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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

**State of Wisconsin
Wisconsin State Senate**

June 20, 1996

The Honorable, The Senate:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Transportation, Utilities, and Financial Institutions has unanimously approved a report by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection on the proposed funding for Wisconsin's Sustainable Agriculture Program.

Pursuant to ss. 93.47, the committee has fulfilled its obligation to review and act on this proposal by June 20, 1996. The committee voted 9–0 to approve DATCP's report. Since the committee has approved the department's report, it is the intent of this committee to continue this program to promote agricultural systems that preserve the ecology of the farm, while still allowing farms to be economically viable.

Enclosed for your records are copies of the paper ballots that were circulated to tabulate the votes of committee members on this report.

Although this report contained no immediate funding sources for this program, I look forward to reviewing the department's long-term funding sources for this program when it is submitted as part of the next biennial budget.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you require additional information or if I can be of further assistance.

Ayes, 9 – Senators Clausing, Moore, Potter, Decker, Shibilski, Drzewiecki, Fitzgerald, Lasee and Schultz.

Noes, None.

Sincerely,

ALICE CLAUSING

Chair, Agriculture, Transportation,
Utilities, and Financial Institutions

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board**

June 25, 1996

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of s. 13.685(7), Wisconsin Statutes, I am notifying you of changes in the Ethics Board's records of licensed lobbyists and their employers.

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 an additional licensed lobbyist:

**Assisted Living Assn, Wisconsin
Oakley, Kara**

Termination of lobbying authorizations:

The following individual is no longer authorized to lobby on behalf of the organization listed below, as of the date indicated.

Women's Network, Wisconsin

Fitzsimmons, Therese 6/1/96

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
Legislative Audit Bureau**

June 24, 1996

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed financial audits of the Wisconsin Gaming Commission and the Wisconsin Lottery for fiscal year 1994-95 to meet our audit requirements under s. 13.94(1)(em), Wis. Stats. We were able to provide unqualified opinions on the Gaming Commission's and Lottery's financial statements.

Copies of the audit reports have been distributed to members of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and those required by law to receive copies. If you are interested in receiving copies of these reports, please contact our office and request report numbers 96–7 and 96–8.

Sincerely,

DALE CATTANACH

State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

June 19, 1996

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's State Laboratory of Hygiene. Through a broad range of testing services, the State Laboratory supports the public and environmental health programs of the departments of Health and Social Services and Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin. However, over 54 percent of the State Laboratory's fiscal year 1994–95 revenue of \$21.5 million was generated from tests provided to other customers, such as health care providers, industry, water suppliers, well owners, other states, other public agencies, and

private laboratories. State Laboratory staff also conduct research and have educational responsibilities.

Representatives of private laboratories in Wisconsin, particularly those offering environmental testing services, question the extent to which the State Laboratory should provide testing services to public and private customers in competition with private laboratories. They also question whether the Laboratory sets its prices fairly.

Based on known capacity and interest on the part of private laboratories in Wisconsin, we estimate between \$6.6 million and \$10.1 million of the State Laboratory's fiscal year 1994-95 test billing might have been diverted to private laboratories. Redirecting this work would have a limited financial effect on the more than \$500 million private laboratory industry, although a few environmental laboratories might realize significant benefits. However, public agency customers of the State Laboratory believe that factors such as cost, quality, and maintaining capacity to respond in emergencies justify the Laboratory's current levels of testing activity.

Inadequate financial and management information kept by the State Laboratory hampers efforts to ensure public agencies are getting the best value, determine which tests are subsidized by public funds, and set prices performed for private customers at competitive levels. Improved cost accounting would enable the Laboratory and other state agencies to manage their resources better and determine which laboratory activities can be provided most cost-effectively by the State Laboratory, and which by private laboratories.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by State Laboratory of Hygiene, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Natural Resources, and private laboratory staff. Responses from the Director of the State Laboratory and the Department of Health and Social Services are Appendices II and III.

Sincerely,

DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Social Services**

June 20, 1996

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Section 46.972(4) of the statutes requires the Department of Health and Social Services to submit to the legislature a report by June 30 of each year on the allocation and expenditure of funds for services for homeless individuals with severe and persistent mental illnesses, including individuals who are dually diagnosed with a mental illness and substance abuse. Attached is the report for calendar 1995.

Department staff are available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH LEEAN
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Corrections**

June 19, 1996

The Honorable, The Legislature:

It is our pleasure to submit to you the Biennial Report of the Board on Aging and Long Term Care in accordance with s. 15.04(1)(d) and 16.009(2)(l) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The report serves as an appraisal of the Board's activities during 1994-1995. Successful strategies to resolve complex problems faced by the long-term care consumer are discussed.

Continuing problems are identified, and strategies for resolution are proposed for government's consideration.

Wisconsin is embarking on a complicated study of its long-term care service system. The Board on Aging and Long Term Care is an active participant in this effort, representing the interests of the consumer. This report contributes to that discussion. We are hopeful that it will serve as a useful reference for you as the Legislature begins to debate a redesign of long-term care for Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

LINDA S. HOWARD
Chairperson

GEROGE F. POTARACKE
Executive Director

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration**

June 21, 1996

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As required by s. 16.045(5), I am submitting the fourth semiannual *Wisconsin Gasohol and Alternative Fuel Use Report* for distribution to the appropriate standing committees.

Should you or committee members have questions, please contact the Division of Energy and Intergovernmental Relations, Nathaniel E. Robinson, Administrator, at 608/266-7257

Sincerely,

JAMES R. KLAUSER
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Agriculture, Transportation, Utilities and Financial Institutions /Environmental Resources and Urban Affairs.**

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

June 24, 1996

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Senate Bill 182	Wisconsin Act 440	June 24, 1996
Senate Bill 358	Wisconsin Act 449	June 24, 1996

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF
COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96-023

Relating to sport fishing.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, June 19, 1996.

Referred to committee on **Environmental Resources and Urban Affairs**, June 26, 1996.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96-047

Relating to physician assistants.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, June 24, 1996.

Referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Aging and Corrections**, June 26, 1996.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96-059

Relating to education for school age parents.

Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.

Report received from Agency, June 24, 1996.

Referred to committee on **Education**, June 26, 1996.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96-060

Relating to teacher licenses.

Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.

Report received from Agency, June 24, 1996.

Referred to committee on **Education**, June 26, 1996.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96-061

Relating to AODA programs.

Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.

Report received from Agency, June 24, 1996.

Referred to committee on **Education**, June 26, 1996.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96-067

Relating to sales finance companies.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioner of Banking.

Report received from Agency, June 24, 1996.

Referred to committee on **Agriculture, Transportation, Utilities and Financial Institutions**, June 26, 1996.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The Chief Clerk records:

Senate Bill 145

Senate Bill 182

Senate Bill 358

Senate Bill 360

Senate Bill 418

Senate Bill 521

Senate Bill 547

Senate Bill 557

Senate Bill 597

Senate Bill 606

Presented to the Governor on June 20, 1996.