

Ninetieth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 1991

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 406

Relating to multitype library systems and making an appropriation.

By Senators Breske, Helbach, Chvala, Rude, Weeden and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Van Dreel, Roberts, Medinger, Wood, Holperin, Ourada, Bolle, Young, Johnsrud, Ladwig, Ainsworth, Musser, Hisrich, Lorge, Huber, Boyle and Baldus.

To committee on Education, Economic Development, Financial Institutions and Fiscal Policies.

Senate Bill 407

Relating to the interest and penalties on delinquent property taxes, special assessments, special charges and special taxes.

By Senator Helbach; cosponsored by Representative Gruszynski, by request of Thomas Keene, Stevens Point.

To committee on Aging, Banking, Communications and Taxation.

Senate Bill 408

Relating to the limits on liability for improvements to real property.

By Senators Roshell, Andrea, Van Sistine, Huelsman, Cowles, Plewa, Moen, Buettner and Helbach; cosponsored by Representatives Wineke, Van Dreel, Hamilton, Deininger, Moore, Lehman, Hasenohrl, Baldus, Brancel and Vanderperren.

To committee on Senate Organization.

Senate Bill 409

Relating to conditions of probation.

By Senators Rude, Breske, Petak, Lorman, Huelsman and Farrow; cosponsored by Representatives Rohan, Johnsrud, Roberts, Musser, Bolle, Goetsch, Lautenschlager, Duff, Coleman, Huber, Lehman, Zien, Ainsworth, Schneiders, Silbaugh, Radtke, Hahn, Rosenzweig and Van Gorden.

To committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

Senate Bill 410

Relating to funding a grant program in the department of health and social services to match elderly persons with providers of house maintenance and making an appropriation.

By Senators Decker, Helbach and Breske; cosponsored by Representatives Gruszynski, Huber and Springer.

To committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill 411

Relating to use of certain firearms during open seasons in Shawano county for hunting deer with firearms.

By Senator Breske; cosponsored by Representative Schwartz.

To committee on Urban Affairs, Environmental Resources and Elections.

Senate Bill 412

Relating to permission to go armed with a firearm in a public building.

By Senators Chvala, Breske, Moen, Rude, Lorman, Helbach and Van Sistine; cosponsored by Representatives Schneider, Musser, Black, Grobschmidt, Nass, Seery, Brandemuehl, Porter, Stower, Fortis, Hisrich, Van Gorden, Rohan, Lorge, Schwartz, Duff, Bolle, Goetsch, Baldus and Hamilton.

To committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Housing, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 374

Relating to eligibility for civil service veterans' preference points (suggested as remedial legislation by the department of employment relations).

Introduction and adoption of Senate substitute amendment 1:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Plewa, Ulichny, Burke, Rude and Huelsman;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Passage as amended:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Plewa, Ulichny, Burke, Rude and Huelsman;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Assembly Joint Resolution 16

Relating to the effective date for any legislative compensation increase (2nd consideration).

Concurrence:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Plewa, Ulichny, Burke, Rude and Huelsman;

Noes, 0 -- None.

John R. Plewa
Chair

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Historical Society

December 5, 1991

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Senate Amendment 2 to 1991 Assembly Joint Resolution 70, requested that the State Historical Society review by 1 January 1992 the Fox River-Lake

Winnebago national heritage corridor proposal, "relating to the feasibility on including the Lower Wisconsin River from Portage to Prairie du Chien in this designation," and that its review be forwarded to the Assembly and the State Senate. This inclusion would make the proposal addressed by the joint resolution into the Fox-Wisconsin heritage corridor, stretching from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien.

Copies of this report can be obtained at the Senate Chief Clerk's Office.

Sincerely,
H. Nicholas Muller III
Director

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

December 5, 1991

To the Honorable the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the Personnel Commission. The Commission: 1) investigates complaints that state employers have discriminated or retaliated against state employees, and 2) conducts hearings on these complaints and on civil service appeals.

We found the Commission takes, on average, two years to investigate a complaint, from the time it is filed until the Commission determines whether probable cause exists that discrimination or retaliation occurred. A substantial complaint backlog contributes to delays in the investigative process. In addition, we found commission hearing examiners are not consistently timely in completing the hearing process.

The Legislature adopted several initiatives in the 1991-93 Biennial Budget Act to assist the Commission in improving the timeliness of investigations. These initiatives, however, are not likely to reduce time delays to acceptable levels unless the Commission also improves the efficiency of its operations. We recommend several steps the Commission could consider, such as limiting the scope of its investigations and setting workload standards for processing hearing-related documentation, to further reduce the delays in investigating complaints and conducting hearings.

In the course of our evaluation, we examined two additional issues. First, we heard complaints that the Commission is biased against the interests of state employees. However, our review of the disposition of complaints filed with the Commission did not find evidence to support this position. Second, we reviewed complaints of retaliation filed by state employee whistleblowers. The major problem in implementation of the whistleblower protection law is the previously noted lack of timeliness in completing investigations.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the commissioners and commission staff. The Commission's response is attached as Appendix III.

Sincerely,
Dale Cattanach

State Auditor
STATE OF WISCONSIN
ETHICS BOARD

December 3, 1991

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of § 13.685(7), Wisconsin Statutes, I am furnishing you with the names of organizations recently registered with the Ethics Board as employing one or more individuals to affect state legislation or administrative rules. For each organization I have noted the general area of legislative or administrative action which the organization has described as the object of its lobbying activity and the name of each licensed lobbyist that the organization has authorized to act on its behalf.

La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
Subjects: Measures to increase tourism in Wisconsin.

Schreiber, Martin
Krajewski, Thomas

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,
R. Roth Judd
Executive Director

STATE OF WISCONSIN
ETHICS BOARD

December 3, 1991

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of § 13.685(7), Wisconsin Statutes, I am furnishing you with the following changes in the Ethics Board's records of licensed lobbyists and their employers.

Organization's authorization of additional lobbyists: The following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as employers of lobbyists have authorized to act on their behalf these additional licensed lobbyists:

Coastal Corporation, The

Reed, Rex*

Landscape Federation, Wisconsin

Christianson, Peter
Wilusz, Edward

*Authorization was effective 8/7/91

Organization's termination of lobbyists: Each of the following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as the employer of a lobbyist has withdrawn, on the date indicated, its authorization for the lobbyist identified to act on the organization's behalf.

American Farmland Trust

Wenzel, William 12/2/91

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,
R. Roth Judd
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
December 6, 1991

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am vetoing **Senate Bill 148** in its entirety. The bill authorizes a special distinguishing registration plate for use on vehicles owned or leased by veterans and civilian survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor. It also directs DOT to work with a group related to the attack in designing the special plate. A \$10 fee for the plate is established.

I have no objection to the provision of a special registration plate for military survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor. **AB 547** makes that provision, and I have signed that. **SB 148** is identical to **AB 547** with the exception that it makes civilian survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor eligible for a special registration plate in addition to military survivors. State veterans organizations contacted my office to express their support for **AB 547**.

By extending authority for the special registration plate to civilian survivors the bill creates an administrative problem for the Department of Transportation which would find civilian claims much harder to verify than military claims. To issue plates without verification of the civilian claims would dilute the value of the plate. I am therefore vetoing **SB 148**.

Respectfully,
Tommy Thompson
Governor

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
December 4, 1991

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Act No.	Date Approved
123-----	94-----	December 4, 1991
155-----	95-----	December 4, 1991
156-----	96-----	December 4, 1991

276----- 97----- December 4, 1991

Respectfully,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor
State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

December 6, 1991

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill Act No. Date Approved

368----- 98----- December 5, 1991

Respectfully,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor
State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

December 6, 1991

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill Act No. Date Approved

255----- 101----- December 6, 1991

267----- 102----- December 6, 1991

Respectfully,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-116

Relating to fire prevention.

Submitted by Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Report received from agency, December 6, 1991.

Referred to committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-118

Relating to authorizing savings and loan associations to sell noninsured financial products and requiring a written disclosure of noninsurance.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioner of Savings and Loan.

Report received from agency, December 9, 1991.

Referred to committee on Education, Economic Development, Financial Institutions and Fiscal Policies, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-119

Relating to the registration and standards of conduct for the practice of speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, December 4, 1991.

Referred to committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-128

Relating to atrazine management areas and atrazine prohibition areas.

Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from agency, December 6, 1991.

Referred to committee on Urban Affairs, Environmental Resources and Elections, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-134

Relating to environmental policy implementation pursuant to s. 1.11, Stats.

Submitted by Department of Corrections.

Report received from agency, December 6, 1991.

Referred to committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-137

Relating to the administration of the office of health care information.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services.

Report received from agency, December 4, 1991.

Referred to committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-138

Relating to the minimum wage, hours of work and overtime.

Submitted by Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Report received from agency, December 4, 1991.

Referred to committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-152

Relating to adoption of national standards.

Submitted by Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Report received from agency, December 6, 1991.

Referred to committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-154

Relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other combination vehicles greater than 60 feet in overall length on the specified highways.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from agency, December 9, 1991.

Referred to committee on Transportation and Utilities, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-156

Relating to the motorcycle safety program.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from agency, December 4, 1991.

Referred to committee on Transportation and Utilities, December 11, 1991.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-165

Relating to revising the patients compensation fund annual fee billing procedures.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Report received from agency, December 5, 1991.

Referred to committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs, December 11, 1991.

The committee on Higher Education reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-102

Relating to student financial aid programs.

No action taken.

Calvin Potter
Chair

The committee on Transportation and Utilities reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-139

Relating to fees for special department telephone registration services.

No action taken.

Thomas Barrett
Chair

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

Senate Bill 123.
Senate Bill 155.
Senate Bill 156.
Senate Bill 276.
Senate Bill 368.

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on December 4, 1991.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

Senate Bill 2.
Senate Bill 20.
Senate Bill 148.
Senate Bill 221.
Senate Bill 255.
Senate Bill 267.
Senate Bill 359.

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on December 6, 1991.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Resolution 6** offered by Senator Potter.

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**Senate amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 525 offered by
Senator Potter.**

1. Page 1, line 3: substitute "insurers" for "insures".

CHIEF CLERK'S CORRECTION

Suggested by Legislative Reference Bureau

Senate Bill 399