

# STATE OF WISCONSIN

# Senate Journal

## One-Hundred and Seventh Regular Session

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WEDNESDAY, February 5, 2025

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The Chief Clerk made the following entries under the above date.

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

Read and referred:

#### Senate Joint Resolution 5

Relating to: celebrating the 51st anniversary of the American Birkebeiner and proclaiming February 17 to 23, 2025, as American Birkebeiner Week in Wisconsin.

By Senator Quinn; cosponsored by Representative Green.  
To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

#### Senate Joint Resolution 6

Relating to: honoring the life and enduring legacy of Robert George Uecker.

By Senators Carpenter, Habush Sinykin, Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Feyen, Hesselbein, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Larson, Marklein, Nass, Pfaff, Quinn, Ratcliff, Roys, Smith, Spreitzer and Wirth; cosponsored by Representatives Knodl, Moore Omokunde, Allen, Armstrong, Arney, Bare, Behnke, Brown, Clancy, Cruz, DeSanto, DeSmidt, Dittrich, Donovan, Doyle, Emerson, Fitzgerald, Goodwin, Green, Gundrum, Hong, J. Jacobson, Joers, Kaufert, Kirsch, Kreibich, Krug, Madison, Mayadev, Melotik, Miresse, Moses, Murphy, Mursau, Nedweski, Neylon, Novak, O'Connor, Ortiz-Velez, Petersen, Phelps, Piwowarczyk, Pronschinske, Rivera-Wagner, Roe, Sheehan, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Snyder, Stroud, Subeck, Swearingen, Taylor, Tenorio, Tusler, Udell, Vining and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

#### Senate Joint Resolution 7

Relating to: recognizing that the Wisconsin State Legislature supports nuclear power and fusion energy as clean energy sources that are critical to safely meeting Wisconsin's growing energy demands and declaring the legislature's commitment to the continuation and expansion of nuclear power and nuclear technologies, the development of nuclear technologies and fusion energy, and employing the leadership and resources necessary to support the development of and investment in nuclear power, fusion energy, and related technologies in the state.

By Senators Bradley, Feyen, Jacque, James, Nass, Quinn, Ratcliff and Tomczyk; cosponsored by Representatives Steffen, Sortwell, Armstrong, Brill, Callahan, Dittrich, Gundrum, Gustafson, Hurd, Knodl, Maxey, Melotik, Moore

Omokunde, Murphy, Mursau, Nedweski, Neylon, O'Connor, Penterman, Rodriguez, Snyder, Spiros, Stubbs, Subeck, Tusler and VanderMeer.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Read first time and referred:

#### Senate Joint Resolution 4

Relating to: the freedom to gather in places of worship during a state of emergency (second consideration).

By Senators Tomczyk, Nass, Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Felzkowski, James, Kapenga and Quinn; cosponsored by Representatives Tusler, Green, Allen, Armstrong, Behnke, Brill, Brooks, Callahan, Dittrich, Donovan, Franklin, Goeben, Gundrum, Gustafson, Hurd, B. Jacobson, Knodl, Kreibich, Maxey, Murphy, Nedweski, O'Connor, Penterman, Piwowarczyk, Tittl and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs**.

#### Senate Bill 15

Relating to: increased penalties for crimes against adults at risk; restraining orders for adults at risk; freezing assets of a defendant charged with financial exploitation of an adult at risk; sexual assault of an adult at risk; and providing a penalty.

By Senators Jacque and Carpenter; cosponsored by Representatives Kreibich, Behnke, Dittrich, Gundrum, Murphy, Mursau, Tusler, Wichgers, Allen, Donovan, Tenorio and Knodl.

To the committee on **Judiciary and Public Safety**.

#### Senate Bill 16

Relating to: participation in interscholastic athletics and application of the public records and open meetings laws to interscholastic athletic associations.

By Senators Tomczyk and Nass; cosponsored by Representatives Duchow, Brooks, Callahan, Dittrich, Knodl, Kreibich, Melotik, Nedweski, O'Connor, Pronschinske and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Education**.

#### Senate Bill 17

Relating to: special circumstances battery to a community service officer and providing a penalty.

By Senators James and Tomczyk; cosponsored by Representatives Goeben, Armstrong, Murphy, Dittrich, Nedweski, B. Jacobson, Callahan, Brill, Allen, Subeck, Wichgers, Mursau and Behnke.

To the committee on **Judiciary and Public Safety**.

**Senate Bill 18**

Relating to: changes to the educational assessment program and the school and school district accountability report.

By Senators Jagler, Quinn, Feyen, Wanggaard, Tomczyk, Nass, Bradley, Wimberger, Kapenga, Marklein, James, Jacque, Testin and Cabral-Guevara; cosponsored by Representatives Wittke, Novak, O'Connor, Kreibich, Tusler, Gundrum, Duchow, Penterman, Murphy, Sortwell, Born, Maxey, Behnke, Melotik, Mursau, Piwowarczyk, Nedweski, Gustafson, Donovan, Green, Dittrich, Dallman, Brill, B. Jacobson, Rodriguez, Spiros, Allen, Knodl, Kaufert and Moses.

To the committee on **Education**.

**Senate Bill 19**

Relating to: fee waivers for state park vehicle admission receipts to pupils with Every Kid Outdoors passes.

By Senators Jacque, Cabral-Guevara and Ratcliff; cosponsored by Representatives Tusler, Bare, Behnke, Brown, Kreibich, Miresse, Palmeri, Subeck, Wichgers and Sinicki.

To the committee on **Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage**.

**Senate Bill 20**

Relating to: allowing certain married persons to claim the earned income tax credit when filing a separate return.

By Senators Jacque and Spreitzer; cosponsored by Representatives Tittl, Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Dittrich, Goodwin, Gundrum, Kreibich, Mursau, Piwowarczyk, Snodgrass, Stubbs, Subeck, Taylor, Vining, Wichgers and Sinicki.

To the committee on **Agriculture and Revenue**.

**Senate Bill 21**

Relating to: creating an employee ownership conversion costs tax credit, a deduction for capital gains from the transfer of a business to employee ownership, and an employee ownership education and outreach program.

By Senators James, Larson and Tomczyk; cosponsored by Representatives Sortwell, Franklin, Kaufert, Madison, Anderson, Clancy, Cruz, DeSmidt, Goeben, Goodwin, Gundrum, Hong, Hysell, Kreibich, Maxey, Miresse, Novak, Piwowarczyk, Prado, Stroud, Tusler, Udell and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Agriculture and Revenue**.

**Senate Bill 22**

Relating to: requiring school boards to make textbooks, curricula, and instructional materials available for inspection by school district residents.

By Senators Tomczyk, Nass and Wanggaard; cosponsored by Representatives Dittrich, Knodl, Allen, Behnke, Brill, Goeben, Gundrum, B. Jacobson, Kreibich, Krug, Murphy, Nedweski, Piwowarczyk, Tusler and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Education**.

**Senate Bill 23**

Relating to: extension of eligibility under the Medical Assistance program for postpartum women.

By Senators James, Felzkowski, Bradley, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Feyen, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, Keyeski, Larson, Marklein, Pfaff, Quinn, Ratcliff, Roys, Spreitzer, Tomczyk, Wall, Wanggaard, Wimberger and Wirth; cosponsored by Representatives Snyder, Rodriguez, Allen, Anderson, Andraca, Arney, Bare, Behnke, Billings, Brown, Clancy, Cruz, DeSmidt, Dittrich, Donovan, Doyle, Duchow, Emerson, Fitzgerald, Franklin, Goodwin, Gundrum, Gustafson, Hong, Hysell, J. Jacobson, Joers, Johnson, Kaufert, Kirsch, Kitchens, Kreibich, Krug, Kurtz, Madison, Maxey, Mayadev, McCarville, Melotik, Miresse, Moore Omokunde, Mursau, Neubauer, Neylon, Novak, Palmeri, Petersen, Phelps, Prado, Rivera-Wagner, Roe, Sheehan, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Spaude, Steffen, Stroud, Stubbs, Subeck, Taylor, Tenorio, Tusler, Udell, Vining, Wichgers and Wittke.

To the committee on **Health**.

**Senate Bill 24**

Relating to: limitations on the total value of taxable property that may be included in, and the lifespan of, a tax incremental financing district created in the city of Middleton.

By Senators Testin, Hesselbein, Ratcliff and Spreitzer; cosponsored by Representatives Kurtz, Novak, Joers, Bare, Armstrong, Arney, DeSmidt, Hysell, Palmeri, Tenorio, Udell and Roe.

To the committee on **Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development**.

**Senate Bill 25**

Relating to: court-issued criminal complaints in officer-involved deaths.

By Senators Hutton, Bradley, Wanggaard, Feyen, Nass, Tomczyk and Testin; cosponsored by Representatives Moses, Duchow, Dittrich, Piwowarczyk, Armstrong, Brooks, Donovan, B. Jacobson, Penterman, Murphy, Tucker, Wichgers and Behnke.

To the committee on **Judiciary and Public Safety**.

**Senate Bill 26**

Relating to: technical colleges' lease of their facilities to others.

By Senators Feyen and Spreitzer; cosponsored by Representatives O'Connor, Armstrong, Born, Callahan, Gundrum, Miresse and Piwowarczyk.

To the committee on **Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families**.

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**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Swearingen added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 25**.

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**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Senate Majority Leader**

February 5, 2025

The Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to various statutes, I am making the following appointments based on the nominations from Minority Leader Dianne Hesselbein:

**State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse**  
Senator Jeff Smith

**Commission on Uniform State Laws**  
Senator Jodi Habush Sinykin

**Building Commission**  
Senator Brad Pfaff

**Educational Communications Board**  
Senator Chris Larson

**Council on Highway Safety**  
Senator Brad Pfaff

**Historical Society of Wisconsin Board of Curators**  
Senator Dora Drake

**Legislative State Supported Programs Study and Advisory Committee**  
Senator Brad Pfaff  
Senator Dianne Hesselbein

**Council on Migrant Labor**  
Senator Tim Carpenter

**Council on Military and State Relations**  
Senator Robert Wirth

**Sporting Heritage Council**  
Senator Kristin Dassler-Alfheim

**State Capitol and Executive Residence Board**  
Senator Jodi Habush Sinykin

**Council on Tourism**  
Senator Sarah Keyeski

Transportation Projects Commission  
**Senator Tim Carpenter**  
Senator Brad Pfaff

**Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority**  
Senator Kristin Dassler-Alfheim

**Women's Council**  
Senator Kristin Dassler-Alfheim

Please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
*DEVIN LEMAHIEU*  
Majority Leader

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

### **Senate Clearinghouse Rule 23-057**

Relating to fair packaging and labeling; selling commodities by weight, measure, or count; and weights and measures; affecting small businesses.

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from Agency, February 3, 2025.

Referred to the committee on **Agriculture and Revenue**, February 5, 2025.

### **Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-050**

Relating to implementation of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

Submitted by the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board.

Report received from Agency, January 29, 2025.

Referred to the committee on **Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs**, February 5, 2025.

### **Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-062**

Relating to implementation of the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.

Submitted by the Hearing and Speech Examining Board.

Report received from Agency, January 29, 2025.

Referred to the committee on **Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs**, February 5, 2025.