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THURSDAY, September 10, 1998

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98–055

Relating to the development of fees, criteria and procedures to use when permitting the use of natural waters as fish farms.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.
Report received from Agency, September 8, 1998.
To committee on **Agriculture**.
Referred on September 10, 1998.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98–085

Relating to the 1998 migratory game bird season.
Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.
Report received from Agency, September 08, 1998.
To committee on **Natural Resources**.
Referred on September 10, 1998.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98–087

Relating to the exemption of food service operations providing “incidental food service” from being regulated as restaurants.

Submitted by Department of Health and Family Services.
Report received from Agency, September 4, 1998.
To committee on **Health**.
Referred on September 10, 1998.

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services
Madison

July, 1998

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Pursuant to section 153.10(1), Wis. Stat., we are pleased to submit to the Governor and to the Legislature the eighth annual **Health Care Data Report**. This report is based on hospital inpatient discharge data reported to the Office of Health Care Information by all operating general medical-surgical and specialty hospitals in Wisconsin from January through December 1996. It also contains selected ambulatory surgery utilization and charge data from general

medical-surgical hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgery centers in Wisconsin during the same period.

This report fulfills the statutory requirement to report “*in a manner that permits comparisons among hospitals ... the charges for up to 100 health care services or diagnostic-related groups selected by the office.*”

Sincerely,
BARBARA A. RUDOLPH, Ph.D., Director
Office of Health Care Information

Referred to committee on **Health**.

DATE: July 1998

TO: District Assessment Coordinators
CESA Standards and Assessment Coordinators

FROM: William J. Erpenbach, Ph.D., Acting Director
Office of Educational Accountability

Enclosed are copies of the *Wisconsin School Performance Report Results for Districts and Schools Within Districts*, Volume I (Grade 4), Volume II (Grade 8), and Volume III (Grade 10). These reports contain the results of the 1997-98 Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) *Knowledge and Concepts Examinations*. Sufficient copies are included for distribution to each school in your district in which testing occurred.

Each report also provides:

- * background information,
- * answers to commonly asked questions,
- * description of the content measured on each test,
- * sample test items,
- * proficiency level descriptors, and
- * score analysis of the 1997-98 WSAS Knowledge and Concepts Examinations.

For the first time this year, results of the WSAS examinations are reported by proficiency categories. The proficiency scores show how schools and districts performed on the WSAS examinations based on expectations established by Wisconsin educators. Separate proficiency achievement results are reported for reading, mathematics, science, social studies, and enhanced language (language arts plus writing). Also reported, as in previous years, are norm-referenced national percentile ranks that compare school, district, and state with those of a national norm group of students.

For more information on the WSAS results, you may call Rajah Farah at 608/267-9283 or you may access the

Department's Office of Educational Accountability home page at (<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/oea/kce.html>).

Thank you.

Referred to committee on **Education**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Division of Gaming
Madison

August 18, 1998

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Included with this correspondence, I am submitting the quarterly report of the Department of Administration, Division of Gaming (Gaming), for the 12 months ending June 30, 1998. As required by s. 562.02(1)(g), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain pari-mutual wagering and racing statistical information, as well as the revenues and expenditures for Gaming's Racing, Charitable Gaming and Indian Gaming programs.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 270-2560.

Sincerely,
F. SCOTT SCEPANIAK
Administrator

Referred to committee on **State Affairs**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue
Madison

August 26, 1998

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending June 30, 1998. As required by s. 565.37(3), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain Wisconsin Lottery year to date sales and financial information.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-6466.

Sincerely,
CATE ZEUSKE
Secretary of Revenue

Referred to committee on **State Affairs**.

State of Wisconsin
Public Service Commission
Madison

September 1, 1998

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Section 91 of 1997 Act 204 (Act 204) requires the Public Service Commission (Commission) to submit a report to the

Legislature that identifies transmission constraints on the regional bulk power transmission system that adversely affect the reliability of transmission service to Wisconsin customers and that identifies proposed solutions to relieve those constraints. Pursuant to s. 13.172(2), Stats., we are pleased to offer this report to fulfill the requirements of Act 204.

The attached report provides a detailed summary of the preliminary work done by the Commission to identify regional transmission constraints and provides a list of potential options for relieving those constraints. The Commission's objective in preparing this report was to identify and propose transmission options that can improve the future reliability of our electric transmission system in light of the difficulties experienced in 1997.

The options delineated in the report are based on an initial evaluation of transmission options to relieve constraints in our region and are premised on certain assumptions, including the construction of future power plants in Eastern Wisconsin and various localized improvements to Wisconsin's transmission system, the time and locations of which are yet to be determined. Moreover, many of the transmission options discussed in this report are dependent upon regional cooperation and in part will require the approval of neighboring states. In short, this report is not intended to be a definitive or complete study that would, by itself, constitute an adequate basis for a future Commission to order construction of any of the options discussed in this report.

The Commission is available if you have any questions or require any additional information concerning this report.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH P. METTNER
Chairman
JOHN H. FARROW
Commissioner
AVE M. BIE
Commissioner

Referred to committee on **Utilities Oversight**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

September 1, 1998

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Chapter 34, Laws of 1979, requires that when the Department of Administration maintains an office in Washington, DC, for the purpose of promoting federal/state cooperation, it should submit a report detailing the activities of the office and reporting the status of federal legislation of concern to the Legislature and other state agencies (Wis. Stats. 16.548(2)).

The report for the period April 1, 1998, through July 31, 1998, is attached.

Sincerely,
MARK D. BUGHER
Secretary

Referred to committee on **State-Federal Relations**.