



STATE OF WISCONSIN
Senate Journal
Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

11:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 9, 2007

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by President Risser.

CALL OF ROLL

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, Kreitlow, A. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 33.

Absent – None.

Absent with leave – None.

The Senate stood for a moment of silent meditation.

The Senate remained standing and Senator S. Fitzgerald led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that Senator Coggs be granted a leave of absence for part of today's session.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 31** be withdrawn and taken up at this time.

Senate Joint Resolution 31

Relating to: the life and military service of United States Air Force Senior Airman Adam Servais.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 31** be adopted?

Adopted by unanimous rising vote.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be made coauthors of **Senate Joint Resolution 31**.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Joint Resolution 31** be immediately messaged to the Assembly.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess until 12:00 P.M.

11:07 A.M.

RECESS

12:11 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

President Risser in the chair.

The Chair noted the possible lack of a quorum.

The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND
REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF
APPOINTMENTS**

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 178

Relating to: health insurance coverage of treatment for autism spectrum disorders.

By Senators Robson, Wirch, Breske, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Sullivan, Taylor and Vinehout; cosponsored by Representatives Hixson, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Cullen, Fields, Garthwaite, Grigsby, Gronemus, Hebl, Hubler, Jorgensen, Kaufert, Kreuser, Krusick, Mason, Nelson, A. Ott, Parisi, Pocan, Pope–Roberts, Richards, Seidel, Sheridan, Shilling, Sinicki, Soletski, Travis, Turner, Van Akkeren and Young.

To committee on **Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy**.

Senate Bill 179

Relating to: calculation of operating revenues of certain energy utilities for the purpose of determining spending on certain energy efficiency and renewable resource programs.

By Senator Plale; cosponsored by Representative Montgomery.

To committee on **Commerce, Utilities and Rail**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Senate Organization** reports:

[**MOTION**] To establish the Special Committee on Oversight of Senate Broadcasting. The committee shall consist of 6 members, with equal representation from each political party. The committee shall monitor and review the operation of Article IV of the License Agreement between WisconsinEye and the State of Wisconsin. No later than October 26, 2007, the committee shall report to the Committee on Senate

Organization its findings with regard to the operation of Article IV of the License Agreement and any changes to the License Agreement that the committee recommends the Committee on Senate Organization implement.

Ayes, 5 – Senators Robson, Risser, Hansen, Fitzgerald and Leibham.

Noes, 0 – None.

SENATOR JUDITH B. ROBSON
Chair

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Office of the Senate President

May 9, 2007

The Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 46 (2)(c), I am writing to inform you that I have directed the following proposal(s) to be withdrawn from committee and rereferred. I have obtained the consent of the appropriate standing committee chairperson and the chairperson of the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Bill 177 withdrawn from committee on **Agriculture and Higher Education** and rereferred to committee on **Campaign Finance Reform, Rural Issues and Information Technology**.

Sincerely,
FRED A. RISSER
Senate President

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senators Miller, Sullivan and Vinehout added as coauthors of **Senate Bill 77**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Vinehout added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 23**, **Senate Bill 161** and **Senate Bill 170**.

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the reading be dispensed with and that all appointments except that of Scott Hassett, Rod Nilsestuen and Jeff Plale, be taken up en masse.

BROWN, CYNTHIA, of Menomonie, as a member of the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2013.

COOK, MARY, of Mt. Horeb, as a member of the College Savings Program Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2011.

CUENE, MARY, of Green Bay, as a member of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2013.

FIGUEROA, ENRIQUE, of Milwaukee, as a member of the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2013.

HOLLANDER, GERALD, of Milwaukee, as a member of the Psychology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2010.

KROME, MARGARET, of Madison, as a member of the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2013.

OEMICHEN, WILLIAM, of New Glarus, as a member of the College Savings Program Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2011.

PETERSON, DONALD J., of Barron, as a member of the Veterinary Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2008.

RUBLEE, NANCY, of Phillips, as a member of the Dentistry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2010.

WEIX, LOU ANN, of Green Bay, as a member of the Board of Nursing, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2008.

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Kedzie, Kreitlow, A. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 32.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Senator Kapanke – 1.

Confirmed.

HASSETT, SCOTT, of Madison, as Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Read.

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 30; noes, 2; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Kedzie, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 30.

Noes – Senators Grothman and A. Lasee – 2.

Absent or not voting – Senator Kapanke – 1.

Confirmed.

NILSESTUEN, ROD, of Madison, as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Read.

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, Kreitlow, A. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 33.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – None.

Confirmed.

PLALE, JEFF, of South Milwaukee, as a member of the College Savings Program Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2011.

Read.

Senator Plale, with unanimous consent, asked to be excused from voting on the appointment of himself pursuant to Senate Rule 73 (1).

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, Kreitlow, A. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 32.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – None.

Excused from voting – Senator Plale – 1.

Confirmed.

Senator Coggs asked unanimous consent that his leave of absence be lifted. Granted.

Senator Kapanke, with unanimous consent, asked to be recorded as voting Aye on the confirmation of appointments en masse and on the appointment of Scott Hassett.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING A THIRD READING

Senate Joint Resolution 39

Relating to: declaring the ninth of May as Europe Day.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 39** be adopted?

Adopted.

Senate Joint Resolution 45

Relating to: declaring May as Manufacturing Month in Wisconsin.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 45** be adopted?

Adopted.

Senate Joint Resolution 48

Relating to: American Stroke Awareness Month.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 48** be adopted?

Adopted.

Senate Joint Resolution 49

Relating to: honoring Wisconsinites called up to active military duty.

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** offered by Senators Roessler and Sullivan.

Senator Roessler, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be made coauthors of **Senate Joint Resolution 49**.

Senator Robson objected.

Senator Robson moved that Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** be laid on the table.

The question was: Shall Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** be laid on the table?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 17; noes, 16; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 17.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler, Schultz and Sullivan – 16.

Absent or not voting – None.

Tabled.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** offered by Senator Roessler.

Senator Robson moved that Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** be laid on the table.

The question was: Shall Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** be laid on the table?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Absent or not voting – None.

Tabled.

Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** offered by Senator Roessler.

Senator Robson moved that Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** be laid on the table.

The question was: Shall Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Joint Resolution 49** be laid on the table?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 17; noes, 16; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 17.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler, Schultz and Sullivan – 16.

Absent or not voting – None.

Tabled.

Senator Roessler, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be made coauthors of **Senate Joint Resolution 49**.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 49** be adopted?

Adopted.

Senator S. Fitzgerald asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 37** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

Senator Robson objected.

Senator S. Fitzgerald moved that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 37** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time.

The question was: Shall the rules be suspended and **Senate Joint Resolution 37** be withdrawn from the committee on **Senate Organization** and taken up at this time?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 15; noes, 18; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Noes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Absent or not voting – None.

Refused to take up.

Assembly Joint Resolution 14

Relating to: proclaiming May 18, 19, and 20, 2007, Syttende Mai Weekend.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Joint Resolution 14** be concurred in?

Concurred in.

Assembly Joint Resolution 48

Relating to: the life and public service of former Chief Justice Nathan S. Heffernan.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Joint Resolution 48** be concurred in?

Concurred in.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that all Senate action be immediately messaged to the Assembly.

Messaged.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 1

Relating to: authorizing library boards to transfer a gift, bequest, or endowment to certain charitable organizations.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 1

Read a third time and passed.

Senate Bill 16

Relating to: requiring that personal flotation devices be worn by certain underage persons in certain boats.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 16

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 22; noes, 11; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Hansen, Jauch, Kedzie, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Olsen, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 22.

Noes – Senators Breske, Decker, Erpenbach, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham and Plale – 11.

Absent or not voting – None.

Passed.

Senate Bill 23

Relating to: service by a former member of the legislature as a lobbyist.

Read a second time.

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 23** offered by Senator S. Fitzgerald.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 23** offered by Senators A. Lasee and Cowles.

Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 23** offered by Senators Kedzie, Kanavas, Schultz and Roessler.

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 23** be placed after Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 23**.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator Robson raised the point of order that Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 23** was not germane.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Senator Lasee appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The question was: Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgement of the Senate?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Absent or not voting – None.

The decision of the Chair stands as the judgement of the Senate.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator Robson raised the point of order that Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 23** was not germane.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Senator Kedzie appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The question was: Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgement of the Senate?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Absent or not voting – None.

The decision of the Chair stands as the judgement of the Senate.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator Robson raised the point of order that Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 23** was not germane.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Senate amendment 4 to **Senate Bill 23** offered by Senator Kedzie.

Senator Robson moved that Senate amendment 4 to **Senate Bill 23** be laid on the table.

The question was: Shall Senate amendment 4 to **Senate Bill 23** be laid on the table?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Absent or not voting – None.

Tabled.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 23

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 30; noes, 3; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Erpenbach, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lazich, Lehman, Leibham, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser, Robson, Roessler, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 30.

Noes – Senators Ellis, S. Fitzgerald and A. Lasee – 3.

Absent or not voting – None.

Passed.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that all Senate action be immediately messaged to the Assembly.

Messaged.

Senate Bill 35

Relating to: increasing the income limit and maximum annual loan amount under the property tax deferral loan program of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

Read a second time.

Senator Grothman, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess for 10 minutes.

1:55 P.M.

RECESS

2:07 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

President Risser in the chair.

Senate Bill 35

Relating to: increasing the income limit and maximum annual loan amount under the property tax deferral loan program of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

Senator Lassa, with unanimous consent, asked that Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 35** be withdrawn and returned to author.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 35** offered by Senators Lassa, Vinehout, Lehman, Kanavas and Kreitlow.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 35**?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 35

Read a third time and passed.

Senate Bill 77

Relating to: the scope of regulated activity under the campaign finance law.

Read a second time.

Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 77** offered by Senator S. Fitzgerald.

Senator Robson moved that Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 77** be laid on the table.

The question was: Shall Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 77** be laid on the table?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Absent or not voting – None.

Tabled.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 77** offered by Senator S. Fitzgerald.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator Robson raised the point of order that Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 77** was not germane.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Senator S. Fitzgerald appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The question was: Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgement of the Senate?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Absent or not voting – None.

The decision of the Chair stands as the judgement of the Senate.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 77

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 26; noes, 7; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, Erpenbach, Hansen, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kapanke, Kreitlow, A. Lasee, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Olsen, Plale, Risser, Robson, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 26.

Noes – Senators S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Kanavas, Kedzie, Lazich, Leibham and Roessler – 7.

Absent or not voting – None.

Passed.

Senate Bill 133

Relating to: fraud in advertising of musical performances and providing a penalty.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 133

Read a third time and passed.

Senate Bill 161

Relating to: naming the state trail system.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 161

Read a third time and passed.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that all Senate action be immediately messaged to the Assembly.

Messaged.

Senate Bill 170

Relating to: a notice to parties in civil actions of the Supreme Court rule regarding judicial recusal and regarding access to a statement of economic interests.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 170**?

Adopted.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 170** offered by Senator Hansen.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 170**?

Adopted.

Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 170** offered by Senator Roessler.

Senator Robson moved that Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 170** be laid on the table.

The question was: Shall Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 170** be laid on the table?

The ayes and noes were demanded and the vote was: ayes, 18; noes, 15; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Absent or not voting – None.

Tabled.

Senator Decker, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 170** be referred to the joint committee on **Finance**.

Senator Decker, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Bill 170** be withdrawn from the joint committee on **Finance** and taken up at this time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 170

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 19; noes, 14; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Schultz, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 19.

Noes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen and Roessler – 14.

Absent or not voting – None.

Passed.

**SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS OF
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTIONS
AND ASSEMBLY BILLS**

Assembly Bill 36

Relating to: grants for catastrophic damage caused to urban forests.

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Assembly Bill 36

Read a third time and concurred in.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that all Senate action be immediately messaged to the Assembly.

Messaged.

MOTIONS MAY BE OFFERED

Senator Darling moved that the rules be suspended and that **Assembly Bill 31** be withdrawn from the committee on **Ethics Reform and Government Operations** and taken up at this time.

The question was: Shall the rules be suspended and **Assembly Bill 31** be withdrawn from the committee on **Ethics Reform and Government Operations** and taken up at this time?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 15; noes, 18; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Cowles, Darling, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Roessler and Schultz – 15.

Noes – Senators Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Jauch, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale, Risser, Robson, Sullivan, Taylor, Vinehout and Wirch – 18.

Absent or not voting – None.

Refused to take up.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADJOURNMENT
HONORS, AND REMARKS UNDER
SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

Senator Jauch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Anna-Marie, Brad and Jason Williams of Houston, TX. Anna-Marie is the wife of Colonel Jeff Williams, who has flown two missions for NASA, one of which was a six month expedition to the international space station. Brad and Jason are their sons. On Wednesday, March 28th, Colonel Williams returned to his very proud hometown of Winter, WI and was enthusiastically welcomed back by the community to celebrate his many accomplishments as an astronaut and commend his emphasis on the importance of roots and family. Anna-Marie, Brad and Jason should be commended for their instrumental role as a supportive family that has sacrificed time with Jeff to allow him to accomplish his dreams. The enrichment of those touched by Jeff's story occurs because of his family's endurance and sacrifice. None of us would enjoy our success in life without the dedication of a mother or a spouse who help us realize our promise and accomplish our dreams. As we all know, for those in public life, the public has ownership of the person and the family has visitation rights. Let's hope in the course of the next few months that this very special family will reclaim some time to spend together.

Senator Wirch, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Staff Sgt. Robert J. Basham, 22, of Kenosha, who was killed in Qatar on April 14 supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Senator Roessler, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Jennifer Stegall of her staff who is leaving to go work for the Office of Commissioner of Insurance—"their gain is unequivocally our loss". During Jennifer's tenure, her advice, counsel, and can-do attitude was greatly benefited by my office and the constituents of the 18th Senate District and residents of Wisconsin at large.

Senator Roessler, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of John A. Scocos as he returns to active duty military service in Iraq. With unanimous consent, Senator Roessler further requested that the following remarks be included in the Journal: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary John A. Scocos first enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1979 and continues in the U.S. Army Reserves as a colonel serving as military assistant in the Office of the Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon. Secretary Scocos first joined the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs in 1997 as the department's executive assistant and served as executive assistant until 2001. Secretary Scocos served the legislature as a legislative assistant in the senate and as sergeant-at-arms and chief clerk of the assembly. Secretary Scocos rejoined the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs as deputy secretary in 2002 and became secretary in 2003. During his time as secretary, Mr. Scocos worked with the legislature to create and develop the new Wisconsin GI bill, the VetEd program, the Wisconsin veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit, and numerous other programs that will assist veterans and their families throughout the state. Secretary Scocos continues to provide a high level of quality service to both the legislature and veterans throughout the state and has earned the 2006 Wisconsin State Department of the American Legion Leadership Medal, the 2006 Wisconsin State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America Distinguished Service Award, and the 2006 Disabled American Veterans Distinguished Service Award, each of which is the highest award given by these organizations. John is devoted to his wife, Kelly, and children, Chloe, Andreas, and Costa.

Senator Robson, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of the Senate Scholars.

Senator Erpenbach, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his daughter Amy who turned 12 on May 1st.

Senator Kreitlow, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of former Representative Michael O. Wilder of the 67th Assembly District who was a target of the types of issue ads and shadow groups that SB 77 addresses.

Senator Leibham, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Andrew Joseph Leibham.

Senator Schultz, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of the late Wayne "Speed" Martin who passed away recently. Speed was a constituent of the 17th Senate District. Speed joined the Army in 1949 and served in Korea where he was wounded. He received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his service. He was a member of the Iowa County Board for 20 years and worked for General Telephone Company for 38 years. Speed had a lifelong love of horses and the outdoors and spent many days riding on Wisconsin's state trails and spent as much time outdoors as possible. In 1954 he married his wife Mary and together they had four children. He will be truly missed by his family and friends.

Senator Plale, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his son Joey who turned 12 on May 2nd.

Senator Plale, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Polish Independence Day on May 3rd.

Senator Lassa, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Dr. John E. Thompson. Dr. Thompson practiced medicine at the Nekoosa Medical Center from 1957–1993. Before graduating from medical

school, he served in the U.S. Army Corps from 1942–1945 and was a prisoner of war in Germany from 1944–1945. Dr. Thompson received the Wisconsin Rapids Area Citizen of the Year award by the Heart of Wisconsin in 2005.

Senator Taylor, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of her mother Lena J. Taylor who celebrates her birthday on June 9th.

Senator Taylor, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of her mother Lena J. Taylor on Mother's Day for believing in her and giving her a vision.

Senator Taylor, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Senate Scholar Chris Walton who resides in her district.

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of this body.

Senator Kedzie, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his son Ryan's 20th birthday on May 3rd.

Senator Darling, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of her second grandchild, Andrea Elizabeth Winkeljohn.

Senator Roessler, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of Nikki (Nicole) Roessler's first Mother's Day. She is the mother of Alexiah (Lexi) Roessler.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Robson moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, May 10, 2007.

Adjourned.

4:19 P.M.