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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

September 1, 1998

The Honorable, The Senate:

In accordance with sec. 1.11(2)(j) Wis. stats., the Department of Health and Family Services reports that it has not conducted any Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements during the period of July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998.

Sincerely,
JOE LEEAN
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Revenue**

August 26, 1998

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

**State of Wisconsin
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

September 1, 1998

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

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration**

September 1, 1998

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

**State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board**

September 8, 1998

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's authorization of additional lobbyists:

The following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board have authorized to act on their behalf these additional licensed lobbyists:

General Electric Company

Pinder, Susan

Innkeepers Assn, Wisconsin

Linton, Barbara

Nicolet Minerals Company (formerly Crandon Mining)

Linton, Barbara

Termination of lobbying authorizations:

The following individuals are no longer authorized to lobby on behalf of the organizations listed below, as of the dates indicated.

Innkeepers Assn, Wisconsin

Swandby, Janet 9/3/98

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,

ROTH JUDD

Director

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

Senate 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.

Referred to committee on **Environment and Energy**, September 9, 1998.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-085

Relating to the 1998 migratory game bird season.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, September 8, 1998.

Referred to committee on **Environment and Energy**, September 9, 1998.

Senate 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.

Referred to committee on **Health, Family Services and Aging**, September 9, 1998.

The committee on **Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 98-001

Relating to residential rental practices.

No action taken.

Gary Drzewiecki
Chairperson