# STATE OF WISCONSIN Senate Journal Ninety–Sixth Regular Session

# WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2003

# **CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES**

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **July 7**, **2003** :

The Chief Clerk records:

#### Senate Bill 77

Report correctly enrolled on July 7, 2003.

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

# INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read and referred:

#### Senate Bill 208

Relating to: a sales tax and use tax exemption for military services flags, POW/MIA flags, and flag kits.

By Senators Roessler, A. Lasee, S. Fitzgerald, Zien and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Vrakas, Freese, Suder, Owens, Gronemus, J. Fitzgerald, Van Roy, McCormick, Petrowski, Seratti, Ott, Kreibich, Krawczyk, Taylor, Loeffelholz, Pettis and Berceau.

To joint survey committee on Tax Exemptions.

#### Senate Bill 209

Relating to: regulating athlete agents, granting rule-making authority, making an appropriation, and providing penalties.

By Senators Kanavas, Roessler, Plale, Erpenbach, Schultz and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Wieckert, Vukmir, M. Lehman, Ott, Jeskewitz, Hines, Owens, Albers, Gronemus, Colon, Miller, Olsen, Hahn, Gielow, Kreibich, Pettis, J. Lehman, Townsend, Vrakas, Van Roy, Musser, Gunderson, Lothian, Shilling, Pocan and Taylor.

To committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

# PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin

July 2, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I have been honored by the members of the State Senate to serve as Chief Clerk of the Wisconsin State Senate. The privilege of serving the men and women elected to represent the people of this State in the legislature and all of the people in the State of Wisconsin is a wonderful, rewarding and unique experience. I have been fortunate to work with those who believed in and are dedicated to a strong, effective and independent legislature with the capacity to address the issues of society today.

The time has now arrived for me to pursue other interests. Therefore, I am resigning my position as Chief Clerk of the Senate effective July 4, 2003.

Sincerely,

DONALD J. SCHNEIDER Senate Chief Clerk

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

July 7, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

As required by s. 252.04(11), Wis. Stats., enclosed is the Annual Statewide Immunization Program Report. Please distribute this report to the appropriate standing committees.

Sincerely,

HELENE NELSON

Secretary

Referred to committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

#### State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

July 9, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

The Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) and the Investment Board are partners in administering the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). As part of this relationship, ETF relies on investment information the Investment Board provides to properly report WRS investment and returns. During our audit of ETF's 2001 financial statements, we found that an error in information the Investment Board provided ETF resulted in a significant error in the crediting and reporting of the investment account balances for the Milwaukee Retirement Systems, which invest in the WRS investment trust funds. The balances in the Milwaukee Retirement Systems were overstated by a total of \$3.87 million for the period February 2001 through January 2003. The investment balance for the Milwaukee Schools Retirement System was adjusted for its overage, while ETF is attempting to recover funds from the City of Milwaukee Retirement System, which had discontinued its investments in the WRS funds as of June 2002.

The error occurred as the result of human error by Investment Board staff in transcribing information from its custodial bank. However, ETF may have been able to detect the error earlier if it had been more diligent in reviewing information in its financial reports. Further, the error demonstrates a need for additional care and collaboration by both agencies in ensuring that information is correctly calculated and communicated. Both the Investment Board and ETF have responded quickly to correct the error and to take steps to prevent similar errors from occurring in the future. A more detailed description of the error and the responses from the Investment Board and ETF on their plans to implement recommendations are attached.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER State Auditor

#### State of Wisconsin Ethics Board

July 8, 2003

To 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>

Badeau, Jennifer Petroleum Marketers Assn of WI / WI Assn of Convenience Stores

Brosnan, Sharon	Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Conway, Steven	Allied Health of Wisconsin SC
Herman, Patricia	Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin
Hermes, Ronald	Wisconsin Alliance of Cities Inc
Lonergan, Sandra	<b>Residential Services Association of</b>
Wisconsin	
McIntosh, Forbes	<b>Residential Services Association of</b>
Wisconsin	
McKeever, Peter	Wisconsin Association of Criminal
<b>Defense Lawyers</b>	
Ordaz, Bethany	United Council of UW Students Inc
Strohl, Joseph	Truck Manufacturers Association

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,

R. ROTH JUDD Director

## ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 8, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint TRUNZO, ROBERT N., of Delafield, as a member of the Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing.** 

#### State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 8, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint LEHMAN, MICHAEL A., of Hartford, as a member of the Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2007. Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing.** State of Wisconsin

#### Office of the Governor

July 2, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint MORAN, PETER J., of Superior, as a member of the Board of Veterans Affairs, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Homeland Security**, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform. State of Wisconsin

#### Office of the Governor

July 2, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint BRADLEY, DOUGLAS J., of Madison, as a member of the Board of Veterans Affairs, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Homeland Security**, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform. State of Wisconsin

#### Office of the Governor

July 2, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint CANEFF, DENNIS M., of Verona, as a member of the Land and Water Conservation Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environment and** Natural Resources.

# State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 1, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint CIHLAR, SANDI M., of Mosinee, as a member of the Land and Water Conservation Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environment and** Natural Resources.

> State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

July 2, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint STOWER, HARVEY, of Amery, as a member of the Land and Water Conservation Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environment and** Natural Resources.

### State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor

June 30, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint LEHRMANN, EUGENE, of Madison, as a member of the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care. State of Wisconsin

# Office of the Governor

June 23, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint MEYER, TANYA L., of Gleason, as a member of the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care. State of Wisconsin

# Office of the Governor

June 18, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint FINDER–STONE, PATRICIA A., of De Pere, as a member of the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2007. Sincerely,

Sincerer

JIM DOYLE Governor

Read and referred to committee on Health, Children,

#### Families, Aging and Long Term Care. State of Wisconsin

#### Office of the Governor

June 23, 2003

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint BROWN, SENN R., of Madison, as a member of the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environment and** Natural Resources.

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

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03–018

Relating to hunting and trapping regulation changes. Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, July 9, 2003.

Referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**, July 9, 2003.

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03–031

Relating to dog training, dog trials and dog clubs.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, July 9, 2003.

Referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**, July 9, 2003.

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03–034

Relating to the administration of the forest crop land and the managed forest law.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, July 9, 2003.

Referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**, July 9, 2003.

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03–042

Relating to critical access hospitals.

Submitted by Department of Health and Family Services.

Report received from Agency, July 7, 2003.

Referred to committee on **Health**, **Children**, **Families**, **Aging and Long Term Care**, July 9, 2003.

The committee on **Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing** reports and recommends:

#### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03–012

Relating to mechanical refrigeration. No action taken.

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Cathy Stepp Chairperson

The committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 03–007 Relating to the elderly and disabled transportation capital assistance program.

No action taken.

Joseph Leibham Chairperson