



# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

## Ninety-Seventh Regular Session

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FRIDAY, January 7, 2005

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

December 17, 2004

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### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### Assembly Bill 1

Relating to: refunding public debt that is used to finance tax-supported or self-amortizing facilities and creating a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for certain amounts relating to health savings accounts that may be deducted from, or are exempt from, federal income taxes.

By Representatives Kaufert and Nischke.  
To committee on **Insurance**.

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### COMMUNICATIONS

December 16, 2004

The Honorable John Gard  
Speaker of the Assembly  
211 West, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

The Honorable Alan Lasee  
President of the Senate  
220 South, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Speaker Gard and Senator Lasee:

I respectfully request a joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature for January 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. This joint session will be for the purpose of delivering the 2005 State of the State Address.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and I look forward to addressing the full Legislature as well as the citizens of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,  
*JIM DOYLE*  
Governor

The Honorable James Doyle  
Governor  
State of Wisconsin  
Room 115 East, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

We are in receipt of your letter dated December 16, 2004, in which you request that a joint session of the Legislature be convened on January 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. for delivery of your State of the State Address.

This letter is to confirm that the Senate and Assembly will meet in a joint session at the date and time requested for the purpose of receiving your State of the State address.

Sincerely,  
*JOHN GARD*  
Speaker of the Assembly  
*ALAN LASEE*  
President of the Senate

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### OATH OF OFFICE

On Wednesday, January 5, 2005, the Honorable Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court administered the oath of office to Gary Hebl of the 46th Assembly District in a ceremony held in the Assembly Chamber at the State Capitol in Madison.

January 6, 2005

Patrick Fuller, Assembly Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
17 West Main Street, Suite 208  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Mr. Fuller:

Please record me as voting on the following roll calls taken in session on Monday, January 3, 2005, to be recorded in the Assembly Journal.

Election of Speaker: For Representative Kessler  
Election of Speaker Pro Tempore: For Representative

Freese

Election of Chief Clerk: For Patrick Fuller  
Election of Sergeant-at-Arms: For Richard Skindrud

Shall **Assembly Resolution 1** be adopted? **“Aye”**

Shall Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Resolution 2** be laid on the table? **“No”**

Shall **Assembly Resolution 2** be adopted? **“No”**

Shall Assembly amendment 1 to **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be laid on the table? **“No”**

Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be concurred in? **“No”**

Shall the rules be suspended and **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be immediately messaged to the Senate? **“No”**

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
*GARY HEBL*  
State Representative  
46th Assembly District

### COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Revisor of Statutes Bureau  
Madison

**DATE:** January 1, 2005

**TO:** Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk

Robert Marchant  
Senate Chief Clerk

**FROM:** Gary L. Poulson  
Assistant Revisor of Statutes

**SUBJECT:** Rules published in the December 31, 2004,  
Wisconsin Administrative Register, No. 588.

The following rules have been published:

Clearinghouse Rule 03-052	effective	3-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-004	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-016	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-024	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-039	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-040	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-043	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-055	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-059	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-070	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-071	part. eff.	2-1-2005
	part. eff.	12-31-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-074	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-079	effective	1-1-2005
Clearinghouse Rule 04-089	effective	2-1-2005

The following rules were omitted from previous reports:

Clearinghouse Rule 01-091	effective	2-1-2002
Clearinghouse Rule 01-115	effective	3-1-2002

Clearinghouse Rule 04-012 part. eff. 3-1-2005  
part. eff. 4-1-2005

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Each committee is followed by the number of Republicans and Democrats serving on the committee, meeting day and meeting week. The ranking minority party member of each committee is designated by an asterisk.

#### Aging and Long-Term Care (6, 4) Thursday (Even)

Townsend, John (Chair)  
Hines, J.A. (Vice-chair)  
Pettis, Mark  
LeMahieu, Daniel  
Nischke, Ann  
Strachota, Pat  
Krusick, Peggy \*  
Vruwink, Amy Sue  
Pope-Roberts, Sondy  
Parisi, Joe

#### Agriculture (9, 6) Thursday (Even)

Ott, Alvin (Chair)  
Nerison, Lee (Vice-chair)  
Ainsworth, John  
Petrowski, Jerry  
Kestell, Steve  
Suder, Scott  
Williams, Mary  
Loeffelholz, Gabe  
Towns, Debi  
Gronemus, Barbara \*  
Vruwink, Amy Sue  
Ziegelbauer, Bob  
Sinicki, Christine  
Molepske, Louis Jr.  
Parisi, Joe

#### Assembly Organization (5, 3)

Gard, John (Chair)  
Huebsch, Michael (Vice-chair)  
Freese, Stephen  
Fitzgerald, Jeff  
Vrakas, Daniel  
Kreuser, James \*  
Richards, Jon  
Turner, Robert

#### Budget Review (4, 2) Tuesday (Odd)

Kerkman, Samantha (Chair)  
Gunderson, Scott (Vice-chair)  
Albers, Sheryl  
Pridemore, Don  
Parisi, Joe \*  
Berceau, Terese

#### Campaigns and Elections (4, 2) Thursday (Even)

Freese, Stephen (Chair)  
Gundrum, Mark (Vice-chair)  
Wood, Jeffrey  
Vos, Robin

Travis, David \*  
Kessler, Frederick

**Children and Families (5, 3) Thursday (Even)**

Kestell, Steve (Chair)  
Vos, Robin (Vice-chair)  
Albers, Sheryl  
Jeskewitz, Suzanne  
Vukmir, Leah  
Grigsby, Tamara \*  
Sinicki, Christine  
Seidel, Donna

**Colleges and Universities (7, 5) Tuesday (Odd)**

Kreibich, Robin (Chair)  
Ballweg, Joan (Vice-chair)  
Underheim, Gregg  
Nass, Stephen  
Jeskewitz, Suzanne  
Towns, Debi  
Lamb, Andy  
Shilling, Jennifer \*  
Schneider, Marlin  
Black, Spencer  
Boyle, Frank  
Molepske, Louis Jr.

**Corrections and the Courts (6, 4) Wednesday (Odd)**

Bies, Garey (Chair)  
Gundrum, Mark (Vice-chair)  
Underheim, Gregg  
Owens, Carol  
Suder, Scott  
LeMahieu, Daniel  
Pope-Roberts, Sony \*  
Wasserman, Sheldon  
Seidel, Donna  
Parisi, Joe

**Criminal Justice and Homeland Security (7, 5) Wednesday (Odd)**

Suder, Scott (Chair)  
Friske, Donald (Vice-chair)  
Owens, Carol  
Lasee, Frank  
Jeskewitz, Suzanne  
Gundrum, Mark  
Vukmir, Leah  
Turner, Robert \*  
Krusick, Peggy  
Black, Spencer  
Kessler, Frederick  
Grigsby, Tamara

**Economic Development (6, 3) Tuesday (Even)**

McCormick, Terri (Chair)  
Lamb, Andy (Vice-chair)  
Loeffelholz, Gabe  
Nischke, Ann  
Lothian, Thomas  
Honadel, Mark  
Fields, Jason \*  
Steinbrink, John

Toles, Barbara

**Education (7, 5) Tuesday (Odd)**

Towns, Debi (Chair)  
Kestell, Steve (Vice-chair)  
Nass, Stephen  
Hundertmark, Jean  
Townsend, John  
Hines, J.A.  
Davis, Brett  
Lehman, John \*  
Williams, Annette  
Ziegelbauer, Bob  
Pope-Roberts, Sony  
Van Akkeren, Terry

**Education Reform (6, 3) Wednesday (Odd)**

Vukmir, Leah (Chair)  
Nass, Stephen (Vice-chair)  
Towns, Debi  
Wood, Jeffrey  
Nischke, Ann  
Pridemore, Don  
Sinicki, Christine \*  
Williams, Annette  
Lehman, John

**Energy and Utilities (7, 4) Tuesday (Even)**

Montgomery, Phil (Chair)  
Davis, Brett (Vice-chair)  
Hahn, Eugene  
Gottlieb, Mark  
Nischke, Ann  
Honadel, Mark  
Nerison, Lee  
Travis, David \*  
Staskunas, Tony  
Steinbrink, John  
Zepnick, Josh

**Family Law (4, 2) Thursday (Even)**

Owens, Carol (Chair)  
Kestell, Steve (Vice-chair)  
Albers, Sheryl  
Ballweg, Joan  
Cullen, David \*  
Krusick, Peggy

**Financial Institutions (9, 6) Thursday (Even)**

Hundertmark, Jean (Chair)  
Lamb, Andy (Vice-chair)  
Freese, Stephen  
Kreibich, Robin  
Wieckert, Steve  
Townsend, John  
Fitzgerald, Jeff  
Vos, Robin  
Kleefisch, Joel  
Richards, Jon \*  
Sherman, Gary  
Shilling, Jennifer  
Zepnick, Josh  
Molepske, Louis Jr.  
Fields, Jason

**Forestry (4, 2) Tuesday (Even)**

Friske, Donald (Chair)  
Mursau, Jeffrey (Vice-chair)  
Ainsworth, John  
Williams, Mary  
Hubler, Mary \*  
Boyle, Frank

**Government Operations and Spending Limitations**

**(4, 2) Wednesday (Odd)**

Lasee, Frank (Chair)  
Musser, Terry (Vice-chair)  
Loeffelholz, Gabe  
Vos, Robin  
Zepnick, Josh \*  
Ziegelbauer, Bob

**Health (8, 5) Tuesday (Even)**

Underheim, Gregg (Chair)  
Vukmir, Leah (Vice-chair)  
Gielow, Curt  
Wieckert, Steve  
Krawczyk, Judy  
Hundertmark, Jean  
Strachota, Pat  
Moulton, Terry  
Wasserman, Sheldon \*  
Shilling, Jennifer  
Vruwink, Amy Sue  
Benedict, Chuck  
Nelson, Tom

**Highway Safety (5, 3) Wednesday (Even)**

Petrowski, Jerry (Chair)  
Bies, Garey (Vice-chair)  
Ainsworth, John  
Van Roy, Karl  
Musser, Terry  
Young, Leon \*  
Shilling, Jennifer  
Colon, Pedro

**Housing (4, 2) Thursday (Odd)**

Wieckert, Steve (Chair)  
Townsend, John (Vice-chair)  
Kreibich, Robin  
Montgomery, Phil  
Williams, Annette \*  
Young, Leon

**Insurance (9, 6) Thursday (Odd)**

Nischke, Ann (Chair)  
Wieckert, Steve (Vice-chair)  
Underheim, Gregg  
Montgomery, Phil  
McCormick, Terri  
Gielow, Curt  
Van Roy, Karl  
Ballweg, Joan  
Moulton, Terry  
Cullen, David \*  
Lehman, John

Staskunas, Tony  
Berceau, Terese  
Nelson, Tom  
Sheridan, Mike

**Judiciary (5, 3) Thursday (Odd)**

Gundrum, Mark (Chair)  
McCormick, Terri (Vice-chair)  
Albers, Sheryl  
Kerkman, Samantha  
Kleefisch, Joel  
Staskunas, Tony \*  
Turner, Robert  
Kessler, Frederick

**Labor (6, 3) Wednesday (Even)**

Nass, Stephen (Chair)  
Vrakas, Dan (Vice-chair)  
Fitzgerald, Jeff  
Wieckert, Steve  
Hundertmark, Jean  
Vos, Robin  
Van Akkeren, Terry \*  
Sinicki, Christine  
Sheridan, Mike

**Medicaid Reform (6, 3) Wednesday (Odd)**

Gielow, Curt (Chair)  
Strachota, Pat (Vice-chair)  
Hundertmark, Jean  
Vukmir, Leah  
Davis, Brett  
Vos, Robin  
Benedict, Chuck \*  
Wasserman, Sheldon  
Pope-Roberts, Sony

**Military Affairs (5, 3) Wednesday (Even)**

Musser, Terry (Chair)  
Pettis, Mark (Vice-chair)  
Petrowski, Jerry  
Townsend, John  
Loeffelholz, Gabe  
Schneider, Marlin \*  
Boyle, Frank  
Sinicki, Christine

**Natural Resources (9, 6) Wednesday (Even)**

Gunderson, Scott (Chair)  
Moulton, Terry (Vice-chair)  
Ott, Alvin  
Pettis, Mark  
Bies, Garey  
Krawczyk, Judy  
Williams, Mary  
Petrowski, Jerry  
Mursau, Jeffrey  
Black, Spencer \*  
Gronemus, Barbara  
Steinbrink, John  
Van Akkeren, Terry  
Molepske, Louis Jr.  
Hebl, Gary

**Property Rights and Land Management (4, 2)**

**Wednesday (Odd)**

Albers, Sheryl (Chair)  
Nass, Stephen (Vice-chair)  
Musser, Terry  
Wood, Jeffrey  
Hebl, Gary \*  
Staskunas, Tony

**Public Health (5, 3) Wednesday (Odd)**

Hines, J.A. (Chair)  
Underheim, Gregg (Vice-chair)  
Townsend, John  
Freese, Stephen  
McCormick, Terri  
Wasserman, Sheldon \*  
Grigsby, Tamara  
Benedict, Chuck

**Rules (7, 5)**

Huebsch, Michael (Chair)  
Gard, John (Vice-chair)  
Freese, Stephen  
Fitzgerald, Jeff  
Vrakas, Dan  
Gottlieb, Mark  
Owens, Carol  
Travis, David \*  
Turner, Robert  
Kreuser, James  
Richards, Jon  
Sherman, Gary

**Rural Affairs and Renewable Energy (6, 3) Thursday (Odd)**

Hahn, Eugene (Chair)  
Williams, Mary (Vice-chair)  
Nerison, Lee  
Freese, Stephen  
Albers, Sheryl  
Ballweg, Joan  
Vruwink, Amy Sue \*  
Schneider, Marlin  
Benedict, Chuck

**Rural Development (5, 3) Wednesday (Even)**

Williams, Mary (Chair)  
Suder, Scott (Vice-chair)  
Ott, Alvin  
Kestell, Steve  
Mursau, Jeffrey  
Nelson, Tom \*  
Gronemus, Barbara  
Black, Spencer

**Small Business (5, 3) Tuesday (Odd)**

Van Roy, Karl (Chair)  
Honadel, Mark (Vice-chair)  
Williams, Mary  
Ballweg, Joan  
Mursau, Jeffrey  
Sheridan, Mike \*  
Fields, Jason

Hebl, Gary

**Southeast Wisconsin Freeways (4, 2) Tuesday (Even)**

Honadel, Mark (Chair)  
Gottlieb, Mark (Vice-chair)  
Kerkman, Samantha  
Strachota, Pat  
Zepnick, Josh \*  
Cullen, David

**State Affairs (6, 3) Tuesday (Even)**

Fitzgerald, Jeff (Chair)  
Kleefisch, Joel (Vice-chair)  
Musser, Terry  
Gundrum, Mark  
Krawczyk, Judy  
Petrowski, Jerry  
Toles, Barbara \*  
Young, Leon  
Benedict, Chuck

**State-Federal Relations (4, 2) Thursday (Odd)**

Lothian, Thomas (Chair)  
Kerkman, Samantha (Vice-chair)  
Montgomery, Phil  
Kleefisch, Joel  
Kessler, Frederick \*  
Zepnick, Josh

**Tourism (7, 5) Tuesday (Odd)**

Pettis, Mark (Chair)  
Mursau, Jeffrey (Vice-chair)  
Gunderson, Scott  
Hines, J.A.  
Van Roy, Karl  
Moulton, Terry  
Nerison, Lee  
Ziegelbauer, Bob \*  
Young, Leon  
Van Akkeren, Terry  
Seidel, Donna  
Grigsby, Tamara

**Transportation (9, 6) Thursday (Odd)**

Ainsworth, John (Chair)  
Petrowski, Jerry (Vice-chair)  
Hahn, Eugene  
Suder, Scott  
Friske, Donald  
Ott, Alvin  
Lamb, Andy  
Van Roy, Karl  
Davis, Brett  
Steinbrink, John \*  
Gronemus, Barbara  
Sherman, Gary  
Vruwink, Amy Sue  
Molepske, Louis Jr.  
Nelson, Tom

**Urban and Local Affairs (5, 3) Tuesday (Odd)**

LeMahieu, Daniel (Chair)  
Pridemore, Don (Vice-chair)  
Gunderson, Scott  
Lothian, Thomas

Gottlieb, Mark  
Berceau, Terese \*  
Fields, Jason  
Parisi, Joe

**Veterans Affairs (5, 3) Tuesday (Odd)**

Loeffelholz, Gabe (Chair)  
Musser, Terry (Vice-chair)  
Townsend, John  
Hundertmark, Jean  
Bies, Garey  
Sherman, Gary \*  
Turner, Robert  
Hubler, Mary

**Ways and Means (8, 5) Wednesday (Even)**

Wood, Jeffrey (Chair)  
Nass, Stephen (Vice-chair)  
Hahn, Eugene  
Jeskewitz, Suzanne  
Kerkman, Samantha  
Lothian, Thomas  
Strachota, Pat  
Pridemore, Don  
Berceau, Terese \*  
Ziegelbauer, Bob  
Toles, Barbara  
Hebl, Gary  
Fields, Jason

**Workforce Development (7, 4) Thursday (Odd)**

Krawczyk, Judy (Chair)  
Lothian, Thomas (Vice-chair)  
Vrakas, Daniel  
Kreibich, Robin  
Wood, Jeffrey  
Gielow, Curt  
Pridemore, Don  
Seidel, Donna \*  
Lehman, John  
Toles, Barbara  
Sheridan, Mike

**Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (3, 2)**

Gottlieb, Mark (Co-chair)  
LeMahieu, Daniel (Vice-chair)  
Friske, Donald  
Schneider, Marlin \*  
Black, Spencer

**Joint Legislative Audit Committee (3, 2)**

Jeskewitz, Suzanne (Co-chair)  
Kaufert, Dean (Vice-chair)  
Kerkman, Samantha  
Travis, David \*  
Cullen, David

**Joint Committee on Employment Relations (3, 1)**

Gard, John (Co-chair)  
Huebsch, Michael  
Kaufert, Dean  
Kreuser, James \*

**Joint Committee on Finance (6, 2)**

Kaufert, Dean (Co-chair)  
Ward, David (Vice-chair)  
Jensen, Scott  
Stone, Jeff  
Rhoades, Kitty  
Meyer, Dan  
Colon, Pedro \*  
Pocan, Mark

**Joint Committee on Legislative Organization (3, 2)**

Gard, John (Co-chair)  
Huebsch, Michael  
Fitzgerald, Jeff  
Kreuser, James \*  
Richards, Jon

**Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems (2, 1)**

Vrakas, Dan (Co-chair)  
Jeskewitz, Suzanne (Vice-chair)  
Hubler, Mary \*

**Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions (2, 1)**

Montgomery, Phil (Co-chair)  
Hahn, Eugene (Vice-chair)  
Hubler, Mary \*

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**REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS**

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources  
Madison

November 1, 2004

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

In fulfillment of the requirements under s. 299.80 (16), Wisconsin State Statutes, I am submitting to you a copy of the Environmental Cooperation Pilot Program 2005 Progress Report. Please distribute as appropriate. I am also providing a copy of the Report to the Governor and to the Honorable Chief Clerk of the Senate.

For more information on the Environmental Cooperation Pilot Program or additional copies of this report, please contact Mark McDermid at (608) 267-3125 or visit our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cea/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*SCOTT HASSETT*  
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Public Instruction  
Madison

November 2, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is a copy of "The 2000-01 to 2002-03 Inter-District Public School Open Enrollment Program: A Report to the

Governor and the Legislature,” as required by s. 118.51 (15)(c), Wis. Stats. The report is submitted to you as required by s. 13.172 (3), Wis. Stats.

Sincerely,  
*ELIZABETH BURMASTER*  
State Superintendent

Referred to committee on **Education**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Office of State Employment Relations  
Madison

November 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Pursuant to s. 230.04 (9)(em), Wis. Stats., I am pleased to submit the Veterans Employment Report for 2004. The report summarizes employment and new hire statistics for veterans in each state agency and each institution of the University of Wisconsin System.

Veterans continue to be well represented throughout Wisconsin’s civil service. Wisconsin State government can be truly proud of the initiatives to recruit and retain our nations’ heroes.

Sincerely,  
*KAREN E. TIMBERLAKE*  
Director

Referred to committee on **Veterans Affairs**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services  
Madison

December 20, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Section 46.03 (26) of the statutes requires the Department of Health and Family Services to report annually on information systems projects under development including the implementation schedule, estimate of costs, and methods of determining changes (if applicable).

Sincerely,  
*HELENE NELSON*  
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Health**.

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services  
Madison

December 17, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is the 2004 annual report of the Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities. Preparation and distribution of the report is required by section 46.29 (1)(f) of the state statutes.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact Dan Johnson at 608/267-9582. Mr. Johnson is Director of the state Office for Persons with Physical Disabilities, the unit to which the Council is administratively attached.

Sincerely,  
*HELENE NELSON*  
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Aging and Long-Term Care**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Administration  
Madison

December 22, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Length of Service Award Program (LOSA) 2004 Annual Report. The Length of Service Award Board developed the report with support from Department of Administration staff. The report provides an overview of the program and outlines the accomplishments for the program year.

Wisconsin State Statute 16.25 (6) requires the Department to submit a copy of the report to the Chief Clerk of each house annually describing the activities of the board.

If you have any questions regarding the plan, please contact Terri Lenz at the Department of Administration, Division of State Agency Services, at (608) 261-6580.

Sincerely,  
*PATRICK J. FARLEY, ADMINISTRATOR*  
Division of State Agency Services

Referred to committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation  
Madison

December 29, 2004

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

In 1999 the State Legislature included a \$75,000 annual grant in the state budget to be matched with \$25,000 of private funds for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and promoting the Ice Age National and State Scenic Trail. The Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation (IAPTF) has been delighted to be the recipient of that grant since 2000. It is my

pleasure to submit our final report for the year 2004, as required by statute s. 23.925.

The Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation is a volunteer and member based organization whose mission is to create, support and protect the Ice Age Trail – designated a National Scenic Trail in 1980 and State Scenic Trail in 1987. The Trail is the only unit of the National Park Service and the only National Scenic Trail that commemorates the effects of continental glaciation in the United States.

We genuinely appreciate your continuing support and your partnership. Please telephone me at 608-663-1240 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
*CHRISTINE THISTED*  
Executive Director

Referred to committee on **Tourism**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Transportation  
Madison

December 30, 2004

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

I am pleased to present to you, for distribution to the Wisconsin Assembly, the annual evaluation report on the Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention Grant Program. It is

also available on our website

[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/library/publications/topic/safety](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/library/publications/topic/safety). The program, created by section 86.53 Wis. Stats., was established by the legislature in 1997 with the requirement that the Department study its impact and report on its findings.

The Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention Grant Program is intended for offenders who are arrested for their second or subsequent OWI (Operating While Intoxicated) offense. Overall, offenders participation may be voluntary or court order. It is an intervention model designed to get offenders into counseling, treatment and supervision as soon as possible after the arrest. The program is individual to each community.

As you will see in the report, no community that has begun a program has dropped it. Offenders who successfully completed the program were less likely than non-participants to be re-arrested for subsequent OWI violations. Those who were re-arrested went significantly longer between arrests than non-participants. Currently there are seven counties on a waiting list for funding to begin programs.

I commend those people who have dedicated themselves to making this innovative program a success. There are no “silver bullets” in eradicating impaired driving, but I feel this effort is a vital piece in the total transportation safety effort.

Sincerely,  
*MAJOR DANIEL W. LONSDORF,*  
*DIRECTOR*  
Bureau of Transportation Safety

Referred to committee on **Highway Safety**.