



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Third Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, March 6, 1997

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Robert Wirsch.

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

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Read and referred:

Senate Joint Resolution 16

Relating to: commending the United Farm Workers of America's campaign to organize strawberry workers.

By Senator Burke; cosponsored by Representative Kunicki.

To committee on **Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions**.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 106

Relating to: eligibility to attend a home-based private educational program.

By Senators Breske and Weeden; cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Turner, Hahn, J. Lehman, Hasenohrl, Huber and Gronemus.

To committee on **Education**.

Senate Bill 107

Relating to: the term of the student member of the state technical college board.

By Senator C. Potter; cosponsored by Representative Brandemuehl.

To committee on **Education**.

Senate Bill 108

Relating to: employment of minors 11 years of age in the sale or distribution of newspapers.

By Senators Wirsch and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Ourada, Seratti, Gard, Ryba, Handrick, Ziegelbauer, Bock, F. Lasee, Hahn, Owens, Kaufert, Powers and Gronemus.

To committee on **Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Agriculture and Environmental Resources** reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 3

Relating to: issuance of metallic mining permits for the mining of sulfide ore bodies.

Passage.

Ayes, 3 – Senators Clausing, Shibilski and Wirsch.

Noes, 2 – Senators A. Lasee and Zien.

Alice Clausing
Chairperson

The committee on **Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions** reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 68

Relating to: changing the name of the department of industry, labor and job development to the department of workforce development.

Passage.

Ayes, 7 – Senators Plache, C. Potter, Moore, Decker, Zien, Darling and Farrow.

Noes, 0 – None.

Kimberly Plache
Chairperson

The committee on **Senate Organization** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 145

Relating to: the salary of the research director of the joint survey committee on retirement systems.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Ellis and Rude.

Noes, 0 – None.

Assembly Joint Resolution 25

Relating to: the life and public service of Eugene Zdroik.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Ellis and Rude.

Noes, 0 – None.

Assembly Joint Resolution 32

Relating to: the life and public service of John Lyons Doyne.

Concurrence.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Chvala, Risser, Moen, Ellis and Rude.

Noes, 0 – None.

Charles Chvala
Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

February 4, 1997

The Honorable, The Legislature:

As required by s.13.94(1)(n), Wis. Stats., we have completed an evaluation of the Multifamily Dwelling Code, which establishes statewide minimum and maximum construction standards for housing units that are typically two- or three-story, four- to eight-unit apartment buildings. The former Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations was directed by statute to establish the Multifamily Dwelling Code, which took effect in April 1995. Following reorganization of state agency functions, responsibility for enforcement was transferred to the Department of Commerce in 1996.

The code remains somewhat controversial among some local officials, including some local fire officials, because communities no longer have the authority to establish stricter local standards, which were allowable under the State's previous minimum standards. On the other hand, some local fire officials believe overall safety has increased because the new uniform code has more safety requirements than the previous statewide minimum standards, which few municipalities strengthened by enacting additional safety-related ordinances. In addition, builders believe the uniform building requirements reduce design costs. In response to technical concerns expressed during its implementation, the code was revised in August 1995 and July 1996. The Department plans to conduct another review in 1997, which could address continuing concerns.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by staff in the Department of Commerce, members of the Multifamily Dwelling Council, and representatives of municipalities we contacted during the course of this evaluation. The Department's response is Appendix I.

Sincerely,

DALE CATTANACH
State Auditor

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 96-081

Relating to immunization of students.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services.

Report received from Agency, March 4, 1997.

Referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Aging, Corrections, Veterans and Military Affairs**, March 6, 1997.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Wirch, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, March 11 at 10:00 A.M..

Adjourned.

10:01 A.M.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 78** offered by Senator C. Potter.