

STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Third Regular Session

TUESDAY, August 18, 1998

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98–009

Relating to veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing. Report received from Agency, August 6, 1998. To committee on **Agriculture**. Referred on August 14, 1998.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98–047

Relating to exemption of concession stands at locally sponsored sporting events from being regulated as restaurants.

Submitted by Department of Health and Family Services. Report received from Agency, August 7, 1998. To committee on **Health**. Referred on August 14, 1998.

SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

August 13, 1998

Senator Margaret Farrow Chairperson, Women's Council 119 MLK Jr. Blvd., #202 Madison, WI 53703

Senator Farrow:

As Assembly Speaker, it is my pleasure to appoint E. Venessa Jones of Shorewood to serve as a public member of the Women's Council. This appointment is effective immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Brett Healy. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

> Sincerely, SCOTT R. JENSEN Assembly Speaker

COMMUNICATIONS

July 28, 1998

Speaker Scott Jensen State Capitol, Room 211 West Madison, WI 53703

Dear Scott:

This is to inform you that I have chosen Representative G. Spencer Coggs to fill the vacant position of ranking minority member on the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) effective immediately. As you know, Representative Barbara Linton's resignation from the Assembly was effective July 31st and so, too, was her membership on the JFC which left the ranking minority member seat unnamed.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Sincerely, SHIRLEY KRUG Assembly Democratic Leader

July 28, 1998

Speaker Scott Jensen State Capitol, Room 211 West Madison, WI 53703

Dear Scott:

I am recommending that Representative Greg Huber be appointed to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) effective August 1st. As you know, Representative Barbara Linton's resignation from the Assembly is effective July 31st and so, too, is her membership on the JFC.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Sincerely, SHIRLEY KRUG Assembly Democratic Leader

CHIEF CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

August 14, 1998

The Honorable Speaker Scott Jensen Room 211 West, State Capitol Madison, WI 53703

Dear Speaker Jensen:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 5(v)(3), I have appointed Linda J. Hanson, as Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly. Linda will begin her duties in the chief clerk's office September 1, 1998.

Respectfully, CHARLIE R. SANDERS Assembly Chief Clerk

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

DATE: August 10, 1998

- TO: Charles R. Sanders Assembly Chief Clerk
- FROM: Katharine C. Lyall President, The University of Wisconsin System

RE: Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act

The University of Wisconsin System is pleased to provide you with a copy of our annual Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) report. In fulfillment of Section 1.11 (2)(j) Wisconsin Statutes, this document provides information on the numbers of environmental assessment (EA's) and environmental impact statements (EIS's) completed in the past fiscal year.

This report addresses the activities of the University of Wisconsin System for the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

questions regarding this report should be directed to Gary Brown, UW System Environmental Affairs Officer. Gary may be reached at 263-4417.

Referred to committee on Natural Resources.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau Madison

August 12, 1998

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have completed a review of administrative salaries and staffing within the Wisconsin Technical College System, as directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. In fiscal year (FY) 1996-97, the 16 districts, which are governed by local boards, spent \$63.4 million on salaries and fringe benefits for 787.4 administrative positions.

Salaries paid to senior-level Wisconsin technical college administrators-the president and the chief academic, business, and student affairs officers in each district-vary substantially throughout the Wisconsin technical college system. However, they were lower, on average, than salaries paid for similar positions at 56 midwestern two-year public colleges.

In addition to reviewing salaries for four senior-level positions, we reviewed total administrative salaries and staffing levels in FY 1996-97, as well as changes over a five-year period. From FY 1991-92 through FY 1996-97, when salaries at public colleges and universities nationwide increased 17.1 percent, the average hourly rate of administrative salaries within the Wisconsin technical college system increased 22.3 percent, although there were substantial variations in rates among the technical college districts. Three districts had increases exceeding 30 percent.

During this period, the number of administrative staff increased 4.5 percent overall, although changes in individual districts ranged from an increase of 56.2 percent to a decrease of 28.2 percent. While the number of administrative staff increased overall, the number of full–time equivalent students decreased 10.5 percent, and the number of faculty declined by 2.1 percent.

Because of the substantial differences in administrative salaries and staffing levels among the districts, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board could help local district boards analyze their decisions relative to those of other districts by providing salary and staffing information for each district on an ongoing basis.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the staff of the technical college districts who assisted us during the course of this review, as well as by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board. The Board's response is Appendix II.

> Respectfully submitted, JANICE MUELLER State Auditor

Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Milwaukee

August 17, 1998

RE: July 1998 Monthly Progress Report

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

Enclosed please find your copy of the July 1998 Miller Park Monthly Progress Report. If you have any questions or comments on this month's report, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and input on the Miller Park project.

Very truly yours, *MICHAEL R. DUCKETT, P.E., R.L.S.* Executive Director, SEWPBPD