

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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THURSDAY, September 15, 1994

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Read and referred:

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 94-55

Relating to motor vehicle and general aviation fuel taxation.

Submitted by Department of Revenue.

To committee on Ways and Means.

Referred on September 15, 1994.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 94-64

Relating to the employe trip reduction program.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

To committee on Environmental Resources.

Referred on September 15, 1994.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 94-68

Relating to private detective definitions, examinations, license renewal and reporting requirements, firearms and other dangerous weapons and unprofessional conduct.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

To committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Referred on September 15, 1994.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 94-136

Relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

To committee on Highways.

Referred on September 15, 1994.

COMMUNICATIONS

September 9, 1994

Speaker Walter Kunicki
Room 212 North, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Speaker Kunicki:

Please accept my resignation, effective immediately, from the Transportation Projects Commission. I have decided

to step down in order to pursue other legislative priorities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
ANTONIO R. RILEY
State Representative
18th Assembly District

SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

September 9, 1994

Representative Thomas Springer
107 North, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Tom:

Due to the resignation of Representative Antonio Riley from the Transportation Projects Commission, it is my pleasure as Speaker of the Assembly to appoint you to the commission to fill his vacancy.

This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
WALTER KUNICKI
Assembly Speaker

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

September 6, 1994

Thomas Melvin
Assembly Chief Clerk
Suite 402, 1 East Main St.
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Mr. Melvin:

In accordance with SS 38.12 (11)(c) this is to report the methods our college has taken to comply with the statutes in providing information on sexual assault and sexual harassment to students and staff.

1. Enclosed is a copy of our booklet and brochure entitled "Employees' and Students' Right to Know" which provides information regarding the College's policy and procedures relating to alcohol and other drug use; sexual assault and sexual harassment; and campus security and crime statistics.

2. The above document was provided to all students enrolled and reviewed during the orientation session.
3. The above document was provided to all staff and reviewed with them at their staff in-service.

Additionally enclosed is a report of the complaints which were received and investigated by the College's Affirmative Action Officer, Dianne M. Loomis. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Dianne M. Loomis, our Affirmative Action Officer.

Sincerely,
DAVID R. HILDEBRAND
President, WITC

Referred to committee on Judiciary.

September 7, 1994

Thomas Melvin, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

**RE: INFORMATION ON SEXUAL ASSAULT AND
SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

According to ss. 38.12 (11)(c), Wis. Stats, our District Board is to submit to the Chief Clerk of each house of the legislature information indicating the following:

- (a) CVTC incorporates in its orientation program for newly entering students oral and written information on sexual assault and sexual harassment (see attached special issue of *The Profile*, p. 6-9).
- (b) CVTC annually supplies sexual assault and sexual harassment printed information to all enrolled students through brochures inserted in our Student Handbook (see attached special issue of *The Profile*, p. 6-9).

If you desire additional information, please contact Jeanne Peterson, Affirmative Action Officer, at 715-833-6257.

Sincerely,
JUDITH M. RISTOW
Interim President, CVTC

Referred to committee on Judiciary.

State of Wisconsin
Public Service Commission
Madison

September 12, 1994

To the Honorable the Assembly:

Enclosed is the third annual report of the Public Service Commission to the legislature as provided for in s. 1.11(2)(j), Wis. Stats. It reports on the number of

environmental assessments and environmental impact statements prepared by the Commission between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994.

If you have any questions on this report, please contact our Environmental Affairs Coordinator, Michael John Jaeger, at (608) 267-2546.

Sincerely,
CHERYL L. PARRINO
Chairman, PSC

Referred to committee on Environmental Resources.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

September 8, 1994

To the Honorable the Assembly:

We have completed an audit of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans 1981 Mortgage Revenue Bond Program. The audit was requested by the Department of Veterans Affairs to fulfill the annual audit requirement under the Indenture of Trust and Bond Resolution for the bond issues.

Our audit included tests to ensure that the bond program met the requirements of the Indenture of Trust, Bond Resolution and the Wisconsin Statutes.

The audit report includes no major findings, conclusions, or recommendations and, in our judgment, is not likely to be of interest to most members of the Legislature.

Copies of the audit report have been distributed to members of the Joint Audit Committee and those required by law to receive copies. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this report, please contact our office and request report number 94-17.

Sincerely,
DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

September 13, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

We have completed an audit of the State's risk management program, administered by the Department of Administration to reduce the costs and risks of losses from injuries to state employees, damage to state property and liability claims made by those who believe they have been injured in the course of government operations. Most losses are self-insured by the State.

Worker's compensation losses are the most costly; annual claims payments have increased 148 percent, from \$4.8 million in fiscal year (FY) 1984-85 to \$11.9 million in FY 1993-94. The Department has taken several steps in recent years to improve its claims management and loss control activities. A leveling of claims payments during FY 1993-94 suggests that these efforts may help control costs. We recommend other management improvements and steps to control costs, including the coordination of a formal statewide program that promotes quick return to work by injured employees.

Property and liability claims payments also have increased in recent years, from \$4.9 million in Fy 1984-85 to \$9.2 million in FY 1993-94. Further, payments for environmental cleanup present a new challenge to limit current and future costs for sites, such as leaking underground storage tanks, landfills and other hazardous waste sites, that have caused soil or groundwater contamination. The Department estimates

the cleanup costs for known sites, which will be paid by the risk management program and individual state agencies, may exceed \$18 million.

The Legislature may want to consider steps to limit the benefits currently available under the hazardous duty injury pay program, which is an alternative to workers' compensation for certain individuals, including conservation wardens, members of the State Patrol and patient-care workers in the State's institutions. As a result of rulings that deemed the pay nontaxable, injured employees under this program receive significantly more pay than they received while working.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the staff of the Department of Administration. The Department's response is the appendix.

Respectfully submitted,
DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor