

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety-First Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

Thursday, May 6, 1993

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Ellis.

The Chair, with unanimous consent, asked that the proper entries be made in the journal.

By Senators Lorman, Buettner, Potter, Chvala, Decker and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Huber, Hahn, Goetsch, Musser, Boyle, Ourada, Lorge, Kaufert, Seratti, Ward, Grobschmidt, Albers, Holperin, Hinkfuss and Wirsch.

To Joint Survey committee on Retirement Systems.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

**Senate Bill 280**

Relating to a program to encourage volunteer activities to clean up state trails.

By Senators Clausing and Wineke; cosponsored by Representatives Porter, Lorge, Schneiders, Boyle, Bock, Huber, Harsdorf, Wirsch, Musser, Hasenohrl, Goetsch and Grobschmidt.

To committee on Environment and Energy.

**Senate Bill 281**

Relating to restrictions on providing or selling alcohol beverages to underage persons and providing a penalty.

By Senators Leean, Petak, Farrow, Huelsman, Buettner, Drzewiecki, Moen and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Holperin, Harsdorf, Hinkfuss, Brandemuehl, Nass, Klusman, Bolle, Ainsworth, Vergeront, Dobyms, Grobschmidt, Silbaugh, Ward, Ladwig, Hanson, Owens, Seratti, Ott and Hahn.

To committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

**Senate Bill 282**

Relating to making the Milwaukee metropolitan sewerage district a public utility.

By Senators Farrow and Stitt; cosponsored by Representatives Duff, Urban, Schneiders, Lazich, Goetsch, Ladwig and Freese.

To committee on Environment and Energy.

**Senate Bill 283**

Relating to limiting the property tax rate of a metropolitan sewerage commission that is created by a 1st class city.

By Senators Farrow, Stitt, Schultz and Weeden; cosponsored by Representatives Duff, Urban, Schneiders, Lazich, Goetsch, Ladwig and Freese.

To committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs.

**Senate Bill 284**

Relating to classifying state probation and parole officers and teachers and librarians at state adult or juvenile correctional institutions as protective occupation participants for the purposes of the Wisconsin retirement system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs reports and recommends:

**Assembly Bill 23**

Relating to establishment by county governments of work centers for severely handicapped individuals, state procurement from such centers and composition of the state use board.

Concurrence:

Ayes, 5—Senators Zien, Lasee, Drzewiecki, Breske and Decker;

Noes, 0—None.

**Assembly Joint Resolution 33**

Relating to supporting Cold War veterans and urging the governor to designate May 15, 1993, as a day to salute veterans of the Cold War.

Concurrence:

Ayes, 5—Senators Zien, Lasee, Drzewiecki, Breske and Decker;

Noes, 0—None.

**Assembly Joint Resolution 42**

Relating to proclaiming Wisconsin Tourism Week.

Concurrence:

Ayes, 5—Senators Zien, Lasee, Drzewiecki, Breske and Decker;

Noes, 0—None.

David A. Zien  
Chair

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin State Treasurer

April 26, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

It is my pleasure to present the work of the Governor's Commission on Dental Care.

While there have been significant improvements in the oral health of people in general, there are still a substantial number of adults and children both

nationally and in Wisconsin who are at-risk from preventable dental diseases. Unfortunately, there has not always been enough attention given to this subject by state and national policy makers. However, by creating this commission you recognized the value of good oral health for each state citizen.

Consistent with the charges of your Executive Order, the Commission has sought to review the current oral health of Wisconsin citizens, to study access to the oral health care delivery system for all Wisconsin citizens and recommend improvements where needed, to study national and state trends in dentistry and dental education, to review the state's relationship with the only dental school in the state, Marquette University School of Dentistry, and to review dental manpower needs.

#### Access to Oral Health Care in Wisconsin

For certain segments of Wisconsin's population, access to oral health care is limited. The Commission identified the specific populations and developed proposals aimed at improving the access for these groups. These groups include:

- 1) Children (Medical Assistance and underserved)
- 2) Adult Medical Assistance recipients and underserved
- 3) Elderly and severely handicapped

These population groups represent challenges for oral health care providers. Because of low reimbursement rates, substantial numbers of missed appointments and complex administration requirements, many dentists are choosing to not accept new Medical Assistance (MA) patients. The needs of non-MA underserved groups are also not being fully met. The Commission has made several recommendations that would further simplify and streamline the paperwork for MA patients. In addition, our report identifies several successful community efforts that improve access for such population groups. The Commission was encouraged to find that Wisconsin Dental Association is actively seeking solutions for this lack of access to the system.

#### Program Recommendation to Provide Access to Care

The Commission is very proud of its recommendation to establish a state-wide training and service program for fourth year dental students. This program would be of great service to both the dental student and the citizens of the state. The Commission reviewed a program that has recently been implemented in Colorado that could make a significant difference in meeting the oral health needs of underserved Wisconsin citizens. This program offers the student opportunity to further refine their skills under the supervision of local dentists, while treating segments of the MA and underserved populations. In Colorado last year, for example, 13,600 underserved residents received approximately \$1 million in oral health care services.

#### Dental Education in Wisconsin

The Commission reviewed the financial condition of Marquette University School of Dentistry, the only dental school in the state. MUSOD has had financial difficulties over the last several years, which has prompted discussion of the future of MUSOD and its financial relationship to the state. The Commission reviewed all the options for dental education, including the establishment of a new dental school at the Medical College of Wisconsin or the University of Wisconsin, and the purchase of slots for Wisconsin students at out-of-state dental schools. The Commission reached consensus that the state should retain a dental school and that the most cost effective option was to support the program at MUSOD.

The Commission recommends increased funding for MUSOD, contingent upon greater oversight over the use of state tax dollars at MUSOD. Including: 1) establish a State Dental Advisory Council to act as an oversight body over MUSOD (the state provides 40% of MUSOD 1992 operating budget); 2) MUSOD will need to continue improving the quality of its dental program and expand continuing education programs available to dental practitioners; 3) MUSOD should play a more active role in meeting oral health needs of underserved populations outside Milwaukee; and 4) MUSOD should find ways to substantially improve the dental school without relying on increases in state funding.

#### Advisory and Oversight Council Recommended

The Commission has recommended the creation of a state Dental Advisory Council to coordinate the efforts of Department of Health and Social Services, Wisconsin Dental Association, Wisconsin Dental Hygienist Association, community organizations, and Marquette Dental School and its clinics. Solutions to the access problems across the state should be developed with input from these organizations. The supply and training of dentists and dental hygienists have statewide implications on access to dental care and should be coordinated with state goals and manpower needs.

#### In Conclusion

Governor Thompson, the commission members thank you for the opportunity to serve the State of Wisconsin. The commission appreciates your insight and concern for the oral health of the citizens of Wisconsin. We hope we served you and our fellow Wisconsin citizens well.

In conclusion, I extend a special thanks to Jennifer Sajna, policy analyst for the Department of Administration, who provided hours of thorough research followed by the writing of this report. Also, I extend a special thank you to Kim Hanneman, my executive assistant, who provided additional research and editing for this report as well as coordinated the details of the commission from the start to finish.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Zueske  
State Treasurer

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

April 29, 1993

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint RICHARD J. LONGABAUGH of Mequon, as Executive Director, of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending February 1, 1995.

Respectfully,  
Tommy Thompson  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs.

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SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-1**

Relating to home improvement trade practices.  
Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from agency, May 4, 1993.

Referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance, May 6, 1993.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-58**

Relating to administrative suspension of operating privilege for operating a motor vehicle with a prohibited alcohol concentration.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from agency, May 5, 1993.

Referred to committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs, May 6, 1993.

Senator Ellis, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 11, 1993.

10:01 A.M.