



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

MONDAY, November 19, 2007

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

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 67** offered by Representative Zipperer.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 110** offered by Representatives Kramer and Vukmir.

Assembly amendment 3 to **Assembly Bill 209** offered by Representative Kramer.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 340** offered by committee on **Criminal Justice**.

Assembly amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 340** offered by committee on **Criminal Justice**.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 521** offered by Representative Moulton.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 582

Relating to: changing the requirements for the publication of certain actions taken by certain local governments.

By Representatives Gottlieb, LeMahieu, Hixson, Hintz, Turner, Hahn, Lothian, Musser, Sheridan, Bies, Parisi, Steinbrink, Roth, Kerkman, Murtha, Owens, Ballweg, Newcomer, A. Ott, Vos, Honadel, Strachota, Petrowski and Mursau; cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Roessler, Lehman, Schultz, Olsen, Kedzie, Grothman, Breske, Plale, Erpenbach and Cowles.

To committee on **State Affairs**.

SPEAKER'S COMMUNICATIONS

November 16, 2007

Mr. Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 3, I have made the following changes to the appointments to the two joint committees of the Legislature listed below:

Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules: Representative Berceau will replace Representative Kreuser.

Joint Legislative Council: Representative Nelson will replace Representative Berceau.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,
MIKE HUEBSCH
Assembly Speaker

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

November 16, 2007

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bills, originating in the Assembly, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Assembly Bill 153 31 November 16, 2007
Assembly Bill 425 32 November 16, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

COMMUNICATIONS

November 14, 2007

Speaker Mike Huebsch
211 West State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Speaker Huebsch:

I respectfully request the following changes to the Joint Committees listed below. The Assembly Democratic membership, effective immediately, should be as follows:

Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules:
Representatives Spencer Black and Terese Berceau

Joint Legislative Council Committee: Representatives Jim
Kreuser, Thomas Nelson, Mark Pocan and Marlin Schneider

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
JIM KREUSER
Assembly Democratic Leader

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State
Madison

To Whom It May Concern:

Acts, Joint Resolutions and Resolutions deposited in this
office have been numbered and published as follows:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Assembly Bill 153	31	December 3, 2007
Assembly Bill 425	32	December 3, 2007

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

November 15, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Attached please find the Department of Administration’s
contractual service purchasing report for Fiscal Year 2007
pursuant to §16.705(8), Wis. Stats. This report also includes
information on cost-benefit analyses produced by state
agencies and campuses during FY07. I am pleased to
announce positive results that inure to the benefit of state
taxpayers.

The State of Wisconsin significantly reduced contracting
costs in FY07. Overall contracting decreased from \$489.8
million in FY06 to \$419.6 million in FY07. These results
represent a one-year reduction of more than \$70 million, or
14%, and continue a longer-term downward trend in state
contracting. Contractual services represented 16% of total
state operation costs in FY07.

In addition, state government in FY07 fully implemented
cost-benefit legislation signed by Governor Doyle in January
2006. Wisconsin Act 89 requires state agencies and campuses
to conduct a cost-benefit analysis prior to each proposed
contractual service procurement over \$25,000. This report
includes a summary of the more than 240 cost-benefit
analyses produced during FY07.

These results are consistent with Governor Doyle’s directives
to make government run more resourcefully. State

government will continue to seek ways to reduce costs,
eliminate inefficiencies, and create sustainable sources of
savings for state and local governments.

If you have questions about this report, please contact James
Langdon, Deputy Administrator, DOA Division of Enterprise
Operations, at 267-2715.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL L. MORGAN
Secretary

Referred to committee on **State Affairs**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

November 16, 2007

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

As directed by s. 13.94 (1)(p), Wis. Stats., we have completed
a limited-scope review of the Private Employer Health Care
Coverage Program created by 1999 Wisconsin Act 9. The
Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) and the Private
Employer Health Care Coverage Program Board were to have
established a voluntary purchasing pool designed to allow a
large number of small employers to provide a choice of
competing health plans for their employees, reduce
administrative costs, provide leverage in negotiating lower
premiums, and reduce financial risk for insurers. It has not
been implemented, in part because of a lack of interest by
insurers, and program development efforts ended in 2003.

ETF and the Board attempted to design an actuarially sound
statewide program and to contract with a private program
administrator, as required by statutes. However, no contract
proposals were received in response to a request issued by
ETF in November 2000. Potential administrators cited
numerous concerns, including the risk of adverse selection,
which occurs when an insurance pool attracts individuals who
have greater health care needs and are more expensive to
serve, but not those who are less-expensive to serve and can
pay lower premiums elsewhere.

After working with insurers and representatives of small
employers, seeking changes to statutory program
requirements, and commissioning an independent study, ETF
and the Board recommended in March 2003 that the program
be repealed, the Board disbanded, and any remaining funds
returned to the General Fund. The Legislature has taken no
further action on the Private Employer Health Care Coverage
Program but has developed other proposals to expand access
to health care for small employers, including several bills
introduced in the 2007 session. Other states have established
small employer purchasing pools with mixed results.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by
ETF staff during the course of our review.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor