



# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

## Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

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THURSDAY, March 22, 2007

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

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### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### **Assembly Bill 205**

Relating to: requiring legislative approval to locate a gaming establishment on certain lands taken into trust for the benefit of Indian tribes.

By Representatives Vos, Suder, Honadel, Montgomery, Wood, Zipperer, Ziegelbauer, Kestell, Petersen, Moulton, Rhoades, Kramer, Meyer, Roth, Nygren, Gottlieb, Vukmir, Bies, M. Williams, Strachota, A. Ott, Nass, Ballweg, F. Lasee, J. Ott, Nerison, LeMahieu, Gundrum, Petrowski, Jeskewitz, Albers and Gunderson; cosponsored by Senators Kanavas, Harsdorf, Grothman, Schultz, Leibham and Darling.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

#### **Assembly Bill 206**

Relating to: creating an exception to the prohibition against underage persons entering or being on premises operating under an alcohol beverage license for the Wisconsin Renaissance Faire in Chippewa Falls.

By Representatives Wood, Moulton, Ballweg, Berceau, Gunderson, Hahn, Mursau and Murtha; cosponsored by Senators Kreitlow, Grothman and Schultz.

To committee on **Small Business**.

#### **Assembly Bill 207**

Relating to: regulation of cable television and video service providers.

By Representatives Montgomery, Petersen, Zepnick, Kramer, Lothian, Sheridan, Honadel, Nerison, Davis, Fields, Newcomer, Nygren, Moulton, Suder, Rhoades, Friske, Kleefisch, Vos, Huebsch, Van Roy, Kestell, Boyle, Mason, F. Lasee, A. Ott, Vukmir, Bies, Albers, Wood, Kerkman, Townsend, Murtha, LeMahieu, Pridemore and Sinicki; cosponsored by Senators Plale, Wirsch, Hansen, Kanavas, A. Lasee, Schultz, Darling and Leibham.

To committee on **Energy and Utilities**.

### SPEAKER'S COMMUNICATIONS

March 20, 2007

Patrick Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
17 West Main Street, Suite 401  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Per the request I received from Minority Leader Jim Kreuser, please fill the Democratic vacancy on the Assembly Committee on Tourism, Recreation and State Properties with Representative Marlin Schneider.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
*MIKE HUEBSCH*  
Assembly Speaker

March 20, 2007

Patrick Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
17 West Main Street, Suite 401  
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Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

This letter is to inform you of a change on the Assembly Committee on Rural Economic Development. Per Minority Leader Kreuser's request, I am removing Representative Dave Travis and replacing him with Representative Kim Hixson. Representative Tom Nelson will be the Committee's Ranking Member.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
*MIKE HUEBSCH*  
Assembly Speaker

March 22, 2007

Patrick Fuller  
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Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section [15.105\(27\)\(a\)\(4\)](#), I have appointed Representative Joel Kleefisch and Representative David Cullen to the Sentencing Commission.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
*MIKE HUEBSCH*  
Assembly Speaker

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## COMMUNICATIONS

March 20, 2007

Patrick Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
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Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Please remove my name as a co-sponsor of Assembly Bill 78, relating to: directing school boards to provide instruction about the recent history of the Hmong people.

If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to call me.

With kindest regards,  
*DALE W. SCHULTZ*  
State Senator  
17th Senate District

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## AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau  
Madison

March 22, 2007

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As required by s. [13.94\(1\)\(de\)](#), Wis. Stats., we have completed a financial audit of the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund, which insures health care providers in Wisconsin against medical malpractice claims that exceed the primary malpractice insurance thresholds established in statutes. We have provided an unqualified auditor's report on the Fund's financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004.

The Fund continues to maintain a sound financial position. Its audited financial statements show net assets of \$59.8 million as of June 30, 2006, the highest year-end balance reported since the Fund's inception. The Governor's 2007-09 Biennial Budget Proposal would transfer \$175.0 million from the Fund to a newly created health care quality fund. Although the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund has accumulated cash and investments of \$737.4 million to pay estimated loss liabilities of \$685.0 million as of June 30, 2006, a transfer of \$175.0 million would place it in a deficit accounting position. In addition, [2003 Wisconsin Act 111](#) established the Fund as an irrevocable trust for the sole benefit of participating health care providers and proper claimants.

The Fund's computerized provider system, which tracks and accounts for its operations, is aging and experiencing errors that require regular manual reviews and adjustments to correct. The condition of the system presents increased risks to the Fund's financial operations. The Governor's 2007-09 Biennial Budget Proposal recommends additional funding of \$600,000 for the development and implementation of a new system.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the staff of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and the contractors who assist in administering the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund program. A response from the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance follows the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,  
*JANICE MUELLER*  
State Auditor