



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

One-Hundred and Third Regular Session

2:01 P.M.

TUESDAY, January 3, 2017

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber located in the State Capitol. Pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Assembly Rule 5, the Assembly was called to order by the Chief Clerk of the 2015-2016 session, Patrick E. Fuller.

The prayer was offered by His Most Reverend Excellency Robert Morlino, Bishop of Madison.

The Colors were presented by Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Forces Reserve.

Representatives-elect Treig Pronschinske and David Crowley led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The 132nd United States Army Band Brass Quintet performed the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner".

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Elections Commission
Madison

November 29, 2016

The Honorable Patrick Fuller, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the official canvass of the November 8, 2016 General Election vote for representative to the assembly along with the determination by the Chair of the Wisconsin Elections Commission of the winners.

With this letter, I am delivering the Certificates of Election for the winners to you for distribution.

If the Elections Commission can provide you with further information or assistance, please contact our office.

Wisconsin Elections Commission,
MICHAEL HAAS
Interim Administrator

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1117 Cove Road
Sturgeon Bay 54235
Republican

2nd - André Jacque
1615 Lost Dauphin Road
De Pere 54115
Republican

3rd - Ron W. Tusler
W5721 Firelane 12
Harrison 54952
Republican

4th - David Steffen
1320 Sunray Lane
Green Bay 54313
Republican

5th - Jim Steineke
N2352 Vanderbroek Road
Kaukauna 54130
Republican

6th - Gary J. Tauchen
N3397 South Broadway Road
Bonduel 54107
Republican

7th - Daniel Riemer
3053 South 39th Street
Milwaukee 53215
Democrat

8th - JoCasta Zamarripa
1645 South 12th Street
Milwaukee 53204
Democrat

9th - Josh Zepnick
743-A South 36th Street
Milwaukee 53215
Democrat

10th - David Bowen
4080 North 21st Street #3
Milwaukee 53209
Democrat

11th - Jason M. Fields
4825 North Mohawk Avenue #2
Glendale 53217
Democrat

12th - Frederick Kessler
9312 West Clovernook Street
Milwaukee 53224
Democrat

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| 13th - Rob Hutton
17785 Marseille Drive
Brookfield 53045
Republican | 26th - Terry Katsma
705 Erie Avenue
Oostburg 53070
Republican |
| 14th - Dale Kooyenga
15365 St. Therese Boulevard
Brookfield 53005
Republican | 27th - Tyler Vorpapel
503 South Hills Drive
Plymouth 53073
Republican |
| 15th - Joe Sanfelippo
20770 West Coffee Road
New Berlin 53146
Republican | 28th - Adam Jarchow
971 Apple River Court
Balsam Lake 54810
Republican |
| 16th - Leon D. Young
2224 North 17th Street
Milwaukee 53205
Democrat | 29th - Rob R. Stafsholt
1402 160th Street
New Richmond 54017
Republican |
| 17th - David C. Crowley
3824A North 53rd Street
Milwaukee 53216
Democrat | 30th - Shannon M. Zimmerman
429 Jefferson Street
River Falls 54022
Republican |
| 18th - Evan Goyke
2734 West State Street
Milwaukee 53208
Democrat | 31st - Amy Loudenberg
10737 South State Road 140
Clinton 53525
Republican |
| 19th - Jonathon Brostoff
920 East Pleasant Street #2
Milwaukee 53212
Democrat | 32nd - Tyler August
PO Box 572
Delavan 53115
Republican |
| 20th - Christine M. Sinicki
3132 South Indiana Avenue
Milwaukee 53207
Democrat | 33rd - Cody Horlacher
1254 Bear Pass #7
Mukwonago 53149
Republican |
| 21st - Jessie Rodriguez
6633 South Crane Drive
Oak Creek 53154
Republican | 34th - Rob Swearingen
4485 Oakview Lane
Rhineland 54501
Republican |
| 22nd - Janel Brandtjen
N52 W16632 Oak Ridge Trail
Menomonie Falls 53051
Republican | 35th - Mary Felzkowski
W4587 Highway S
Apartment A
Irma 54442
Republican |
| 23rd - Jim Ott
11743 North Lakeshore Drive
Mequon 53092
Republican | 36th - Jeffrey Mursau
4 Oak Street
Crivitz 54114
Republican |
| 24th - Daniel Knodl
N101 W14475 Ridgefield Court
Germantown 53022
Republican | 37th - John Jagler
601 Clyman Street
Watertown 53094
Republican |
| 25th - Paul Tittl
2229 Rheaume Road
Manitowoc 54220
Republican | 38th - Joel Kleefisch
W357 N6189 Spinnaker Drive
Oconomowoc 53066
Republican |

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| 39th - Mark Born
121 Franklin Street
Beaver Dam 53916
Republican | 52nd - Jeremy Thiesfeldt
604 Sunset Lane
Fond du Lac 54935
Republican |
| 40th - Kevin D. Petersen
N1433 Drivas Road
Waupaca 54981
Republican | 53rd - Michael Schraa
2834 County Road FF
Oshkosh 54904
Republican |
| 41st - Joan Ballweg
170 West Summit Street
Markesan 53946
Republican | 54th - Gordon N. Hintz
502 East Irving Avenue
Oshkosh 54901
Democrat |
| 42nd - Keith Ripp
7113 County Road V
Lodi 53555
Republican | 55th - Mike Rohrkaste
1417 Mahler Boulevard
Neenah 54956
Republican |
| 43rd - Don J. Vruwink
24 West Ash Lane
Milton 53563
Democrat | 56th - David Murphy
1777 Ivy Lane
Greenville 54942
Republican |
| 44th - Debra Kolste
4105 Parkview Drive
Janesville 53546
Democrat | 57th - Amanda Stuck
1404 North Harriman Street
Appleton 54911
Democrat |
| 45th - Mark Spreitzer
1718 Henderson Avenue
Beloit 53511
Democrat | 58th - Bob Gannon
5604 West Lake Drive
West Bend 53095
Republican |
| 46th - Gary Hebl
515 Scheuerell Lane
Sun Prairie 53590
Democrat | 59th - Jesse Kremer
119 Hillcrest Road
Kewaskum 53040
Republican |
| 47th - Jimmy P. Anderson
5807 Verde View Road
Fitchburg 53711
Democrat | 60th - Robert Brooks
204 East Dekora Street
Saukville 53080
Republican |
| 48th - Melissa Sargent
1638 Mayfield Lane
Madison 53704
Democrat | 61st - Samantha Kerkman
P.O. Box 156
Powers Lake 53159
Republican |
| 49th - Travis Tranel
2231 Louisburg Road
Cuba City 53807
Republican | 62nd - Thomas Weatherston
5300 Santa Anita Drive
Racine 53402
Democrat |
| 50th - Edward Brooks
S4311 Grote Hill Road
Reedsburg 53959
Republican | 63rd - Robin Vos
960 Rock Ridge Road
Burlington 53105
Republican |
| 51st - Todd Novak
202 West Division Street
Dodgeville 53533
Republican | 64th - Peter Barca
1339 38th Avenue
Kenosha 53144
Democrat |

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| 65th - Tod Ohnstad
3814 18th Avenue
Kenosha 53140
Democrat | 78th - Lisa Subeck
818 South Gammon Road #4
Madison 53719
Democrat |
| 66th - Cory Mason
1948 Michigan Boulevard
Racine 53402
Democrat | 79th - Diane Hesselbein
1420 North High Point Road
Middleton 53562
Democrat |
| 67th - Rob L. Summerfield
812 Thompson Street
Bloomer 54724
Republican | 80th - Sondy Pope
317 Nesheim Trail
Mount Horeb 53572
Democrat |
| 68th - Kathleen Bernier
10923 40th Avenue
Chippewa Falls 54729
Republican | 81st - Dave Considine
N6194 Breezy Hill Road
Baraboo 53913
Democrat |
| 69th - Bob Kulp
C4098 Pauline Lane
Stratford 54484
Republican | 82nd - Ken Skowronski
8642 South 116th Street
Franklin 53132
Republican |
| 70th - Nancy VanderMeer
18940 Eden Avenue
Tomah 54660
Republican | 83rd - Chuck C. Wichgers
W156 S7388 Quietwood Drive
Muskego 53150
Republican |
| 71st - Katrina Shankland
5782 Sandpiper Drive
Stevens Point 54482
Democrat | 84th - Mike Kuglitsch
21865 West Tolbert Drive
New Berlin 53146
Republican |
| 72nd - Scott Krug
1551 Kingswood Trail
Nekoosa 54457
Republican | 85th - Patrick J. Snyder
129 East Charles Street
Schofield 54476
Republican |
| 73rd - Nick Milroy
4543 South Sam Anderson Road
Superior 54874
Democrat | 86th - John Spiros
1406 East Fillmore
Marshfield 54449
Republican |
| 74th - Beth Meyers
36505 Aiken Road
Bayfield 54814
Democrat | 87th - James Edming
N4998 Edming Road
Glen Flora 54526
Republican |
| 75th - Romaine Quinn
256 24 3/4 Street
Chetek 54728
Republican | 88th - John Macco
1874 Old Valley Road
De Pere 54115
Republican |
| 76th - Chris Taylor
2910 Oakridge Avenue
Madison 53704
Democrat | 89th - John A. Nygren
N2118 Keller Road
Marinette 54143
Republican |
| 77th - Terese Berceau
4326 Somerset Lane
Madison 53711
Democrat | 90th - Eric Genrich
1089 Division Street
Green Bay 54303
Democrat |

- 91st - Dana Wachs
437 Lincoln Avenue
Eau Claire 54701
Democrat
- 92nd - Treig E. Pronschinske
559 North Jackson Street
Mondovi 54755
Republican
- 93rd - Warren L. Petryk
S9840 Highway 93
Eleva 54738
Republican
- 94th - Steve Doyle
N5525 Hauser Road
Onalaska 54650
Democrat
- 95th - Jill Billings
1403 Johnson Street
La Crosse 54601
Democrat
- 96th - Lee Nerison
S3035 County Road B
Westby 54667
Republican
- 97th - Scott Allen
S42 W25312 Dale Drive
Waukesha 53189
Republican
- 98th - Adam Neylon
N16 W26880 Conservancy Drive Unit G
Pewaukee 53072
Republican
- 99th - Cindi S. Duchow
N22 W 28692 Louis Avenue
Pewaukee 53072
Republican

OATH OF OFFICE

The bible used today to swear in the Members of the Wisconsin State Assembly is being accompanied by Dr. Ellsworth Brown of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

This bible was used to swear in the very first Governor of Wisconsin, Henry Dodge. Congress organized the Territory of Wisconsin on July 3, 1836, when Michigan became a state. The following day, John S. Horner, Secretary of the former Michigan Territory, was sworn in as Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, and on that same Independence Day, Horner used this bible to administer the oath of office to the newly appointed Governor of Wisconsin, Henry Dodge, at Mineral Point. In the same ceremony, Horner used this bible to swear in three of Wisconsin's new Supreme Court judges, William C. Frasier, David Irvin and Charles Dunn (father-in-law of the first Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Nelson

Dewey). This historic bible, published in 1829, marks the very beginning of Wisconsin's government.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 28 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Honorable Chief Justice Patience D. Roggensack of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to the members en masse.

The attendance roll was called by the clerk, and the members, as their names were called, came to the desk to sign the Oath of Office book.

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Present – Representatives Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Barca, Berceau, Bernier, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Brostoff, Considine, Crowley, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Fields, Gannon, Genrich, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Jarchow, Katsma, Kerkman, Kessler, Kitchens, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kolste, Kooyenga, Kremer, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Loudenbeck, Macco, Mason, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Nerison, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Riemer, Ripp, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vorpapel, Vos, Vruwink, Wachs, Weatherston, Wichgers, Young, Zamarripa, Zepnick and Zimmerman - 99.

Absent with leave – None.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Representative Bernier nominated Representative Vos for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the chair declared nominations closed.

Representative Steineke asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Representative Vos for Speaker of the Assembly. Granted.

For Representative Vos – Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Barca, Berceau, Bernier, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Brostoff, Considine, Crowley, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Fields, Gannon, Genrich, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Jarchow, Katsma, Kerkman, Kessler, Kitchens, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kolste, Kooyenga, Kremer, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Loudenbeck, Macco, Mason, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Nerison, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Riemer, Ripp, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen,

Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vorpapel, Vos, Vruwink, Wachs, Weatherston, Wichgers, Young, Zamarripa, Zepnick and Zimmerman - 99.

Noes - None.

Representative Vos was elected Speaker of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Chief Justice Patience D. Roggensack of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Speaker Vos in the chair.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

“Good afternoon and welcome to the 103rd Wisconsin State Assembly.

Today is a special day for every single one of us, but it’s especially meaningful for the 11 people who are joining the 5,060 people who have served in the Assembly since Wisconsin statehood. These new members signed the official Assembly “Oath of Office” book for the first time today. We all have the honor of representing the state of Wisconsin.

100 years ago, as the new 3rd state capitol opened, representatives sat in these very seats to take on the great responsibilities that faced them at that time. They were no different than we are today. Over the course of the past 100 years, the people who sat in this chamber made things happen.

Early on in the century, it was things like creating the first unemployment insurance program in the country. As the century progressed, lawmakers created the UW System, world-class tech colleges, the first LGBT protections in the country and helped guarantee Wisconsin’s place as a national innovator.

More recently, our innovations have continued. School choice, voter ID, ACT 10, eliminating welfare as we knew it. And just this last session, we enacted right-to-work, the H.O.P.E. agenda and many other proposals that continue to improve the lives of our fellow citizens.

The amazing thing about all of these accomplishments is that they were done by Republicans, oftentimes with the cooperation of their Democratic colleagues. In this room, people didn’t just worry about their own political future, they worried about the future of our state. And we will continue that great tradition during this session.

To my fellow representatives, thank you for selecting me to lead these efforts as Speaker of the Assembly. It’s an honor and privilege to serve you and the state of Wisconsin in this capacity.

Before we begin the new session, it’s important to look back and remember the leaders who have helped to shape the significant reforms in our state.

Several former Assembly Speakers have joined us today. I would ask you to hold your applause until I introduce them all. Jeff Fitzgerald served as Speaker from 2011-2012; Mike Sheridan served as Speaker from 2009-2010; Mike Huebsch served as Speaker from 2007-2008; Scott Jensen served as Speaker from 1997-2002; Ben Brancel served as Speaker in 1997; Justice David Prosser served as speaker from 1995-1996; and finally, Judge and former Speaker Harold Froelich, served from 1967-1970. Join me in a round of applause to show our appreciation for their service to our great state.

Former Speakers Anderson, Loftus, Kinicki and Gard were also invited but could not attend and send their best wishes and congratulations as we begin our new session.

I would also like to thank the special guests who joined us for this occasion. Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, Chief Justice Pat Roggensack, Dr. Ellsworth Brown, Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society, and His Most Reverend Excellency Robert Morlino, the Bishop of Madison.

We also share this milestone with the important people in our lives - husbands and wives, sons and daughters, parents and grandparents - the people each of us depend on for support and guidance. On behalf of the Wisconsin State Assembly, I would like to thank you for being here and for your continued love and support.

On a personal note, I would like to recognize my own parents, Tom and Margie Vos. With each new year and every new session, my love and appreciation for them grows and grows. Thanks for being here mom and dad.

Today also marks the beginning of a new chapter of history that we all get a chance to help craft. We are serving the state of Wisconsin during a remarkable time. In an age of great technological advances, with a unified Republican government and the potential spread of federalism, our leaders in Washington DC have indicated that more responsibility will be given to states to decide what’s best for our citizens, our infrastructure and our future. We will again be what former US Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis called the “laboratories of democracy”. Hopefully we will be given an opportunity to make decisions that were once left up to bureaucrats in Washington, DC. Let’s take this great responsibility and run with it.

It’s our turn to solve Wisconsin’s problems. Problems that have seemed too difficult to fix or too big to solve. Problems that have been put off for far too long.

Each of the sessions led by the former Speakers I just mentioned had their own challenges. Some dealt with budget deficits and others had the benefit of surpluses. What will our legacy be when we adjourn this session? Let me give you a peek of what I hope we can accomplish working together.

Let’s work together to find a long-term solution to our transportation funding crisis. In the next ten years, more than 40 percent of our main roads and half of our secondary roads will be in poor condition. There is no silver bullet to solving the deficit in the Transportation Fund so we must ensure the DOT spends only what’s needed, by prioritizing projects and

finding a sustainable funding source. While there are no easy answers, all options should be on the table.

Let's work together to fix and modernize our school funding formula. Our children today are the Wisconsin of tomorrow. We need an updated funding mechanism that works for every school and every child. A system that simply gives out state dollars based on population needs to be updated to recognize the fact that more school districts have declining student populations than increasing.

Let's work together to reform our state's tax code. We should all take credit for the fact that Wisconsin is finally out of the top ten worst taxed states, but the tax burden on our families is still too much. It's too complex, it's outdated and it needs a major overhaul. We can do better. Our tax code should generate the revenue we need but not do it by penalizing hard working middle class families and the businesses that employ them.

Let's keep working together to address the one issue that isn't talked about nearly enough - Wisconsin's worker shortage and the growing crisis ahead. In each of the previous sessions, we have devoted additional resources to preparing the workforce of tomorrow. We know most job openings are primarily due to retirements.

In Wisconsin today about 15% of our population is 65 and older. But if you draw a line from Door County to the Mississippi, in less than 20 years, half the counties north of that line will have more than a third of their population past retirement age. And more than 11-percent of our state's population will be over the age of 75.

The Department of Workforce Development projects the total average annual job openings through 2024 are close to one-hundred thousand. Let me repeat that: every year our state has 100-thousand jobs to fill.

Here's another statistic we need to reflect on - we are only graduating less than 58,000 students a year from our high schools and not all of them stay here when they finish their schooling. We need to attract more bright and talented young people to our state and work even harder to give opportunities so that every student stays in the Badger State.

It's clear Wisconsin needs more workers and these workers need the necessary training. One way to do that is to focus on populations that need a helping hand. People who are disabled, people who have been incarcerated, people who have substance abuse problems, folks who haven't gotten a high school diploma.

If we are going to grow our state, we can't afford to leave anyone behind. We are a compassionate state that will continue to help our citizens through difficult financial times. We can and should provide temporary help to get Wisconsinites back on their feet. But for many in Wisconsin, government dependence has become a way of life. We must work to get these individuals off of welfare and help them find a good paying job.

As you think about these serious challenges; reforming and reducing the tax burden, rewriting the school funding

formula, addressing the transportation fund deficit, training more workers and the myriad of other challenges we will tackle, we must never forget that these problems have taken quite a while to grow to the point they are today so we won't rush into any quick fixes. Just passing more well-meaning laws that don't actually deal with the root problem isn't our job; finding long-term solutions is the real reason we are here.

One of my favorite Presidents Calvin Coolidge once said, 'You can display no greater wisdom than by resisting proposals for needless legislation...it is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones.'

And for the folks we represent back home who are depending on us, I can assure them, government will not grow on our watch. We will kill bad bills and work hard to pass good, well thought out proposals to move our state forward.

So today, as we start our legislative work, I would like to issue a challenge to every elected official in this beautiful State Capitol. I challenge you to put aside what's best for your own political career, and do what's best for Wisconsin.

Instead of attacking one another and saying what shouldn't be done, let's work together to find what can be done. The political campaigns are over so it's time to put aside our differences and the rigid ideologies some would ask us to maintain. We must stop the name calling and incessant hyperbole, and actually work together to solve the real issues facing our state's future.

As Wisconsinites, I know we can look beyond our regional and political differences and find common ground. We do that every day.

Just this past weekend, our state celebrated a tremendous Packer victory over the Lions and the Badgers brought home another trophy with their win at the Cotton Bowl. We have much more to celebrate in Wisconsin because I'm certain the Packers will bring back the Lombardi trophy.

Our economy is growing: we have low unemployment, more people are working than ever before, and new businesses are opening their doors every day. These are historic times for Wisconsin and our country. Let's make history ourselves, in this chamber, this session, by turning our big ideas into reality.

You are the leaders who have been called upon to move our state forward and create a better future for Wisconsin. Let's get to work.

God bless you and God Bless the state of Wisconsin."

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Representative R. Brooks nominated Representative August for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Steineke asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the assembly recorded as voting for Representative August for Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore. Granted

For Representative August – Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Barca, Berceau, Bernier, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Brostoff, Considine, Crowley, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Fields, Gannon, Genrich, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Jarchow, Katsma, Kerkman, Kessler, Kitchens, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kolste, Kooyenga, Kremer, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Loudenbeck, Macco, Mason, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Nerison, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Riemer, Ripp, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vorpapel, Vruwink, Wachs, Weatherston, Wichgers, Young, Zamarripa, Zepnick, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 99.

Noes - None.

Representative August was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Vos.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK

Representative Swearingen nominated Patrick E. Fuller for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Session of the Legislature.

Representative C. Taylor seconded the nomination of Patrick E. Fuller for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Steineke asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Patrick E. Fuller for Assembly Chief Clerk. Granted.

For Patrick E. Fuller – Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Barca, Berceau, Bernier, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Brostoff, Considine, Crowley, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Fields, Gannon, Genrich, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Jarchow, Katsma, Kerkman, Kessler, Kitchens, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kolste, Kooyenga, Kremer, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Loudenbeck, Macco, Mason, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Nerison, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Riemer, Ripp, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Spiros,

Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vorpapel, Vruwink, Wachs, Weatherston, Wichgers, Young, Zamarripa, Zepnick, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 99.

Noes - None.

Patrick E. Fuller was elected Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Vos.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Representative Jagler nominated Anne Tonnon Byers for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Meyers seconded the nomination of Anne Tonnon Byers for the position of Sergeant-At-Arms of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Representative Steineke asked unanimous consent that a unanimous ballot be cast with all members of the Assembly recorded as voting for Anne Tonnon Byers for Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms. Granted.

For Anne Tonnon Byers: Representatives Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Barca, Berceau, Bernier, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Brostoff, Considine, Crowley, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Fields, Gannon, Genrich, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Jarchow, Katsma, Kerkman, Kessler, Kitchens, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kolste, Kooyenga, Kremer, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Loudenbeck, Macco, Mason, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Nerison, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Riemer, Ripp, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vorpapel, Vruwink, Wachs, Weatherston, Wichgers, Young, Zamarripa, Zepnick, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 99.

Noes - None.

Anne Tonnon Byers was elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Third Regular Session of the Legislature.

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Vos.

COMMUNICATIONS

December 30, 2016

Patrick Fuller
 Assembly Chief Clerk
 17 West Main Street, Suite 401
 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Republican Caucus:

- Majority Leader: Jim Steineke
- Assistant Majority Leader: Rob Brooks
- Majority Caucus Chair: Dan Knodl
- Majority Caucus Vice-Chair: Romaine Quinn
- Majority Caucus Secretary: Jessie Rodriguez
- Majority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Samantha Kerkman

Sincerely,
DAN KNODL
 Republican Caucus Chair

December 29, 2016

Patrick Fuller
 Assembly Chief Clerk
 17 West Main Street, Suite 401
 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (2), the following officers have been duly elected by the Assembly Democratic Caucus:

- Minority Leader: Peter Barca
- Assistant Minority Leader: Diane Hesselbein
- Minority Caucus Chair: Mark Spreitzer
- Minority Caucus Vice-Chair: Steve Doyle
- Minority Caucus Secretary: Beth Meyers
- Minority Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms: Christine Sinicki

Sincerely,
MARK SPREITZER
 Democratic Caucus Chair

November 23, 2016

Patrick Fuller
 Assembly Chief Clerk
 17 West Main Street, Suite 401
 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

The Office of the Assembly Chief Clerk has requested the Wisconsin Elections Commission provide the statutory deadline on which the legislature may act to ensure that a proposed constitutional amendment can be placed on the ballot for the April 4, 2017 spring election. The legislature

must complete action on a proposed constitutional amendment no later than Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

By statute all proposed constitutional amendments and any other measure or question that it is to be submitted to a vote of the people shall be filed with the official or agency responsible for preparing the ballots for the election no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the amendment, measure or question will appear on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 8.37. Tuesday, January 24, 2017 is 70 days before the April 4, 2017 spring election.

In order for the legislative action to be filed in our office, it is sufficient for the chief clerks to notify our office by e-mail that the legislature passed the resolution no later than Tuesday, January 24, 2017. It is not necessary that we receive the signed resolution by the close of business on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

In order to facilitate preparation for the April 2017 spring election, I suggest sponsoring legislators contact the office of the Attorney General to make arrangements for the preparation of the explanatory statement required by Wis. Stat. § 10.01 (2)(c). The explanatory statement is published in the paper by the county clerk immediately before the election. It is also posted at the polling place on Election Day.

Please make the appropriate arrangements to ensure that this information is communicated to the members of the legislature. If you or any member of the legislature has a question, please contact me at 608-266-0136 or ask to speak to an Elections Specialists.

MICHAEL HAAS
 Wisconsin Elections Committee
 Interim Administrator

SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (4), for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session in the Assembly Chamber, democrat members will be seated on the east (door) side of the center aisle. Republican members will be seated in the seats on the west (window) side of the center aisle and in seats numbered 85, 86, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95. Speaker Vos will occupy seat number 4. Seat number 58 will remain vacant.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>
Allen.....	86
Anderson.....	89
August.....	3
Ballweg.....	24
Barca.....	5
Berceau.....	11
Bernier.....	84
Billings.....	40
Born.....	48
Bowen.....	68
Brandtjen.....	55
Brooks E.....	99
Brooks R.....	2
Brostoff.....	67
Considine.....	38

Crowley	30
Doyle	7
Edming	23
Felzkowski	17
Fields	59
Gannon	54
Genrich	34
Goyke	57
Hebl	9
Hesselbein	6
Hintz	29
Horlacher	88
Hutton	83
Jacque	73
Jagler	94
Jarchow	91
Katsma	70
Kerkman	95
Kessler	62
Kitchens	51
Kleefisch	20
Knodl	18
Kolste	39
Kooyenga	97
Kremer	21
Krug	28
Kuglitsch	56
Kulp	26
Loudenbeck	25
Macco	82
Mason	61
Meyers	37
Milroy	35
Murphy	41
Mursau	44
Nerison	76
Neylon	49
Novak	50
Nygren	15
Ohnstad	65
Ott	52
Petersen	80
Petryk	45
Pope	10
Pronschinske	74
Quinn	92
Riemer	60
Ripp	53
Rodriguez	96
Rohrkaste	85
Sanfelippo	72
Sargent	32
Schraa	79
Shankland	36
Sinicki	63
Skowronski	46
Spiros	19
Spreitzer	8
Stafsholt	43
Steffen	16

Steineke	1
Stuck	66
Subeck	13
Summerfield	27
Swearingen	78
Snyder	22
Tauchen	100
Taylor, C	64
Thiesfeldt	69
Tittl	98
Tranel	77
Tusler	87
VanderMeer	75
Vorpagel	71
Vos	4
Vruwink	31
Wachs	12
Weatherston	93
Wichgers	47
Young	90
Zamarripa	14
Zepnick	33
Zimmerman	42

Speaker Vos introduced a privileged resolution.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Resolution 1

Relating to: notifying the senate and the governor that the 2017-2018 assembly is organized.

By Representatives Vos and Steineke.
Privileged and read.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 1** be adopted?

Motion carried.

Speaker Vos introduced a privileged resolution.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Resolution 2

Relating to: establishing the assembly committee structure and names for the 2017-2018 legislative session.

By Representatives Vos and Steineke.
Privileged and read.

The question was: Shall **Assembly Resolution 2** be adopted?

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes - Representatives Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Barca, Berceau, Bernier, Billings, Born, Bowen,

Brandtjen, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Brostoff, Considine, Crowley, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Fields, Gannon, Genrich, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Jarchow, Katsma, Kerkman, Kessler, Kitchens, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kolste, Kooyenga, Kremer, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Loudenbeck, Macco, Mason, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Nerison, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Riemer, Ripp, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vorpapel, Vruwink, Wachs, Weatherston, Wichgers, Young, Zamariipa, Zepnick, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 99.

Noes - None.

Absent or not voting - None.

Motion carried.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

From: Jeffrey Renk, Senate Chief Clerk.

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform you that the Senate has

Adopted and asks concurrence in:

Senate Joint Resolution 1

ACTION ON THE SENATE MESSAGE

Representative Steineke asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be withdrawn from the Senate message and taken up at this time. Granted.

Senate Joint Resolution 1

Relating to: the session schedule for the 2017-2018 biennial session period.

By joint committee on **Legislative Organization**

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be concurred in?

Motion carried.

Representatives Subeck, C. Taylor and Pope asked unanimous consent to be recorded as voting "**No**" on the previous question. Granted.

Representative Steineke asked unanimous consent that the rules be suspended and that **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be immediately messaged to the Senate. Granted.

Representative Petryk sang "God Bless America" at the rostrum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Jagler asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in memory of Rachel Veum, of the Senate Chief Clerk Staff, who passed away on October 10, 2016. Granted.

Representative Petersen asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of the 132nd United States Army Band Brass Quintet, including Sergeant First Class Tyler Terrell, Sergeant Benjamin Warmuth, Sergeant Micah Lancaster, Staff Sergeant Jeremiah Eis and Staff Sergeant Rodney Koelemay, who performed the "The Star Spangled Banner" at today's inaugural ceremony. Granted.

Representative Petersen asked unanimous consent that the Assembly adjourn in honor of the Color Guard of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Forces Reserve, including Sergeant Kristina Flournoy, Sergeant Pierre Justin, Sergeant David Williams and Lieutenant Corporal Ivan Olson, who presented the Colors at today's inaugural ceremony. Granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Steineke moved that the Assembly stand adjourned pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution 1**.

The question was: Shall the Assembly stand adjourned?

Motion carried.

The Assembly stood adjourned.

3:57 P.M.