

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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WEDNESDAY, December 15, 2004

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

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin**

December 14, 2004

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am writing you to inform you that Senator Cowles will not be able to attend the Building Commission meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2004. Therefore, I am appointing Senator Brown to be his replacement for this meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions pertaining to this matter.

Sincerely,

SENATOR DALE SCHULTZ

Senate Majority Leader

**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

December 14, 2004

The Honorable, The Legislature:

At the request of the departments of Commerce and Administration, and to meet our audit responsibilities under s. 13.94, Wis. Stats., we have completed a financial audit of the State of Wisconsin Petroleum Inspection Fee Revenue Obligations Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2003. We were able to express our unqualified opinion on the Statement of Changes in Program Assets and related notes.

Under the Petroleum Inspection Fee Revenue Obligations Program, the State issues revenue obligations, such as bonds and commercial paper, to provide financing for payment of claims under the Wisconsin Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) program. The obligations are not general obligation debt of the State. Instead, the revenue obligations are to be repaid from the \$0.03 per gallon fee charged suppliers for petroleum products sold in Wisconsin and collected by the Department of Revenue.

Between January 2000, when the Petroleum Inspection Fee Revenue Obligations Program was created, and June 30, 2004, the State issued \$387.6 million in revenue obligations to pay PECFA claims and to address a backlog of approved but unpaid PECFA claims. The backlog of PECFA claims from prior years has largely been eliminated, and as of June 30, 2004, only \$3.9 million in approved claims were awaiting payment and approximately \$12.1 million in additional claims had been received but not yet approved for payment. In addition, landowners had incurred an estimated \$66.2 million in costs for which reimbursement claims had not yet been submitted.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during the audit by staff of the departments of Commerce, Administration, and Revenue.

Sincerely,

JANICE MUELLER

State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin  
Technical College System**

December 7, 2004

The Honorable, The Legislature:

This letter certifies that all sixteen Wisconsin Technical Colleges have provided sexual assault and harassment orientation, material and information to students as required under state statute 38.12(11) for the 2004-2005 school year.

Individual college letters assuring compliance are on file in our office at this time. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Linda Fahey, System Equal Opportunity Officer, of my staff at 267-2479.

Sincerely,

DANIEL CLANCY

Interim President

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***Motions Under Senate Rule 98 and Joint Rule 7  
for the Month of November 2004***

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Hansen, for Alzheimer's Disease Month, on the occasion of providing stability and comfort for those who are most directly affected.*

*A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lasee, for Andrew Beck, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.*

*A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Cowles, for Joseph Michael Berndt, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.*

*A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Tony and Laura Boda, on the occasion of celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary shared with family and friends.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Darren Chesner, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Carpenter, for James W. Diliberti, on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Army.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for the 2004 Dominican High School Fall Musical Cast & Crew, on the occasion of being chosen to perform "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival.*

*A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Risser, for Eunice Sommers Hendrickson, on the occasion of celebrating her 85th Birthday.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Samuel Jacobsen, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for G. Frederick Kasten, Jr., on the occasion of being honored with the Warren P. Knowles Humanitarian Award.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Schultz, for the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board, on the occasion of their 15 years of successful administration.*

*A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Cowles, for Mr. Jim Morrison, on the occasion of his retirement after a 35 year career with the Wisconsin Public Resources Corporation.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Thomas Noel, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Schultz, for Joy Pulsfus, on the occasion of her dedication to the profession of education and outstanding service to the community.*

*A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Schultz, for the Reedsburg Knights of Columbus, on the occasion of their 50 years of outstanding community involvement.*

*A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Coggs, for Ms. Claretta "Mother Freedom" Simpson, on the occasion of celebrating her 103rd Birthday shared with family and friends.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Breske, for Michael Willman, on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.*

*A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Moore, for Thomas H. Wynn, Sr., on the occasion of his legacy of service to the minority and homeless veterans in Milwaukee.*