

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninetieth Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, April 7, 1992

The senate met.

The senate was called to order by Fred A. Risser, President of the Senate.

The Chair, with unanimous consent, asked that the calling of the roll be dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Senate Petition 18

A petition by 45 residents of the State of Wisconsin in opposition to Assembly Joint Resolution 106 which would encourage the repeal of the import alert on RU-486.

By Senator Rude.

Read and referred to committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services.

STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

March 31, 1992

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of s. 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 Ethic's Board as employers of lobbyists have authorized to act on their behalf these additional licensed lobbyists:

GRUCON Corporation

- Richard, JoAnna
Hurtgen, Robert
Thompson, Terrance
Broydrick, Cindi

Lehmann, Ernest K. & Associates of Wisconsin, Inc.

- Earl, Anthony
Weiden, Michael
Theo, Peter
Wilusz, Edward

Milwaukee Area Technical College

- Busalacchi, Richard

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withdrawn, on the date indicated, its authorization for the lobbyist identified to act on the organization's behalf.

Lehmann, Ernest K. & Associates of Wisconsin, Inc.

- Sandberg, R. Joseph 3/23/92
Mouw, Edward 3/23/92

Organization's modification or amendment of records: The organizations listed below have previously registered with the Ethics Board and now indicate the following modifications to their records:

Anvan Development Corp.

(New Address)
1901 South Meyers Road, Suite 520
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Lobbyists' modification or amendment of records: The lobbyists listed below have previously registered with the Ethics Board and now indicate the following modifications to their records:

Stewart, Walter R.

(New Address)
330 E. Wilson St., Suite 100
Madison, WI 53703

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

March 31, 1992

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of s. 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.

Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (CH.A.D.D.)

Subjects: Assuring educational opportunity for children with Attention Deficit Disorder.

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Earl, Anthony

Dane County Towns Association

Subjects: Dane County town government issues, i.e. transportation, government operations, budget/revenue/legislation.

Barry, Jonathan

State Farm Insurance Companies

Subjects: All lines of insurance; employment.

Gerlach, Chester

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Sincerely,
R. Roth Judd
Executive Director
State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

April 6, 1992

To the Honorable the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the meat inspection program of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The Department inspects meat processors not engaged interstate commerce to ensure the wholesomeness of meat products offered for sale to the public.

If the State were to eliminate its meat inspection program, the United States Department of Agriculture would assume responsibility for licensing and inspecting processors. However, it is likely that some smaller processors would be unable to meet all federal facility requirements without incurring unreasonable costs.

Overall, we found no evidence to conclude that meat products produced in Wisconsin are not generally safe and wholesome. Serious processing problems appear to exist in only a small number of processing plants. In general, inspectors appear to identify deficiencies promptly and usually gain the cooperation of processors in correcting deficiencies immediately. However, in cases when immediate compliance is not forthcoming, the Department needs to clarify enforcement policy and take other steps to ensure timely and uniform enforcement of inspection standards. Some processors with serious problems have continued to operate without making needed improvements.

The meat inspection requires that staff develop technical expertise and informed judgment in applying inspection standards. Staff training efforts have been inadequate in recent years to teach these skills, but additional funding made available in fiscal year 1991-92 and a new staff training plan are expected to improve training over the next year.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the staff of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and members of the Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors. A response from the Department is the appendix.

Sincerely,
Dale Cattanaach
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration

March 16, 1992

To the Honorable the Legislature:

This report is transmitted as required by ss. 20.002(11)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes, (for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under section 13.172(3) stats.), and confirms that the Department of Administration has found it necessary to exercise the "temporary reallocation of balances" authority provided by this section in order to meet payment responsibilities and cover resulting negative balances during the month of February, 1992.

On February 5, 1992, the Recycling Fund (Fund 79) balance was \$-4.2 million. This shortfall continued through February 28, 1992 when the balance was \$-4.0 million. The shortfall is due to the timing of revenues to the fund.

The Recycling Fund shortfall was not in excess of the \$400 million ceiling and did not exceed the balances of the funds available for interfund borrowing.

The distribution of interest earnings to investment pool participants is based on the average daily balance in the pool and each fund's share. Therefore, the monthly calculation by State Finance will automatically reflect the use of these temporary reallocations of balance authority.

Sincerely,
James R. Klauser
Secretary

Referred to the committee on Housing, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

April 1, 1992

To the Honorable, the Senate:

After additional review by my staff, I am withdrawing the nomination of ARVINA THAYER of Madison, for appointment to the Physicians' Assistants Council.

Respectfully,
Tommy Thompson
Governor

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State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

April 2, 1992

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
54	139	April 1, 1992
226	140	April 1, 1992

Respectfully,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

April 2, 1992

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
90	143	April 2, 1992
340	144	April 2, 1992
357	145	April 2, 1992
358	146	April 2, 1992
374	147	April 2, 1992
447	148	April 2, 1992
567	149	April 2, 1992
568	150	April 2, 1992
569	151	April 2, 1992

Respectfully,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

The committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-21

Relating to 1992-93 premiums and premium reductions for the health insurance risk sharing plan, eligibility for coverage and calculation of operating and administrative costs.

No action taken.

Jerome Van Sistine
Chair

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-145

Relating to the deferred compensation program regulated by s. 457 of the internal revenue code and authorized by s. 40.80, stats.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-147

Relating to definitions, professional conduct, application and examination, experience, education and continuing education of licensed appraisers.

No action taken.

John R. Plewa
Chair

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-195

Relating to definitions and hearing instruments. Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, April 6, 1992.

Referred to committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services, April 7, 1992.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-6

Relating to a physical therapist assistant practicing physical therapy under the general supervision of a physical therapist.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, April 6, 1992.

Referred to committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services, April 7, 1992.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-13

Relating to health service necessity of treatment dispute resolution process.

Submitted by Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Report received from agency, April 3, 1992.

Referred to committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs, April 7, 1992.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-25

Relating to the issuance of 'P' endorsements to commercial drivers' licenses.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from agency, April 3, 1992.

Referred to committee on Transportation and Utilities, April 7, 1992.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-142

Relating to the sale of medicare supplement insurance in the state of Wisconsin.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Report received from agency, April 7, 1992.

Referred to committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs, April 7, 1992.

Senator Risser, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 A.M. Thursday, April 9.
10:01 A.M.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

- Senate Bill 90.
- Senate Bill 340.
- Senate Bill 357.

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**Senate Bill 358.
Senate Bill 374.
Senate Bill 447.
Senate Bill 567.**

**Senate Bill 568.
Senate Bill 569.**

**Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on
April 2, 1992.**