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

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin**

September 17, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to s. 15.215(1), and Senate Rule 20 (a) and (b), I have appointed Senator Ted Kanavas to the Information Technology Management Board.

With regard to members of the minority party, this appointment reflects the nomination of that caucus.

Sincerely,

CHUCK CHVALA, Chair  
Committee on Senate Organization

**State of Wisconsin**  
**Department of Administration**

August 29, 2002

The Honorable, The Legislature:

This report is transmitted as required by sec. 20.002(11)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes, (for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under sec. 13.172(3) 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 July 2002.

On July 1, 2002, the **General Fund** cash balance closed at negative \$381.8 million. This negative balance continued through July 31, 2002, when the balance closed at negative \$616.7 million. The **General Fund** cash balance reached a low of negative \$835.8 million on July 25, 2002. The negative balance was due to the overall budget shortfall, in combination with the difference in the timing of revenues and expenditures.

On July 22, 2002, the **Common School Income Fund** cash balance closed at negative \$0.4 million. This negative balance continued until July 31, 2002, when the balance reached a positive \$0.2 million. The negative balance was due to the difference in the timing of revenues and expenditures.

The General Fund and the Common School Income Fund negative cash balances were 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 the joint committee on **Finance**.

**State of Wisconsin**  
**Legislative Audit Bureau**

September 19, 2002

The Honorable, The Legislature:

At the request of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, we have completed a review of Milwaukee County government. Milwaukee County includes 19 cities and villages and is Wisconsin’s largest county, with a population of 940,164. In 2002, it budgeted for 7,082.7 full-time equivalent positions to provide government services through 26 departments. Expenditures for 2002 are estimated to be \$1.1 billion.

Changes to retirement benefits for county employees that were enacted in November 2000 have raised questions about the adequacy of oversight for the Milwaukee County Employees’ Retirement System. Enhanced retirement benefits are currently estimated to increase retirement benefit cost by \$53.5 million for the four-year period covered by the current wage and benefit package. We analyzed several options for improving control and accountability over decisions pertaining to pension benefits, including participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System, other restructuring options, increased state control, improvements to county activities such as the preparation of fiscal notes, and separating pension changes from other wage and benefit negotiations.

We also identified areas for improvement and efficiencies in county board procedures, the county’s budgeting and hiring process, and information technology. For example, Milwaukee County does not budget for its employees’ accumulated sick leave payments, and from January 1 through August 9, 2002, it spent \$5.6 million for these payments because of a large number of retirements. We have included a recommendation for Milwaukee County to more accurately budget for the cost of accumulated employee sick leave at the time of retirement.

Finally, we have identified areas for potential consolidation of services within the Department of Parks, and we have suggested that the Sheriff’s Department recover more of its costs for providing security and traffic control services at special events and that the county seek additional private support for the zoo and its arts and cultural facilities.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Milwaukee County staff and the assistance provided by the Milwaukee County Department of Audit. The response of the Milwaukee County Executive is in the appendix.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER  
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Administration**

September 13, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

The Wisconsin Land Council (WLC) and the Wisconsin Land Information Board (WLIB) are submitting the attached *Report to the Governor and Legislature* in compliance with the provisions of s. 16.023 (2), Wis. Stats., and 1997 Act 27, Section 9101 (11m).

This Report details WLIB and WLC statutory charges and accomplishments, documents benefits, recommends future directions and functions to continue progress on the statutory charges, and, notes areas of common interests between the WLIB and WLC. It also details impacts of the WLIB sunset and WLC sunset, provides alternatives to the sunsets and concludes with the WLC and WLIB recommendations for continuing the functions past the September 1, 2003, sunset. A brief Summary is included at the beginning of the Report.

From their examinations, the WLIB and WLC determined that important work remains to be done and agreed that their functions need to continue beyond the September 1, 2003, sunset. The WLIB and WLC strongly support maintaining the current distribution of funding for operations and local aids.

The WLC and the WLIB studied and vigorously discussed the feasibility of combining their functions but did not reach consensus on a recommendation. The WLIB vote to combine their functions failed on a 6-6 vote. The WLIB subsequently voted 7-5 to recommend lifting the sunsets of the WLIB and WLC and preserve the continuity of both bodies. The Wisconsin Land Council voted 15-1 to sunset the WLIB and WLC and combine current WLIB and WLC statutory responsibilities and functions under one new entity with three statutorily defined working groups.

The WLC and WLIB would like to express their appreciation for the opportunity to examine their charges and accomplishments, reevaluate activities and future directions, and, provide the Legislature and the Governor with their recommendations. We are pleased to forward this Report for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MAYOR TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Chair  
Wisconsin Land Council

TED W. KOCH, Chair  
Wisconsin Land Information Board

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

September 20, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to Section 46.014(4) of the Wis. Stats., the Department of Health and Family Services is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature concerning the activities of the community action agencies under s. 46.30, and their effectiveness in promoting social and economic opportunities for low-income persons.

The attached report describes the use of the Community Services Block Grant funding, and the services and activities of the community action agencies and limited purpose agencies carried out to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income individuals and families to become self-sufficient.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Connie Klick, Manager, Community Services Section, at (608) 266-1489 or [klickcl@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:klickcl@dhfs.state.wi.us).

Sincerely,  
PHYLLIS J. DUBE  
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Public Instruction**

September 18, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to s. 15.377(8), Wis. Stats., enclosed please find a list of nominees to the Professional Standards Council for Teachers. These individuals were selected based upon organizational recommendations as prescribed in statute. Your confirmation of the appointees is requested.

Sincerely,  
ELIZABETH BURMASTER  
State Superintendent

HERMENING, KEVIN, of Mosinee, as a member of the Professional Standards Council for Teachers, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2003.

Read and referred to committee on **Education**.

**ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 20, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint RAATHS, WILLIAM A., of Menasha, as a member of the Fox River Navigational System Authority, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,  
SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environmental Resources**.

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint WALSH, MARY JO, of Shorewood, as a member of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 2003.

Sincerely,  
SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Human Services and Aging**.

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint TROTTER, DANNY, of Edgerton, as

a member of the Pharmacy Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SARAZEN, DR. JEFF M., of Wausau, as a member of the Optometry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint GRIFFIN, DR. LEON D., of Madison, as a member of the Optometry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint GRIEBENOW, DR. KERRY L., of New London, as a member of the Optometry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint ROOS-STUTZ, LINDA, of North Fond du Lac, as a member of the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Human Services and Aging.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint CZAPLEWSKI, KAY M., of South Milwaukee, as a member of the Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 2003.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint D'AMICO-DOVE, JAN, of Oconomowoc, as a member of the Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint PETERS, ALMA D., of Mequon, as a member of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint JOHNSON, RUTH G., of Madison, as a member of the Examining Board of Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environmental Resources.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint NENAYDYKH, YAKOV N., of New Berlin, as a member of the Examining Board of Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environmental Resources.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint BUCHER, PAUL E., of Hartland, as a member of the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Human Services and Aging.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint ZABEL, DALE C., of Watertown, as a member of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors, to serve for the interm term ending July 1, 2003.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Universities, Housing, and Government Operations.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint HAMBERGER, DR. L. KEVIN, of Franklin, as a member of the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Human Services and Aging.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint WILKIE, GERALD L., of Eau Claire, as a member of the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Human Services and Aging.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint MALONE, RONALD K., of Oak Creek, as a member of the Funeral Directors Examining Board, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.**

**State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor**

September 12, 2002

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint STEWART-BOETTCHER, LISA, of Columbus, as a member of the Council on Domestic Abuse, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

SCOTT MCCALLUM  
Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Human Services and Aging.**