating to: permitting pharmacists to prescribe certain contraceptives, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Senators Spreitzer and Habush Sinykin added as cosponsors of **Assembly Bill 43**, relating to: permitting pharmacists to prescribe certain contraceptives, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Representative Rivera-Wagner added as a coauthor of **Assembly Bill 49**, relating to: a minor's authority to consent to health care.

Representative Gustafson added as a coauthor of **Assembly Joint Resolution 9**, Relating to: honoring the life and enduring legacy of Robert George Uecker.

Representatives Gustafson and Arney added as coauthors of **Assembly Resolution 4**, Relating to: proclaiming our appreciation and respect for our Grocery and Retail Food Employees.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative August moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 19.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

7:51 P.M.