

# Ninety-First Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, September 21, 1994

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

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

Ethics Board

September 13, 1994

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 that employ one or more individuals to affect state legislation or administrative rules, and notifying you of changes in the Ethics Board's records of licensed lobbyists and their employers. For each recently registered organization I have included the organization's description of the general area of legislative or administrative action that it attempts to influence and the name of each licensed lobbyist that the organization has authorized to act on its behalf.

**Organization recently registered:** Below is the name of an organization recently registered with the Ethics Board as employing one or more individuals to affect state legislation or administrative rules.

**Wholesale Druggists Assn, Multistate Associates Inc on behalf of the National**

Subjects: Any legislative or administrative action affecting the wholesale drug business.

Mitchell, Brian

**Organization's authorization of additional lobbyists:** The following organization previously registered with the Ethics Board as an employer of lobbyists has authorized to act on its behalf the additional licensed lobbyist:

**Medical Society of Wisconsin, State**

Alles, Peter 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Each of the following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as the employer of a lobbyist has withdrawn, on the date indicated, its authorization for the lobbyist identified to act on the organization's behalf.

**Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc**

Gerrard, M. William 9/12/94

**Homecare Organization, Wisconsin**

Cook, Sharon 9/6/94

Mitchell, Brian 9/6/94

**Merchants Federation, Wisconsin**

Weber, Taisha 9/12/94

**Organization's modification or amendment of records:** The registered organizations listed below have indicated the following modifications to their records:

**Feed, Seed and Farm Supply Assn, Wisconsin,**

changed its name to:

Agri-Service Assn, Wisconsin

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

Office of the Governor

September 12, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 234.165(2)(b)(3), I am submitting to the presiding officer of each House the 1994-95 WHEDA plan, "Dividends for Wisconsin". I have made no amendments to the Plan.

Respectfully,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor

Referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs.

State of Wisconsin

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

August 1994

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 1993. 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 1993; the projected total charges for hospital fiscal year 1994; the number of patients receiving uncompensated health care for hospital fiscal year 1993; and the projected number of patients who will receive uncompensated health care in hospital fiscal year 1994.

The information contained in this report was obtained from data submitted by Wisconsin hospitals on their annual FY 1993 Uncompensated Health Care Plan and their annual FY 1993 Hospital Fiscal Survey.

Sincerely,  
Josephine W. Musser  
Commissioner of Insurance

Trudy A. Karlson, Ph. D.  
Director,  
Office of Health Care  
Information

State of Wisconsin  
Cost Containment Council  
September 12, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

The 1991 Wisconsin Act 250 established the Cost Containment Commission and an advisory Cost Containment Council. One of the responsibilities of the Council is to periodically evaluate the Commission and its operations as provided in Section 150.80 (3)(a), Wis. Stats.

The attached report is intended to meet this reporting requirement. This report covers the period of February 1993 through June 1994.

Sincerely,  
M. Garvin Shankster  
Chair

State of Wisconsin  
Cost Containment Council  
September 1, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to the requirements of s. 150.80 (3)(b) and (c), Wis. Stats., I am please to submit to the Governor and to the Legislature the first annual report on Rate Differences in Wisconsin Hospitals. This report is based on fiscal year 1992 financial data reported to the Office of Health Care Information by general medical-surgical hospitals operating in Wisconsin at the end of this fiscal year.

This report fulfills the statutory requirement to report "the degree to which general relief under s. 49.02, medical assistance under ss. 49.43 to 49.499 and medicare under 42 USC 1395 to 1395 ccc do not pay rates equal to the rates paid by nongovernment payers." and "the policy implications to hospitals and nongovernment payers of discounts granted to nongovernment payers."

Sincerely,  
M. Garvin Shankster  
Chair

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Transportation  
September 13, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

The enclosed report has been sent to you pursuant to sec. 1.11 (2)(j), Stats. This statute states:

"Annually, no later than September 15, submit a report to the chief clerk of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2), including the number of proposed actions for which the agency conducted an assessment of whether an impact statement was required under par. (c) and the number of impact statements prepared under par. (c)."

This report addresses the activities of the Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 1994, the period from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994.

Sincerely,  
Charles H. Thompson  
Secretary

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources  
September 16, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

In accordance with 1993 Wisconsin Act 16, section 9142(3), I am submitting to you, and the Governor, a report prepared by IBM Consulting Group in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources which evaluates our pollution permit policies and procedures. Section 9142 of the Act specifically required the Department to:

"contract with a person from outside the Department to review the Department's policy and procedures for issuing pollution permits under the statutes and applicable federal law and to determine which aspects of the permit program can be most cost-effectively performed under contract with private vendors. The Department shall require the person with whom it contracts to prepare a report that includes the results of the review and recommendations for changes designed to improve the accomplishment of objectives of the statutes and to shorten the time for permit issuance and to submit the report to the legislature, in the manner provided in section 13.172(2) of the statutes, and to the governor, no later than September 1, 1994."

We hope that the recommended solutions listed in the report will lead to more effective and efficient air and water permit programs. We have already begun implementing some of the recommendations and are committed to following through to significantly improve the efficiency of our processes and shorten the number of hours required to issue permits. Our budget request for the 1995-97 biennium for air and water permits will also reflect these recommendations.

I look forward to hearing your comments on this report. If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this report, please contact me. If you or any of the legislators would like additional copies of this report, please call Karin Liebetrau at 267-7630. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
George E. Meyer  
Secretary

State of Wisconsin  
University of Wisconsin System

September 14, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

At its meeting September 9, 1994, the Board of Regents accepted the attached report to be submitted to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172(3).

In April 1990, the Legislature enacted s. 36.12 of the statutes which prohibits discrimination against students in the provision of UW System programs and services. Pursuant to s. 36.12(3), the Board of Regents is required to submit an annual report to each house of the legislature that details for the previous academic year: 1) the number of complaints received at each institution and center alleging a violation of the above statutes, and 2) the number of requests for review of these complaints received by the board. Annual reports are required for the period of four years from 1991 through 1994. The number of complaints for 1993-94 (110) was 21% less than the 1992-93 total.

If you need additional information regarding this report please contact Dr. Marian Swoboda at 262-6404.

Sincerely,  
Katharine C. Lyall  
President

Referred to committee on Education.

Lakeshore Technical College

September 19, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 38.12 (11)(a,b,c), we are submitting a report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3).

Annually, under Wisconsin Statute 38.12, the College incorporates all the required information to be communicated such as policies and procedures, statistics, and services available in the orientation programs for students entering the fall and spring semesters. In addition, the enclosed flyer, Your Rights and Responsibilities, is mailed to all students and employees annually in September of each year and is distributed to new enrolling students on a continuous basis throughout the school year.

All the information that is to be publicly communicated under this statute is reviewed annually. This ensures that

if legislative changes occur, the revisions are incorporated prior to the annual printing.

Sincerely,  
Karen E. Holstein  
Human Resources Manager

Referred to committee on Education.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

September 6, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint PAULINE M. BRISTOL of Phillips, as a member of the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1998.

Respectfully,  
Tommy Thompson  
Governor

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

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

September 6, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint JOANNE B. HUELSMAN of Madison, as a member of the Council on Domestic Abuse pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1997.

Respectfully,  
Tommy Thompson  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

September 6, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint KATHLEEN F. STOLPMAN of Madison, as a member of the Council on Domestic Abuse pursuant to the statute governing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1997.

Respectfully,  
Tommy Thompson  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

#### SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

##### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 90-61

Relating to roadside vegetation management.  
Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from agency, September 14, 1994.

Referred to committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs, September 21, 1994.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-23**

Relating to establishing procedures as to when the department will receive or send documents by facsimile in order to establish a date for the receipt of documents or information or to determine a participant's or beneficiary's eligibility for benefits under the Wisconsin retirement system or one of the insurance or other benefit programs administered by the department.

Submitted by Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Report received from agency, September 20, 1994.

Referred to committee on State Government Operations and Corrections, September 21, 1994.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-43**

Relating to the regulation of hazardous air contaminants.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from agency, September 21, 1994.

Referred to committee on Environment and Energy, September 21, 1994.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-82**

Relating to reimbursement for costs of treatment of chronic renal disease.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services.

Report received from agency, September 19, 1994.

Referred to committee on Health, Human Services and Aging, September 21, 1994.

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-130**

Relating to examinations and licensure requirements. Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, September 16, 1994.

Referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs, September 21, 1994.

**Senate 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.

Report received from agency, September 9, 1994.

Referred to committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs, September 21, 1994.

The committee on Education reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-57**

Relating to programs for children at risk.

No action taken.

Barbara Lorman  
Chair

The committee on Environment and Energy reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-33**

Relating to storm water discharge.

No action taken.

Robert Cowles  
Chair