



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

One-Hundred and Seventh Regular Session

1:32 P.M.

TUESDAY, March 18, 2025

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senate President Felzkowski.

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 Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Felzkowski, Feyen, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, L. Johnson, Kapenga, Keyeski, Larson, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Pfaff, Quinn, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk, Wall, Wanggaard, Wimberger and Wirsch - 32.

Absent with leave - Senator Roys - 1.

The Senate stood for a moment of silent meditation.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Assembly Joint Resolution 18** be withdrawn and taken up at this time.

Assembly Joint Resolution 18

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Representative Jonathan Brostoff.

Read.

Concurred in by unanimous rising vote.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be added as cosponsors of **Assembly Joint Resolution 18**.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 19** be laid on the table.

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

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 4** offered by Senators Spreitzer, Ratcliff, Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Roys, Pfaff, Smith, Drake, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, L. Johnson, Keyeski, Larson and Wall.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representatives Stroud, Stubbs and Joers added as cosponsors of **Senate Bill 85**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Carpenter added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 86**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representatives Stubbs and Joers added as cosponsors of **Senate Bill 86**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Stubbs added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 89**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Joers added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 99**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Stubbs added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 101**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Stubbs added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 102**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Stubbs added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 103**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Stubbs added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 114**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Subeck added as a cosponsor of **Senate Joint Resolution 18**.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

By Edward A. Blazel, chief clerk.

Madam President:

I am directed to inform you that the Assembly has

Adopted and asks concurrence in:

Assembly Joint Resolution 18

Passed and asks concurrence in:

Assembly Bill 24

Assembly Bill 94

Assembly Bill 95

Assembly Bill 96

Assembly Bill 98

Assembly Bill 99

Assembly Bill 101

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 4

Relating to: agreements for direct primary care.

Read a second time.

Senator LeMahieu moved that Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 4** be rejected.

The question was: Rejection of Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 4**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 14; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Felzkowski, Feyen, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Quinn, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk, Wanggaard and Wimberger - 18.

Noes - Senators Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, L. Johnson, Keyeski, Larson, Pfaff, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Wall and Wirsch - 14.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Rejected.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Senate Bill 4

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 4**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 14; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Felzkowski, Feyen, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Quinn, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk, Wanggaard and Wimberger - 18.

Noes - Senators Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, L. Johnson, Keyeski, Larson, Pfaff, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Wall and Wirsch - 14.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Passed.

Senate Bill 5

Relating to: battery or threat to jurors and providing a penalty.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Senate Bill 5

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 5**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 28; noes, 4; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Felzkowski, Feyen, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, L. Johnson, Kapenga, Keyeski, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Pfaff, Quinn, Ratcliff, Smith, Testin, Tomczyk, Wall, Wanggaard, Wimberger and Wirsch - 28.

Noes - Senators Drake, Larson, Spreitzer and Stafsholt - 4.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Passed.

Senate Bill 14

Relating to: pelvic exams on unconscious patients and creating an administrative rule related to hospital requirements for pelvic exams on unconscious patients.

Read a second time.

Senate Amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 14** adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Senate Bill 14

Read a third time and passed.

Senate Bill 25

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

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Senate Bill 25

Read a third time.

The question was: Passage of **Senate Bill 25**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 19; noes, 13; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Dassler-Alfheim, Felzkowski, Feyen, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James,

Kapenga, Keyeski, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Quinn, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk and Wanggaard - 19.

Noes - Senators Carpenter, Drake, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, L. Johnson, Larson, Pfaff, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Wall, Wimberger and Wirsch - 13.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Passed.

Senate Bill 31

Relating to: state agency status for certain physician assistants and advanced practice nurses who provide services without compensation for local health departments or school districts.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Senate Bill 31

Read a third time and passed.

Senate Bill 43

Relating to: allowing advanced practice nurse prescribers to pronounce the date, time, and place of a patient's death for purposes of the preparation of death records.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Senate Bill 43

Read a third time and passed.

Senate Bill 68

Relating to: the prescription drug monitoring program.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Senate Bill 68

Read a third time and passed.

IN THE CHAIR

President Pro Tempore Testin in the chair.

3:38 P.M.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand informal.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Assembly Bill 99** be withdrawn and taken up at this time.

Assembly Bill 99

Relating to: authorization for tribal governments to copy certified copies of vital records for administrative use.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Assembly Bill 99

Read a third time and concurred in.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 86** be laid on the table.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Assembly Bill 94** be withdrawn and taken up at this time.

Assembly Bill 94

Relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State Building Trades Negotiating Committee, for the 2024-25 fiscal year, covering employees in the building trades crafts collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Assembly Bill 94

Read a third time.

The question was: Concurrence of **Assembly Bill 94**?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 31; noes, 1; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Felzkowski, Feyen, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, L. Johnson, Keyeski, Larson, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Pfaff, Quinn, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk, Wall, Wanggaard, Wimberger and Wirsch - 31.

Noes - Senator Kapenga - 1.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Concurred in.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 101** be laid on the table.

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

Assembly Joint Resolution 18

Senate Bill 68

Senate Bill 4

Senate Bill 5

Senate Bill 14

Senate Bill 25

Senate Bill 31

Senate Bill 43

Assembly Bill 99

Assembly Bill 94

Messaged.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Assembly Bill 95** be withdrawn and taken up at this time.

Assembly Bill 95

Relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Wisconsin State Building Trades Negotiating Committee, for the 2024-25 fiscal year, covering employees in the building trades crafts collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Assembly Bill 95

Read a third time.

The question was: Concurrence of **Assembly Bill 95**?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 31; noes, 1; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Felzkowski, Feyen, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, L. Johnson, Keyeski, Larson, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Pfaff, Quinn, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk, Wall, Wanggaard, Wimberger and Wirsch - 31.

Noes - Senator Kapenga - 1.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Concurred in.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 102** be laid on the table.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Assembly Bill 96** be withdrawn and taken up at this time.

Assembly Bill 96

Relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin State Building Trades Negotiating Committee, for the 2024-25 fiscal year, covering employees in the building trades crafts collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Assembly Bill 96

Read a third time.

The question was: Concurrence of **Assembly Bill 96**?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 31; noes, 1; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Felzkowski, Feyen, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, L. Johnson, Keyeski, Larson, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Pfaff, Quinn, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk, Wall, Wanggaard, Wimberger and Wirsch - 31.

Noes - Senator Kapenga - 1.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Concurred in.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 103** be laid on the table.

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

Assembly Bill 95

Assembly Bill 96

Messaged.

IN THE CHAIR

Senate President Felzkowski in the chair.

3:58 P.M.

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

Assembly Bill 1

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

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

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

Assembly Bill 1

Read a third time.

The question was: Concurrence of **Assembly Bill 1**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 14; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Felzkowski, Feyen, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Quinn, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk, Wanggaard and Wimberger - 18.

Noes - Senators Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, L. Johnson, Keyeski, Larson, Pfaff, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Wall and Wirsch - 14.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Concurred in.

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

Assembly Bill 1

Messaged.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING A
THIRD READING**

Senate Joint Resolution 6

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

Adopted.

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.

The question was: Adoption of **Senate Joint Resolution 7**?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 27; noes, 5; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes - Senators Bradley, Cabral-Guevara, Drake, Felzkowski, Feyen, Habush Sinykin, Hesselbein, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, Kapenga, Keyeski, LeMahieu, Marklein, Nass, Pfaff, Quinn, Ratcliff, Smith, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Testin, Tomczyk, Wall, Wanggaard and Wimberger - 27.

Noes - Senators Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, L. Johnson, Larson and Wirsch - 5.

Absent or not voting - Senator Roys - 1.

Adopted.

Senate Joint Resolution 12

Relating to: designating the month of March as Endosalpingiosis Awareness Month.

Adopted.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 14** be referred to the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Assembly Joint Resolution 2

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

Concurred in.

Assembly Joint Resolution 4

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Justice David T. Prosser Jr.

Read.

Concurred in by unanimous rising vote.

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that Senators Bradley, Felzkowski, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, James, Kapenga, LeMahieu, Stafsholt and Tomczyk be added as cosponsors of **Assembly Joint Resolution 4**.

IN THE CHAIR

President Pro Tempore Testin in the chair.

4:49 P.M.

Assembly Joint Resolution 5

Relating to: proclaiming February 2025 as Black History Month.

Concurred in.

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

Senate Joint Resolution 6

Senate Joint Resolution 7

Senate Joint Resolution 12

Assembly Joint Resolution 2

Assembly Joint Resolution 4

Assembly Joint Resolution 5

Messaged.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADJOURNMENT
HONORS, AND REMARKS UNDER
SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

Senator Wirsch, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of Tenuta's Italian Grocery Store in Kenosha, a family run business that has been around for 75 years.

Senator Spreitzer, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of his late constituent, Louise Reidenbach. Senator Spreitzer wanted to read two lines from her obituary. "Louise Ruth Reidenbach, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and member of the community, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2025, at the age of 94. For over 60 years, Louise was an active and cherished member of Sun Valley Presbyterian Church, where she organized and participated in countless activities, including the annual canning and sale of mincemeat and the Sun Valley Strawberry Festival, with proceeds supporting numerous charitable missions. Louise also dedicated her time to volunteering with charitable organizations including Church Women United, Caritas Food Pantry of Beloit, and Beloit Historical Society, always seeking ways to give back to her community." Senator Spreitzer met Louise as a sophomore at Beloit College when he volunteered to join the

City of Beloit Appointment Review Committee. Louise had been serving on that committee at that time for a couple of years and quickly took him under her wing, mentored him, and – after he had been on the committee for a year and it was time to elect committee leadership – she nominated him to be chair of the committee and said, “This would look good on your resume someday.” Senator Spreitzer ended up having the opportunity to chair that committee for two years, until he graduated from college and also completed his three year term on the committee. But Senator Spreitzer never lost touch with Louise. It wasn't terribly long after that that he was running for city council – and indeed using his service on that committee on his resume and talking about his service to the city of Beloit in that capacity – and he called up Louise and she told him that while she often voted Republican, that she would of course support him. And of course, city council was a nonpartisan office, but the same was true four years later when Senator Spreitzer ran for the State Assembly. And she said of course he can put a yard sign in her lawn and would make a contribution to his campaign. Senator Spreitzer thought she might have drifted a little bit in the Democratic direction in her later years, but in any case, she always said she would vote for the person and not the party. And certainly, they found great joy in what at the time felt like perhaps across the aisle friendship and mentorship. She was someone who he always looked for at Strawberry Festival or on the occasion when he had the opportunity to be a visitor at her church, and she was somebody who right up until her final days was active in the community trying to help others, was always looking out for how she could mentor someone and help a younger person to get involved and come up behind her. Senator Spreitzer was so grateful to have the opportunity to serve with her on that committee, to have had her support ever since, and he adjourned in her honor today.

Senator Jacque, with unanimous, consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of the Kimberly Papermakers girls basketball team, who just won the Division I WIAA tournament at the Resch Center in Green Bay this past weekend.

Senator Jacque, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of the Valders High School Concert Choir and Treble Choir, who performed in the Capitol Rotunda today as part of the Wisconsin Music Education 2025 Capitol Concerts.

Senator Felzkowski, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of the Tomahawk High School Boy's Hockey Team that won their first ever State Championship earlier this month. A graduate of Tomahawk High School herself, Senator Felzkowski was especially proud of their accomplishment.

Senator Marklein, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of his wife Peggy's birthday on Saturday. Beware the ides of March!

Senator Carpenter, with unanimous, consent, asked that the Senate adjourn in honor of This is It! This is It, Milwaukee's oldest and Wisconsin's longest continually operating LGBTQ+ bar, announced its permanent closure on March 9, 2025. Affectionately known as “Tits” and “Milwaukee's favorite Gay Bar,” This is It was established in August of 1968 by June and Joseph Brehm. When she looked at the building at 418 E Wells St, June exclaimed “This is It!,” thus giving the bar its name. During the last 5 decades, This is It provided a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQ+ community, attracting a diverse clientele. Senator Carpenter played softball on the This is It softball team. The closing of This is It marks the end of an era for Milwaukee's LGBTQ+ community, and its legacy will be remembered fondly.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator LeMahieu, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Adjourned.

4:57 P.M.