



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

TUESDAY, November 27, 2007

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

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 110** offered by Representative Vukmir.

Assembly amendment 2 to **Assembly Bill 334** offered by Representative Nerison.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 484** offered by Representative Ballweg.

Assembly amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 538** offered by Representative Musser.

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 567** offered by Representative Lothian.

Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 20** offered by Representative Musser.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-040

Relating to construction permits, stack test requirements, and affecting small business.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.
Report received from Agency, November 9, 2007.
To committee on **Natural Resources**.
Referred on November 26, 2007.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-045

Relating to national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for paper and other web surface coating processes.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.
Report received from Agency, November 9, 2007.
To committee on **Natural Resources**.
Referred on November 26, 2007.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-056

Relating to implementation of the Wildlife Violators Compact.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.
Report received from Agency, November 9, 2007.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.
Referred on November 26, 2007.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-069

Relating to the assessment of forfeitures for violating plumbing licensing requirements, the installation of tracer wire for locating non-metallic underground pipe, and affecting small businesses.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.
Report received from Agency, November 13, 2007.
To committee on **Labor and Industry**.
Referred on November 27, 2007.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-083

Relating to the tuition reimbursement program.

Submitted by Department of Veterans Affairs.
Report received from Agency, November 12, 2007.
To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.
Referred on November 27, 2007.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-086

Relating to amusement rides and affecting small business.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.
Report received from Agency, November 14, 2007.
To committee on **Labor and Industry**.
Referred on November 27, 2007.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 583

Relating to: creating an individual income tax deduction for amounts paid for certain energy assistance fees.

By Representatives Hixson, Fields, Albers, Townsend, Turner and A. Williams.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 584

Relating to: municipal quotas for retail intoxicating liquor licenses.

By Representatives Gottlieb, Hintz, Ballweg, Mursau, Berceau, Zepnick, Parisi, Sinicki, Lothian, Montgomery, Fields, Hixson, Bies, LeMahieu, Strachota, Hines, Pridemore, Albers and Newcomer; cosponsored by Senators Sullivan, Grothman, Plale, Roessler, Olsen, Harsdorf, Ellis and Miller.

To committee on **State Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 585

Relating to: the commencement of fall classes in public schools.

By Representatives J. Ott, Jeskewitz, Pope–Roberts, Musser, A. Ott, Nass and Pridemore; cosponsored by Senators Lehman, Miller and Harsdorf.

To committee on **Tourism, Recreation and State Properties**.

Assembly Bill 586

Relating to: special identification cards issued by the Department of Transportation providing parking privileges for persons with physical disabilities and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Krusick, A. Ott, Hahn, Sheridan, Steinbrink, Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Kleefisch, Nelson, Parisi, Pocan, Seidel, Shilling, Sinicki, Staskunas, Turner, A. Williams and Ziegelbauer; cosponsored by Senators Coggs, Darling, Hansen, Lassa, Olsen, Roessler and Sullivan, by request of Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations, Disability Rights Wisconsin, Independence First, Sauk County Disabled Parking Enforcement Council, Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Family Voices of Wisconsin, Learning Disabilities Association of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers, Inc., City of Milwaukee Police Department and Steinhauer Group, LLC.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Assembly Bill 587

Relating to: eliminating the authority for certain electors to vote a straight party ticket.

By Representatives Tauchen, M. Williams, Gottlieb, Vos, LeMahieu, Musser, Kerkman, Suder, Bies, Honadel and Gunderson.

To committee on **Elections and Constitutional Law**.

Assembly Bill 588

Relating to: littering and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Jorgensen, Black, Hraychuck, Berceau, Turner and A. Williams; cosponsored by Senator Leibham.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Assembly Bill 589

Relating to: the method of selecting presidential electors.

By Representatives Tauchen, Gottlieb, Vos, LeMahieu and Musser.

To committee on **Elections and Constitutional Law**.

Assembly Bill 590

Relating to: authorizing a sheriff to depute certain security officers who are employed by the department of military affairs.

By Representative Albers; cosponsored by Senator Schultz.

To committee on **Homeland Security and State Preparedness**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Criminal Justice** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 340

Relating to: retail theft, proof of ownership for certain sales, and providing penalties.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives Kleefisch, Friske, Albers, Owens, Vukmir, Kramer, Turner, Staskunas, Kessler, Grigsby and Hraychuck.

Noes: 0.

Assembly Amendment 2 adoption:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives Kleefisch, Friske, Albers, Owens, Vukmir, Kramer, Turner, Staskunas, Kessler, Grigsby and Hraychuck.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives Kleefisch, Friske, Albers, Owens, Vukmir, Kramer, Turner, Staskunas, Kessler, Grigsby and Hraychuck.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 397

Relating to: aiding a felon and providing penalties.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 8 – Representatives Friske, Albers, Owens, Turner, Staskunas, Kessler, Grigsby and Hraychuck.

Noes: 3 – Representatives Kleefisch, Vukmir and Kramer.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives Kleefisch, Friske, Albers, Owens, Vukmir, Kramer, Turner, Staskunas, Kessler, Grigsby and Hraychuck.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

Assembly Bill 411

Relating to: receiving a stolen firearm, and providing a penalty.

Passage:

Ayes: 11 – Representatives Kleefisch, Friske, Albers, Owens, Vukmir, Kramer, Turner, Staskunas, Kessler, Grigsby and Hraychuck.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

JOEL KLEEFISCH
Chairperson
Committee on Criminal Justice

The committee on **Health and Healthcare Reform** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 173

Relating to: membership of the Council on Mental Health.

Passage:

Ayes: 13 – Representatives Vukmir, Moulton, F. Lasee, Wieckert, Strachota, Newcomer, Nygren, Zipperer, Wasserman, Shilling, Vruwink, Benedict and Seidel.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

LEAH VUKMIR
Chairperson
Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform

CHIEF CLERK REPORTS

The Chief Clerk records:

Assembly Bill 280

Presented to the Governor on Tuesday, November 27.

PATRICK E. FULLER
Assembly Chief Clerk

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

October 15, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

This report presents statements of fund condition and operations (budgetary basis) of the State of Wisconsin for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. This satisfies the requirements of sec. 16.40(3), Wisconsin Statutes. Displayed are major sources of revenues and major categories of expenditures for the General Fund and other funds compared to the prior year.

The General Fund has an undesignated balance of \$66.3 million as of the end of the fiscal year. This is \$5.4 million lower than the balance of \$71.7 million projected in the summary for 2007 Wis. Stat. Act 5. The balance would have been \$55.6 million higher had the new provisions of Chapter 16.518 not been in place requiring the transfer of fifty percent of revenue received over the original budget estimate to the Budget Stabilization Fund. The balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is now \$55.6 million higher.

General-purpose revenue taxes were \$12.618 billion compared to \$12.030 billion in the prior year, an increase of \$588 million or 4.9 percent. This increase was \$75.4 million higher than the 2007 Wis. Stat. Act 5 summary of \$12.543

billion. General-purpose revenue expenditures, excluding fund transfers, were \$13.105 billion compared to \$12.385 billion in the prior year, an increase of \$720 million or 5.8 percent. This increase reflects funding associated with implementing support for two-thirds of local school costs and the property tax freeze.

In fiscal year 2007, the State of Wisconsin continued to devote the major share of state tax collections to assistance to local school districts, municipalities and counties. Local assistance accounted for 56.0 percent of total general purpose revenue spending. Aid payments to individuals and organizations represented 21.0 percent of total general purpose revenue expenditures. The University of Wisconsin accounted for 7.8 percent of total general purpose revenue spending and state operations spending for all other state agencies accounted for 15.2 percent of the total.

The State of Wisconsin expects to publish its comprehensive annual financial report in December of 2007. The report will be prepared under generally accepted accounting principles.

Respectfully Submitted,
MICHAEL L. MORGAN
Secretary
STEPHEN J. CENSKY, CPA
State Controller

Referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

State of Wisconsin
Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan Authority
Madison

October 22, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is a copy of the HIRSP Authority's 2006 Annual Report. This is to fulfill our requirement of Statutes 149.43(6) and referenced in 13.172(2) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

If you require any other information please contact our Operations Manager, Josh Weisbrod at 608-441-5777.

Thank you,
JACKIE FERRIS
Executive Assistant

Referred to committee on **Insurance**.

State of Wisconsin
Public Service Commission
Madison

November 16, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The enclosed audit report on Wisconsin Energy Corporation and its impact on the operations of Wisconsin Electric Power Company was prepared as required by Wis. Stat. § 196.795(7)(ar) for distribution to the Legislature under Wis. Stat. § 13.172(2).

If you have any questions or comments about the report please contact Ms. Diane Braun of the Commission staff at (608) 267-1200.

Sincerely,
SANDRA J. PASKE
Secretary to the Commission

Referred to committee on **Energy and Utilities**.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services
Madison

November 21, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Section [20.907\(1m\)](#) of the Wis. Stats. requires the Department to submit a report on expenditures made by the agency during the preceding fiscal year from nonfederal funds received as gifts, grants, bequests or devises. The expenditure report is attached. In addition, the Department has no in-kind contributions to report.

Sincerely,
KEVIN R. HAYDEN
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.