

Eighty-Eighth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, September 14, 1988

The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State
September 7, 1988

To the Honorable the Senate

I have the honor to transmit to you the following information pursuant to s. 13.685(7):

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LAFOLLETTE
Secretary of State

NEWLY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS AND THEIR PRINCIPALS:

BECKWITH, DAVID E., 777 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202-5367 (414) 271-2400

1) Exxon Coal and Minerals Company, 2401 S. Gessner, Houston, TX 77063-2005 (713) 978-5607 (environmental)

BUCHEN, ELIZABETH, 100 State St., Madison, WI 53703 (608) 255-0566

1) Children's Health Systems of WI, Jon Vice, 763 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233 (414) 931-4111 (health care for children)

BURNS, JANE I., 5721 Odana Rd., Madison, WI 53719 (608) 274-1820

1) WI Hospital Assn, David R. Hewett, 5721 Odana Rd., Madison, WI 53719 (608) 274-1820 (office of health care information)

DRIESSEN, ANTHONY H., 660 E. Mason, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 271-5900

1) WI Pharmacists Assoc., Robert Henry, 202 Price Place, Madison, WI 53705 (608) 238-5515 (any function or activity of any branch, dept. or phase of federal, state or local government; agriculture, outdoors or environment, taxation, regulation of business, finance or insurance, or other topics pertaining to the general public health or welfare)

SCHREIBER, MARTIN J., 1234 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 276-7727

1) Miller Brewing Company, Paul J. Lucas, 3939 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53208 (414) 931-2831 (all matters affecting the brewing industry)

TERMINATION OF LOBBYIST LICENSES:

Stephen Brenton terminated as of September 6, 1988 for Wisconsin Hospital Assn

Gary Goyke terminated as of August 31, 1988 for FMC Corporation

Thomas Coenen terminated as of July 29, 1988 for WI League of Financial Institutions

CESSATION STATEMENT:

WI Apartment Association, ceased on June 22, 1988

MISC. CHANGES: Conference of Retail Associations: Attn: Bill Smith, 3 S. Pinckney St., Ste. 612, Madison, WI 53703 (608) 255-6083

U S Sprint Midwest: changes its name to: U S Sprint Communications Company, (Midwest Div.), Attn: Paul S. Sieracki, 8140 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114 (816) 276-6825

K8/UHS Districts Coalition: Attn: Robert Gilpatrick, Merton Jt. 9 District, 6881 Main St., Merton, WI 53056 (414) 538-1130

Rehabilitation Facilities of WI: 6400 Gisholt Dr., Ste. 102

Traffic Safety Now: 7430 2nd Ave., Ste. 300

United Transportation Union: 7 N. Pinckney St., P. O. Box 1585, Madison, WI 53701-1585 (608) 251-4120

Wisconsin Bell, Inc.: Attn: Alison A. Kelton (414) 678-2585

WI Central, Ltd.: Two Illinois Center, Ste. 2306, 233 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 819-4670

WI Cheese Makers Assn.: 3 S. Pinckney St., Ste. 215, Madison, WI 53703

WI Chiefs of Police Assn.: Donald L. Thares, 116 Humphrey Circle So., Shawano, WI 54166 (715) 526-6117

WI Citizens For Right to Work, Inc.: Attn: Steven Sobiek

WI Credit Union League: (414) 778-2211 or 1-800-242-0833

WI Fireworks Assn.: Howard Christianson, 4520 Utica Rd., Oshkosh, WI 54904 (414) 235-1328

WI Fraternal Congress: Wayne Defferding, 119 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Madison, WI 53703 (414) 730-3772

WI League of Financial Institutions, Ltd.: 20875 Crossroads Circle, Ste. 100, P. O. Box 1427, Waukesha, WI 53187-1427 (414) 796-2989

WI National Guard Assn., Inc.: Michael C. Jordan, 3417 Mitchell St., Madison, WI 53704-2514 (608) 246-7413

WI National Guard Enlisted Assn.: 3417 Mitchell St.

WI State Public Interest Research Group, Inc.: Attn: Joel Ario, OSPIRIG, 027 SW Arthur, Portland, OR 97201 (503) 2229641

WI VTAE District Boards Assn. of WI, Inc.: 22 N. Carroll St., Ste. 103, 53703

Joel Ario: 1314 S. E. Salmon, Portland, OR 97214 (503) 222-9641

Thomas P. Dwyer: United Transportation Union, 7 N. Pinckney St., P. O. Box 1585, Madison, WI 53701-1585 (608) 251-4120

Robert Lewein: Rehabilitation Facilities of WI, 6400 Gisholt Dr., Ste. 102

Bonnie Moser: WI National Guard Enlisted Assn., 3417 Mitchell St.

State of Wisconsin
Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems
and The Retirement Research Committee

August 10, 1988

To the Honorable the Legislature

Enclosed is a copy of the Reports of the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems to the 1987 Legislature. I would appreciate it if you would note in the next Journal of the Senate that this report has been filed in your office and that limited copies are available from the Committee office.

Sincerely,
BLAIR TESTIN
Director of Retirement Research

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

September 7, 1988

To the Honorable the Legislature

At the direction of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, we have completed a limited review of the Medicaid nursing home reimbursement formula which is administered by the Department of Health and Social Services. The formula is used to set reimbursement rates for nursing homes which care for residents who rely on the Medicaid program to finance at least a portion of their care.

The formula, as currently designed, has been effective in promoting cost containment through improved efficiency among nursing homes. The annual increase in nursing home rates has been less than the increase in inflation for three of the last four years. However, industry representatives are concerned that homes which are now operating efficiently may be unable to make further cost reductions which may be needed if future rate increases are limited.

There are a number of factors, including higher staffing standards and a trend toward older, more seriously ill residents which are likely to increase nursing home costs and require additional Medicaid expenditures. In addition, industry representatives are seeking modification to the formula which would increase the number of homes which are fully reimbursed. How the Legislature responds to these pressures for additional spending will depend, in part, on the Legislature's goals for cost containment and the amount of funding available.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation we received from the Department of Health and Social Services' staff and from the Wisconsin Association of Nursing Homes as well as others in the nursing home industry.

Sincerely,
DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 87-174

Relating to surface water quality standards, environmental protection and water quality antidegradation.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from agency, September 2, 1988.

Referred to committee on Urban Affairs, Energy, Environmental Resources and Elections, September 14, 1988.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 87-179

Relating to allocation of volume cap on private activity bonds.

Submitted by Department of Development.

Report received from agency, September 13, 1988.

Referred to committee on Economic Development, Financial Institutions and Fiscal Policies, September 14, 1988.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-111

Relating to compensation paid to a producer of title insurance.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Report received from agency, September 8, 1988.

Referred to committee on Labor, Business, Insurance, Veterans' and Military Affairs, September 14, 1988.

The committee on Labor, Business, Insurance, Veterans' and Military Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-15

Relating to bingo expenditures, canceling bingo occasions, pleadings and public inspection of bingo control board records.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-81

Relating to the certificate of compliance that must be filed with the commissioner when an insurer files a rate with the commissioner.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-88

Relating to smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables for determining minimum reserve liabilities and minimum nonforfeiture benefits.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-89

Relating to unisex nonforfeiture values in certain life insurance policies.

No action taken.

Jerome Van Sistine
Chair

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The committee on Economic Development, Financial Institutions and Fiscal Policies reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-96

Relating to the certification of economic development loans to be financed by the Wisconsin housing and economic development authority.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 87-172

Relating to defining the 'principal place of business' of a savings and loan holding company.

No action taken.

Barbara Ulichny
Chair

The committee on Transportation, Tourism and Conservation reports and recommends:

Lloyd Kincaid
Chair