



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Fifth Regular Session

1:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, October 18, 2001

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol.

Representative J. Fitzgerald in the chair.

The Assembly dispensed with the call of the roll.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 558** offered by Representative Musser.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 00-155

Relating to the telecommunications utilities price regulation productivity factor.

Submitted by Public Service Commission.

Report received from Agency, October 12, 2001.

To committee on **Information Policy and Technology**.

Referred on October 18, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 01-073

Relating to operation of the health insurance risk-sharing plan (HIRSP).

Submitted by Department of Health and Family Services.

Report received from Agency, October 15, 2001.

To committee on **Health**.

Referred on October 18, 2001.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 01-088

Relating to Wisconsin lottery retailers and nonprofit organization retailers, and the Wisconsin lottery's major procurements.

Submitted by Department of Revenue.

Report received from Agency, October 16, 2001.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Referred on October 18, 2001.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 581

Relating to: designating Fire Protection Week and Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day.

By Representatives M. Lehman, Schneider, Lippert, Ainsworth, Albers, Balow, Berceau, Bies, Bock, Boyle, Carpenter, Coggs, J. Fitzgerald, Freese, Gronemus, Grothman, Gunderson, Hahn, Huber, Hundertmark, Jeskewitz, Kedzie, Kestell, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Ladwig, Lassa, F. Lasee, J. Lehman, McCormick, Meyerhofer, Miller, Musser, Nass, Olsen, Petrowski, Plale, Plouff, Pocan, Rhoades, Richards, Riley, Ryba, Schooff, Seratti, Sherman, Starzyk, Stone, Suder, Sykora, Townsend, Turner, Urban, Vrakas, Walker and Skindrud; cosponsored by Senators Panzer, Baumgart, Breske, Burke, Cowles, Darling, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Grobschmidt, Hansen, Harsdorf, Huelsman, Jauch, Kanavas, Lazich, M. Meyer, Moen, Robson, Roessler, Rosenzweig and Wirch.

To committee on **Government Operations**.

Assembly Bill 582

Relating to: the requirement to offer the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem in school.

By Representatives Albers, Musser, Jeskewitz, Freese, Walker, Gunderson, Ainsworth, Suder, Urban, Gundrum and Krawczyk; cosponsored by Senators Zien, Welch and Schultz.

To committee on **Education Reform**.

Assembly Bill 583

Relating to: creating an individual income tax exemption for pay received from the federal government by members of a reserve component of the armed forces participating in Operation Enduring Freedom.

By Representatives Owens, Petrowski, Jensen, Gronemus, Duff, Kestell, Ainsworth, La Fave, Leibham, Jeskewitz, Suder, McCormick, Freese, Hahn, Grothman, Nass, Albers, Krawczyk, Musser, Bies, Gundrum, Lassa, Plale, Ladwig, Rhoades, Townsend and J. Fitzgerald; cosponsored by Senators Lazich, Roessler, Hansen and Schultz.

To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Assembly Bill 584

Relating to: public utility shared revenue payments and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Hoven, Bies, Duff, Hahn, Hundertmark, Ladwig, Lassa, Lippert, Montgomery, Musser, Ott, Starzyk, Steinbrink, Stone, Suder, Townsend, Underheim, Urban and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senators Moen, Roessler, Schultz, Shibilski and Welch.

To committee on **Energy and Utilities**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 134

Relating to: the amount of the exemption from income tax withholding requirements for employees of a county fair association.

Passage:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives Hahn and Hebl; Senators Decker, Breske and Ellis; Secretary Richard Chandler and Mr. Alan Lee, Department of Justice.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

EUGENE HAHN
Assembly Chairperson
Joint survey committee on Tax Exemptions

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

October 8, 2001

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

This report is transmitted as required by sec. 20.002(11)(f), Wis. Stats. (for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under sec. 13.172(3), Wis. Stats.), and confirms that the Department of Administration has found it necessary to exercise the “temporary reallocation of balances” authority provided by this section in order to meet payment responsibilities and cover resulting negative balances during the month of September 2001.

On September 17, 2001 the **General Fund** balance was -\$99.7 million. The following day, September 18, 2001 the **General Fund** balance reached a positive \$83.9 million. The shortfall was due to the difference in the timing of revenues and expenditures and the delay in issuing the 2001 Operating Note.

The General Fund shortfall was not in excess of the statutory interfund borrowing limitation and did not exceed the balances of the Funds available for interfund borrowing.

The distribution of interest earnings to investment pool participants is based on the average daily balance in the pool and each fund’s share. Therefore, the monthly calculation by the State Controller’s Office will automatically reflect the use of these temporary reallocations of balance authority.

Sincerely,
GEORGE LIGHTBOURN
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Public Instruction
Madison

October 16, 2001

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is a copy of “The 1999-2000 Inter-District Public School Open Enrollment Program: A Report to the Governor and the Legislature,” as required by sec. 118.51(15) (c), Wis. Stats. The report has been submitted to the chief clerks of each house of the legislature as required by sec. 13.172 (3), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 118.51(15) (c), Wis. Stats., requires the Department of Public Instruction to:

Annually submit a report to the governor and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3), on the number of pupils who applied to attend public school in a nonresident school district under this section [the full-time inter-district public school open enrollment program], the number of applications denied and the bases for the denials, and the number of pupils attending public school in a nonresident school district under this section.

This report provides more than the basic information required by statute, including appendices with district-by-district lists of applications to transfer in and out of the district, the number of students who transferred, and the amount of the state aid adjustment for regular education students who transferred under the program.

Sincerely,
ELIZABETH BURMASTER
State Superintendent

Referred to committee on **Education**.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bies moved that the Assembly stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 23.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

1:01 P.M.