

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Thursday, July 8, 1993

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Peggy Rosenzweig.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 372

Relating to harassment of police animals and providing penalties.

By Senators Chvala and Burke; cosponsored by Representatives Ryba, Carpenter, Musser, Hanson, Grobschmidt, Ziegelbauer, Silbaugh, Schneiders, Turner, La Fave, Boyle, Huber and Welch.

To committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Financial Institutions and Cultural Affairs reports and recommends:

MADAY, THOMAS J., of Madison, as Commissioner of Credit Unions, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Darling, Lorman, Rosenzweig, Potter and Wineke;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Alberta Darling
Chair

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Claims Board

July 6, 1993

To the Honorable the Senate

Enclosed is the report of the State Claims Board covering claims heard on February 9, 1993.

The amounts recommended for payment under \$2000 on claims included in this report have, under the provisions of s. 16.007, Wisconsin Statutes, been paid directly by the Board.

The Board is preparing the bill(s) on the recommended award(s) over \$2,000, if any, and will submit such to the Joint Finance Committee for legislative introduction.

This report is for the information of the Legislature. The Board would appreciate your acceptance and spreading of it upon the Journal to inform the members of the Legislature.

Sincerely,
Edward D. Main
Secretary

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CLAIMS BOARD

The State Claims Board conducted hearings at the State Capitol Building, Madison, Wisconsin on February 9, 1993, upon the following claims:

Table with 2 columns: Claimant, Amount. Rows include Hoffman Construction Company, James Peterson Sons, Inc., Kaiser Construction, Inc., Mashuda Contractors, Inc., and Pagel Construction.

THE BOARD FINDS:

Claimants request reimbursement of fuel acquisition costs, plus interest, incurred in completing road grading contracts for the Department of Transportation in 1990. As a result of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August, 1990, claimants experienced substantial increases on the price of gasoline and diesel fuel purchased in Wisconsin. Claimants allege the Department of Transportation agreed to apply fuel adjustments to grading contracts in the event of major market fluctuations. The Department of Transportation rejected all fuel adjustment claims in 1991, because the fuel adjustment provision was not included in the contracts with claimants. The Claims Board does not recommend payment of interest on the amounts claimed.

The Board recommends:

1. Payment of \$150,236.43 to Hoffman Construction Company for fuel acquisition costs incurred in completing road grading contracts for the Department of Transportation in 1990. The Board further recommends, under authority of s. 16.007(6m), Stats., payment should be made from the Department of Transportation appropriations ss. 20.395(3)(cq), Stats., (\$24,856.81); 20.395(3)(cz), Stats., (\$176.08); 20.395(3)(cx), Stats., (\$31,683.54); and 20.395(3)(br), Stats., (\$93,520.00).

2. Payment of \$38,092.69 to James Peterson Sons, Inc., for fuel acquisition costs incurred in completing road grading contracts for the Department of

Transportation in 1990. The Board further recommends, under authority of s. 16.007(6m), Stats., payment should be made from the Department of Transportation appropriations ss. 20.395(2)(fx), Stats., (\$1,001.92); 20.395(2)(fv), Stats., (\$309.84); 20.395(3)(br), Stats., (\$29,718.34); 20.395(3)(bx), Stats., (\$2,511.30); 20.395(3)(cq), Stats., (\$3,894.84); and 20.395(3)(cx), Stats., (\$656.45).

3. Payment of \$50,314.03 to Kaiser Construction, Inc., for fuel acquisition costs incurred in completing road grading contracts for the Department of Transportation in 1990. The Board further recommends, under authority of s. 16.007(6m), Stats., payment should be made from the Department of Transportation appropriations ss. 20.395(3)(bx), Stats., (\$38,429.86); and 20.395(3)(bv), Stats., (\$11,884.17)

4. Payment of \$61,895.21 to Mashuda Contractors, Inc., for fuel acquisition costs incurred in completing road grading contracts for the Department of Transportation in 1990. The Board further recommends, under authority of s. 16.007(6m), Stats., payment should be made from the Department of Transportation appropriation s. 20.395(3)(br), Stats.

5. Payment of \$4,510.96 to Pagel Construction, Inc., for fuel acquisition costs incurred in completing road grading contracts for the Department of Transportation in 1990. The Board further recommends, under authority of s. 16.007(6m), Stats., payment should be made from the Department of Transportation appropriations. 20.395(3)(cx), Stats., (\$3,445.47); 20.395(3)(cv), Stats., (\$458.46); and 20.395(3)(cq), Stats., (\$607.03).

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 6th day of July, 1993.

Joseph Leean
Senate Finance Committee

Barbara J. Linton
Assembly Finance Committee

John Burczyk
Representative of Governor

Edward D. Main
Representative of Secretary of
Administration

William H. Wilker
Representative of Attorney
General

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration

June 29, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to the requirements in Wis. Statutes 16.339(4) you will find enclosed a report to the legislature describing the use of Transitional Housing funds awarded under Wis. Statutes 16.339. The report should evaluate the effectiveness of the transitional housing

program and include a recommendation on the continuation of funding to the program.

In addition to the Transitional Housing program we have also included reporting on the use of funds for the Transitional Housing Operating Match Grant under Wis. Statute 16.354, the State Shelter Subsidy Grant under S 16.352 and the HUD Emergency Shelter Grant and HUD Permanent Housing for Handicapped Homeless under S 16.35. Although a report to the Legislature is not required for these programs, we felt it was important for the members of the legislature to see how all facets of the homeless programs administered by the Division of Housing work together to provide effective coordination of both state and federal funds.

In the Transitional Housing program, quarterly reports are required from all grantees. Three quarterly reports have been received from the two agencies in Milwaukee that received funds in June 1992, and one quarterly report has been received from the agencies funded in February 1993. These initial reports have indicated that agencies are achieving the goal of assisting individuals and families in establishing more independent lives.

For FY 92 and FY 93, Transitional Housing funds were used to fund those programs which would provide support and case management services to individuals and families who had successfully completed a transitional housing program. The Transitional Housing funds which will be available for FY 1994 and 1995 may be used to expand the capacity of current providers as well as to encourage the development of additional transitional housing programs in areas of the state which are currently underserved.

Any questions regarding the Transitional Housing grant or other Homeless grant programs may be addressed to Lee Martinson, Administrator, Division of Housing, 608-267-4889. Thank You.

Sincerely,
James R. Klauser
Secretary

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

June 30, 1993

To the Honorable the Legislature:

In accordance with s. 619.15(2), Wis. Stats., I am pleased to submit to you the Eleventh Annual Report of the Wisconsin Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP). The plan was established in 1981 and now offers insurance to 12,707 Wisconsin residents.

The major issue on the 1992 HIRSP agenda was cost containment. The Wisconsin Legislature, the HIRSP Board of Governors, and the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) took several steps to control future HIRSP costs.

The Wisconsin Legislature mandated in s. 619.15 (e), Wis. Stat., that HIRSP reduce reimbursement for all health services rendered to HIRSP enrollees by 10%.

The HIRSP Cost Containment Committee was established to study alternative cost containment strategies for the plan.

OCI began to collect comprehensive claims data on HIRSP enrollees with the intention to monitor and anticipate trends in HIRSP claims behavior. For 1992, the data show:

The largest number (114) of 1992 HIRSP inpatient claims involve treatment for diagnostic related group (DRG) 430 - psychoses.

On average, HIRSP enrollees in their mid to late 20s incur the most expensive HIRSP claims. The average claim for people age 25 - 29 is \$3,601 compared to \$3,255 for the entire HIRSP population. HIRSP paid the largest amount of benefits, however, to enrollees between 60 and 64--\$12,561,918.

The most expensive HIRSP claim was for DRG 29 - trauma with stupor or coma (age between 1 hour and 17 years). HIRSP paid \$216,357 for this claim.

In other business, HIRSP has continued to grow in terms of premium collected, assessment collected, claims paid, and health policy issues addressed.

In 1992, HIRSP collected \$22,028,012 in premium from its enrollees. Of the 12,707 HIRSP participants, 29% qualified for the premium subsidy program.

In 1992, Wisconsin health insurance writers paid \$16.5 million in HIRSP assessments.

In 1992, HIRSP paid \$32,259,193 in claims. The plan paid \$15,336,690 in inpatient claims--a 4% increase from 1991.

To assess whether or not HIRSP benefits are comparable to those offered in standard plans in the private market, the Board of Governors has established a committee to examine the types of transplant procedures currently covered and not covered by private plans.

It is hoped that the administrative decision to contract with Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin for HIRSP underwriting and claims processing will improve the plan's operations in the future. Any observed savings in HIRSP's administrative costs would certainly prove beneficial to both HIRSP enrollees and the state of Wisconsin.

The data show that HIRSP continues to be a valuable resource for a large number of Wisconsin citizens.

Sincerely,
Josephine W. Musser
Commissioner of Insurance

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

June 29, 1993

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint DONALD E. WALSH of Racine, as a member of the Public Defender Board pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1996.

Respectfully,
Tommy Thompson
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Judiciary and Insurance.

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

The committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-205

Relating to the principles and practice exam for professional engineers.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-207

Relating to the waiver provisions of the minimum standards for property surveys.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 92-221

Relating to licensure requirements for psychologists.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-17

Relating to a violation of a board order constituting unprofessional conduct.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-18

Relating to the restoration of licenses for funeral directors.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-30

Relating to transcription fees and notice of hearing.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-53

Relating to the test of English as a foreign language for physical therapist applicants.

No action taken.

George Petak
Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Rosenzweig, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 13.

4:36 P.M.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 1 to Senate Bill 262 offered by Senators Andrea and Lasee.