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WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2002

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

April 16, 2002

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill(s), originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

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Senate Bill 413	Wisconsin Act 74	April 15, 2002
Senate Bill 360	Wisconsin Act 75	April 15, 2002
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Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM Governor

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

April 17, 2002

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State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

April 19, 2002

To the Honorable, the Senate:

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Senate Bill 178	Wisconsin Act 83	April 18, 2002
Senate Bill 415	Wisconsin Act 84	April 18, 2002
Senate Bill 88	Wisconsin Act 86	April 18, 2002
Senate Bill 116	Wisconsin Act 87	April 18, 2002

Senate Bill 393	Wisconsin Act 90	April 18, 2002
Senate Bill 378	Wisconsin Act 91	April 18, 2002
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Senate Bill 176	Wisconsin Act 57	April 23, 2002
Senate Bill 179	Wisconsin Act 58	April 23, 2002
Senate Bill 367	Wisconsin Act 62	April 23, 2002
Senate Bill 368	Wisconsin Act 63	April 23, 2002
Senate Bill 369	Wisconsin Act 64	April 23, 2002
Senate Bill 375	Wisconsin Act 65	April 23, 2002
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	Secretary of State	
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Senate Bill 356	Wisconsin Act 66	April 25, 2002
Senate Bill 479	Wisconsin Act 67	April 25, 2002
Senate Bill 471	Wisconsin Act 72	April 25, 2002
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Senate Bill 393	Wisconsin Act 90	May 2, 2002
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Sincerely,

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State

State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

April 10, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

This is to inform you that I am withdrawing the nomination of John L. Malchine as a member of the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Mr. Malchine resigned from this position effective March 25, 2002.

Thank you for you attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM Governor

State of Wisconsin Department of Administration

April 5, 2002

The Honorable, The Legislature:

I am pleased to submit the annual Minority Business report for fiscal year 2001 especially since this year's report shows many areas of positive improvements in the State of Wisconsin minority business programs.

Sincerely, GEORGE LIGHTBOURN Secretary

State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

April 5, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

We have completed a financial and compliance audit of the State of Wisconsin, as requested by state agencies to meet the audit requirements of the federal Single audit Act of 1984, as amended, and the provisions of federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. In addition, the audit assists us in meeting state audit requirements under s. 13.94, Wis. Stats. The audit covers the period from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

Federal funds administered by the State have been steadily increasing over the past five years. During fiscal year (FY) 2000-01, state agencies, including the University of Wisconsin (UW) System, administered \$7.2 billion in cash and non-cash federal assistance. This is \$1.9 billion, or 35.8 percent, more than the \$5.3 billion in federal assistance state agencies administered in FY 1996-97. Five large agencies – the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), UW System, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Public Instruction – administered 88.1 percent of the federal financial assistance and 22 of the State's 29 major federal grant programs.

Most state agencies have complied with federal grant requirements and have taken steps to address concerns raised in prior years. We question a total of \$124,829 in costs that were inappropriately charged to federal grants and in interest earnings lost to the federal government because of delays in returning unspent federal funds. These questioned costs represent a very small portion of total federal financial assistance and are significantly less that the \$1,027,571 we questioned in our FY 1999-2000 audit.

DHFS administers some of the largest and most complex programs funded with federal funds. One such program, foster Care, is typically operates by counties. However, DHFS both administers and operated the program in Milwaukee County. Milwaukee County performed foster care provider licensing services under a contract with DHFS during our audit period.

Our review identified serious internal control concerns with County Milwaukee provider licensing, payment documentation and eligibility, and other matters. For example, 3 of 11 licensing files we reviewed contained no evidence that required criminal record checks had been performed, and 7 files had missing, incomplete, or otherwise deficient materials related to licensing. We also found exceptions in 19 of the 49 Milwaukee County case files that we reviewed for documentation of payments to providers. In total, we questioned \$33,0075 in foster care payments. DHFS has already repaid the federal government for these exceptions. However, it is likely that a large portion of the approximately 6,700 other Milwaukee County case files also contain undocumented payments and other deficiencies. Because some of our findings represent a continuation of previously noted problems, and because of both an increased rate of exceptions and the potential for material questioned costs had all of the cases been tested we consider these issues to be the most serious internal control weaknesses identified during our audit.

DHFS recognizes the importance of these issues and is taking steps to resolve them. It has already contracted with a new licensing agency and has reassigned responsibility for managing foster care cases at two case-management sites.

In our FY 1999-2000 single audit report, we noted serious concerns with DWD's administration of the Vocational Rehabilitation program, including issues with third-party contracts and direct payments to clients. DWD is making progress in addressing these deficiencies. For example, it has ceased its questionable practice of requiring certain third-party contractors to bill for costs before they are incurred. In addition, DWD has developed reasonable policies to restrict direct payments to clients and is establishing a central unit to process these payments. For the current audit period, we question just \$786 in direct payments that did not meet documentation requirements.

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We also questioned \$10,000 in interest the State earned at the expense of the federal government because DWD delayed returning unspent Vocational Rehabilitation program funds, and \$45,741 the State received because of errors DWD made in calculating transfers from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant to the Social Services Block Grant. Other questioned costs include \$5,412 in charges and lost interest related to the student financial aid programs at UW System, and \$29,815 in excess reimbursements to school districts under the School Breakfast Program, which is administered by the Department of Public Instruction.

Our single audit report is lengthy and detailed. Therefore, we are limiting our initial distribution to those required by law to receive copies, the audited state agencies, and the federal agencies to which our findings relate. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the single audit report, please contact our office and request report 02-7. The report is also available on the Internet at www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/windex.htm.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER State Auditor

State of Wisconsin Ethics Board

April 23, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2001 session of the legislature, visit the Ethics Board's web site at <u>http://ethics.state.wi.us/</u>

Cottington, Jean **Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America**

Dilweg, Sean Alexander Company

Elliott, Brian Baxter Healthcare Corporation

Essie, Patrick Alexander Company

Gagne, Bob Orphan Medical

Hottenroth, Theresa M Baxter Healthcare Corporation

Knuth, Steve Pharmaceutical Research and

Manufacturers of America

McCoshen, William J MedCath Inc

Springer, Thomas J Baxter Healthcare Corporation

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 organizations that employ lobbyists. Sincerely,

ROTH JUDD Director

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 01–134

Relating to a pharmacy internship program.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, April 19, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Health**, **Utilities**, **Veterans and Military Affairs**, April 24, 2002.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 01–143

Relating to returns of persons other than corporations that relate to income, and sales and use tax returns.

Submitted by Department of Revenue.

Report received from Agency, April 22, 2002.

Referred to committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations, April 24, 2002.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–021

Relating to the scheduling of examinations.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, April 17, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Health**, **Utilities**, **Veterans and Military Affairs**, April 24, 2002.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–029

Relating to vehicle odometer disclosure requirements.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, April 18, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Insurance**, **Tourism**, and **Transportation**, April 24, 2002.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–034

Relating to member business loans.

Submitted by Department of Financial Institutions.

Report received from Agency, April 17, 2002.

Referred to committee on **Privacy, Electronic Commerce** and **Financial Institutions,** April 24, 2002.

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

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 01–103

Relating to department standards for erosion control in lakes and impoundments.

No action taken.

Jim Baumgart Chairperson

The committee on **Labor and Agriculture** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–011

Relating to the adjustment of thresholds for application of prevailing wage rates and payment and performance assurance requirements.

No action taken.

David Hansen Chairperson

The committee on **Privacy, Electronic Commerce and Financial Institutions** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–001

Relating to registration fees paid by persons who make or solicit consumer credit transactions.

No action taken.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–006

Relating to stock in bank-owned banks.

No action taken.

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Senate Clearinghouse Rule 02–022

Relating to stock in bank–owned banks. No action taken.

Jon Erpenbach Chairperson

The committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 01–109

Relating to accessibility requirements for commercial buildings and structures.

No action taken.

Mark Meyer Chairperson

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The Chief Clerk records: Senate Bill 88 Senate Bill 116 Senate Bill 178 Senate Bill 247 Senate Bill 250 Senate Bill 330 Senate Bill 378 Senate Bill 393 Senate Bill 415 Presented to the Governor on April 16, 2002.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The Chief Clerk records: Senate Bill 61 Senate Bill 364 Presented to the Governor on April 17, 2002.