

Ninetieth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, December 9, 1992

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Social Services
November 1992

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to the requirements of section 153.20, Wis. Stats., I am pleased to submit to the Governor and the Legislature *Uncompensated Health Care, Wisconsin Hospitals, FY 1991*. This report, prepared by the Office of Health Care Information, sets forth the total charges for charity care, bad debt and total uncompensated health care for hospital fiscal year 1991; the projected total charges for hospital fiscal year 1992; the number of patients/accounts receiving uncompensated health care for hospital fiscal year 1991; and the projected number of patients/accounts who will receive uncompensated health care in hospital fiscal year 1992.

The information contained in this report was obtained from data submitted by hospitals on their annual 1991 *Uncompensated Health Care Services Plan* and their annual *FY 1991 Hospital Fiscal Survey*.

Sincerely,
David J.W. Klauser, Director
Office of Health Care

Information

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
November 30, 1992

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Enclosed is a report, Nitrogen Oxide Emissions in Wisconsin, prepared under s. 144.389(3)(e), Stats. of the 1985 Acid Rain Control Act 296. This Nitrogen Oxide Report contains an assessment of the effects of nitrogen oxide emissions and the costs of reducing such emissions, and includes recommendations for action by the Governor and the Legislature.

The only controversial recommendation is to continue the Acid Deposition Research Council beyond its 1996 sunset date along with the research funding provision of 1985 Act 296 (an assessment collected from the state's Utilities) and to expand the role of the Council to include other regional problems. The Council has played a valuable role in the past in overseeing acid deposition research and monitoring activities and that role should be continued and expanded.

The Utilities individually and through their association have expressed strong opposition to this recommendation and the Acid Deposition Research Council failed to endorse it because of the Utilities' opposition. The Department feels that there is a need for

such action to assure that monitoring of and research on the effects of nitrogen oxide reductions be continued to the final implementation date (year 2005) for the acid rain control provisions of the Clean Air Act.

Please also note that the submittal date of the enclosed report should have been January 1, 1989 as required in the 1985 Acid Rain Control Act. It was delayed for two reasons. First, the cost study could not be completed on time because of contractor tardiness and other technical reasons. Second, the 1985 Act required a report recommending ways to coordinate the Wisconsin law with the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The coordination recommendations were included in a companion report which was submitted to you in May 1991, Coordination of 1985 Wisconsin Act 296 with the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 in the Matter of Acid Deposition Control.

I have enclosed copies of the Nitrogen Oxide Emissions Report for distribution to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature. If there are any questions, please contact Julian Chazin in the Bureau of Air Management at (608) 266-1902.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
C. D. Besadny
Secretary

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

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

November 27, 1992

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint DOUGLAS V. KNIGHT of Eau Claire, as a member of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Respectfully,
Tommy Thompson
Governor

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

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

November 27, 1992

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint PENNY

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FITZGIBBON of Florence, as a member of the Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors Examining Board pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Respectfully,
Tommy Thompson
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Housing, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs.

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

The committee on Higher Education reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 91-168

Relating to fees which the board charges to applicants for solicitor permits under s. 38.51 (8), Stats., and to proprietary schools requesting approval under s. 38.51 (10), Stats., and to the amount of bond required of solicitors for proprietary schools.

No action taken.

Calvin Potter
Chair

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-149

Relating to insurers providing notice of the right to file complaints with the commissioner.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-83

Relating to the flammable and combustible liquids code.

No action taken.

Jerome Van Sistine
Chair