



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Assembly Journal

One-Hundred and Fourth Regular Session

2:00 P.M.

CORRECTED COPY

MONDAY, January 7, 2019

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 2017-2018 session, Patrick E. Fuller.

The prayer was offered by Dr. Dannie Evans of the House of God Church in Janesville.

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

Representatives-elect Loren Oldenburg and Shelia Stubbs led the membership in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chris Kroeze of Barron, runner-up on Season 15 of “The Voice”, sang the national anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner”, accompanied by the 132nd United States Army Band Brass Quintet.

COMMUNICATIONS

December 3, 2018

The Honorable Patrick E. Fuller, Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the official canvass of the November 6, 2018 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.

Sincerely,
MEAGAN WOLFE
Interim administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission

1st- Joel Kitchens
1117 Cove Road
Sturgeon Bay 54235
Republican

2nd - Shae Sortwell
13219 County Road Q
Two Rivers 54241
Republican

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

4th - David Steffen
Howard 54313
Republican

5th - Jim Steineke
N2352 Vandenbroek Road
Kaukauna 54130
Republican

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

7th - Daniel Riemer
3022 South 39th Street
Milwaukee 53215
Democrat

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

9th - Marisabel Cabrera
PO Box 44344
Milwaukee 53214
Democrat

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

11th - Jason M. Fields
7066 North 55th Street Apartment F
Milwaukee 53223
Democrat

12th - LaKeshia N. Myers
10000 West Fountain Avenue #1906
Milwaukee 53224
Democrat

13th - Rob Hutton
17785 Marseille Drive
Brookfield 53045
Republican

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| 14th - Robyn Vining
2546 North 66th Street
Wauwatosa 53212
Democrat | 27th - Tyler Vorpapel
503 South Hills Drive
Plymouth 53073
Republican |
| 15th - Joe Sanfelippo
20770 West Coffee Road
New Berlin 53146
Republican | 28th - Gae Magnafici
744 200th Street
Dresser 54009
Republican |
| 16th - Kalan Haywood
129 West Brown Street
Milwaukee 53212
Democrat | 29th - Rob R. Stafsholt
1402 160th Street
New Richmond 54017
Republican |
| 17th - David C. Crowley
2805 North 51st Street
Milwaukee 53210
Democrat | 30th - Shannon M. Zimmerman
429 Jefferson Street
River Falls 54022
Republican |
| 18th - Evan Goyke
2734 West State Street
Milwaukee 53208
Democrat | 31st - Amy Loudenbeck
10737 South State Road 140
Clinton 53525
Republican |
| 19th - Jonathon Brostoff
920 East Pleasant Street #2
Milwaukee 53212
Democrat | 32nd - Tyler August
Lake Geneva 53147
Republican |
| 20th - Christine M. Sinicki
3132 South Indiana Avenue
Milwaukee 53207
Democrat | 33rd - Cody Horlacher
327 Lake Street
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 County Road 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 - Barbara Dittrich
380 Yosemite Road
Oconomowoc 53066
Republican |
| 26th - Terry Katsma
705 Erie Avenue
Oostburg 53070
Republican | 39th - Mark Born
121 Franklin Street
Beaver Dam 53916
Republican |

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| 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 - Jon Plumer
W11404 High Point Road
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 - Rick Gundrum
301 Winter Lane
Slinger 53086
Republican |
| 46th - Gary Hebl
515 Scheuerell Lane
Sun Prairie 53590
Democrat | 59th - Timothy Ramthun
N641 Ramthun Lane
Campbellsport 53010
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 - Robert Wittke
11 Sandalwood Court
Racine 53402
Republican |
| 50th - Tony Kurtz
W9648 Gehri Road
Wonewoc 53968
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 |
| 52nd - Jeremy Thiesfeldt
604 Sunset Lane
Fond du Lac 54935
Republican | 65th - Tod Ohnstad
3814 18th Avenue
Kenosha 53140
Democrat |

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| 66th - Greta Neubauer
936 Main Street #3
Racine 53403
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 - Jesse James
2511 Botsford Avenue
Altoona 54720
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
1534 14 ¼ Street
Barron 54812
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 - Shelia Stubbs
4 Waunona Woods Court #111
Madison 53703
Democrat | 90th - Staush Gruszynski
1715 Deckner Avenue
Green Bay 54302
Democrat |
| 78th - Lisa Subeck
818 South Gammon Road #4
Madison 53719
Democrat | 91st - Jodi Emerson
519 Chauncey Street
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 - Loren Oldenburg
E4299 County Road Y
Viroqua 54665
Republican

97th - Scott Allen
S42 W25312 Dale Drive
Waukesha 53189
Republican

98th - Adam Neylon
1357 Lake Park Court
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 was accompanied by Christian Overland 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 Justice Annette Kingsland

Ziegler 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, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, Brooks, Brostoff, Cabrera, Considine, Crowley, Dittrich, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Emerson, Felzkowski, Fields, Goyke, Gruszynski, Gundrum, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Kerkman, Kitchens, Knodl, Kolste, Kulp, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Kurtz, Loudenbeck, Macco, Magnafici, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Myers, Neubauer, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Plumer, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Riemer, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Sortwell, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stubbs, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vining, Vorpapel, Vos, Vruwink, Wichgers, Wittke, Zamarripa and Zimmerman - 99.

Absent with leave – None.

COMMUNICATIONS

January 7, 2019

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

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

In light of my appointment by Governor Evers to serve as the next Secretary of the Department of Revenue, this letter is to inform you of my resignation from the Wisconsin State Assembly effective immediately today.

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the people of the 64th District in the Wisconsin State Assembly and I look forward to continuing to serve the State of Wisconsin in my new capacity.

Sincerely,
PETER BARCA
State Representative
64th Assembly District

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

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

Representative Goyke nominated Representative Hintz for the position of Speaker of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

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

For Representative Vos – Representatives Allen, August, Ballweg, Born, Brandtjen, Brooks, Dittrich, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Gundrum, Horlacher, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Kerkman, Kitchens, Knodl, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Kurtz, Loudenbeck, Macco, Magnafici, Murphy, Mursau, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Plumer, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Schraa, Skowronski, Snyder, Sortwell, Spiros, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vorpapel, Vos, Wichgers, Wittke and Zimmerman – 63.

For Representative Hintz – Anderson, Billings, Bowen, Brostoff, Cabrera, Considine, Crowley, Doyle, Emerson, Fields, Goyke, Gruszynski, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Kolste, Meyers, Milroy, Myers, Neubauer, Ohnstad, Pope, Riemer, Sargent, Shankland, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Stubbs, Stuck, Subeck, C. Taylor, Vining, Vruwink and Zamarripa – 35.

Absent with leave – None.

Vacancies – 64th Assembly District – 1.

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

The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Speaker Vos in the chair.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

“Good afternoon and congratulations to the members of the 104th Wisconsin State Assembly.

I would like to thank you for choosing me to serve as your Speaker for a fourth term. It is a great honor and privilege.

Today marks the beginning of a new two-year legislative session, but before we can begin serving our districts, let’s take a moment to thank the people who made us who we are, the people who helped us in our journey to the Assembly.

Our families, in a sense, are drafted to serve right alongside with us. So to the husbands and wives, sons and daughters, parents and grandparents who are here today, on behalf of the Wisconsin State Assembly, thank you for your support.

On a personal note, I want to recognize my family. My wife, Michelle, and my Dad, Tom, are here but my mom is home sick and is watching on WisconsinEye. Thank you for your love and guidance. You all mean the world to me.

In order to serve in this magnificent building, I think it’s important to have a greater appreciation of the building itself and the messages the architects were conveying to future occupants.

Over 100 years ago, our predecessors began the task of planning, financing and constructing this state Capitol building. The Civil War was fresh in their minds and if you take some time to wander around this building, you will find plenty of evidence of their respect for the soldiers who fought slavery and saved the union.

The GAR room on the fourth floor in the North Wing is actually named after the Grand Army of the Republic, of which more than 91 thousand soldiers from Wisconsin fought and over 12 thousand died. GAR was originally used by veterans to hold ceremonies to honor those who were lost in the Civil War.

Over my shoulder is a replica of Old Abe, the mascot in the 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Civil War. Old Abe watches over our debate as to never let us forget that many have fought and died to protect the American institution called democracy.

The historical nature of today and the jobs that we hold temporarily cannot be taken lightly. The citizens of Wisconsin have given us the privilege of being their advocates in state government. Each of us represents the voices of roughly 57,000 people.

Today we welcome 15 new members. For them, Inauguration Day is especially meaningful: for the first time they will be called state representative. I would like to especially welcome their family and friends who are joining us for their first inauguration, and possibly their first time in the Assembly. Thank you for being here today.

The 15 newly elected lawmakers are joining 5,071 people who have served in the Assembly since Wisconsin statehood in 1848. As state representatives, we have been afforded an amazing responsibility. In this great historical race, we have been passed the baton to be the leaders of today’s Wisconsin. It’s our time, it is your time, to serve and guide the course of our state’s future until you pass the baton to the next leader.

Before each inauguration day, before I’m sworn into office, I re-read the Wisconsin State Constitution. Can you guess which branch of government is mentioned first in the state Constitution? You guessed right, the branch closest to the people. The Legislature. The Wisconsin constitution states, the legislative power shall be vested in a senate and assembly.

The constitution goes on to say, “The style of all laws of the state shall be the people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in the senate and assembly, do enact as follows: no law shall be enacted except by bill. No law shall be in force until published.”

The constitutional authors clearly gave preference to the legislative branch giving it powers to write the laws, to allocate funds and create the means to generate revenue.

When you get right down to it, while the constitution specifically provides guidance for the powers of each branch of government, it spends significantly more time on the legislative branch.

Of course, I counted the paragraphs. The constitution addresses the governor in 10 sections and the attorney

general, secretary of state and state treasurer in 1 section each but the legislature was in addressed in 34 sections.

Our state's founders clearly wanted to give more distinct powers to the branch closest to the people. So what will you do with this great responsibility? How will you help carry the mantle of success that this chamber has been known for?

Over the course of the past 100 years, the people who sat in this chamber, made things happen. Early on in the century, Wisconsin lawmakers created the first unemployment insurance and worker's compensation programs in the country. Legislators later developed 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, welfare reform, the HOPE Agenda and juvenile justice reform and many other proposals that continue to improve the lives of our fellow citizens.

We couldn't have done it without strong and effective leadership. It's important that we remember the legislators who championed these achievements and the leaders who helped to make them reality.

Today we are fortunate to have many former state Assembly Speakers joining us. 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; John Gard served as Speaker from 2003-2006; Scott Jensen served as Speaker from 1997-2002; Ben Brancel served as Speaker in 1997; Justice David Prosser served as Speaker from 1995-1996; Former Ambassador to Norway, Tom Loftus, who served as Speaker from 1983-1991. Join me in a round of applause to show our appreciation for their service to our great state.

Former Speakers Norm Anderson, Harold Froehlich and Wally Kunicki were also invited but could not attend and send their best wishes and congratulations as we begin our new session.

Today marks the return of divided government in Wisconsin. For the past eight years, you could say our state has been driving in the right lane of a three lane highway. We accomplished a lot in that right lane.

We created a business climate that has given us the best economy in decades. We cut taxes by more than 8 billion dollars and reduced the tax burden to the lowest level in nearly 50 years. We reformed foster care, made tuition more affordable with our six-year tuition freeze, helped people with opioid addictions, and provided historically high levels of funding to education, just to name a few of our accomplishments.

Unemployment rates are historically low and labor participation rates are hitting record highs. Wages are rising and families are able to enjoy more of the fruits of their labor. We protected the unborn and the Second Amendment rights of our citizens. We created budget surpluses and the largest rainy day fund in Wisconsin history. Undoubtedly, Republicans moved Wisconsin forward in that right lane.

With the newly elected statewide leaders, some will now claim Wisconsin voters want us to veer into the far left lane. But government control over our lives doesn't make us more prosperous. Government spending doesn't grow the economy and socialism doesn't make us more free.

I promise you over the next two years we will not let government expand at the expense of our freedoms. But, in order to not wind up broken down on the side of the road and have government gridlock, we will have to work together. The voters told us to work together. So even though the majority might prefer it, we won't be driving in just the right lane anymore and we certainly won't be driving in the far left lane. We will find a way to drive in the center lane.

Divided government means a lot more discussion, debate and yes, even arguing. That's what the voters chose and it's safe to assume that's what they may get. There are some who will want us to take a back seat and allow the new Governor to drive the car alone, but that isn't going to happen. For the foreseeable future, we will have to get to our destination in that center lane.

Luckily, bipartisanship won't be new to most of us. Working together is in our DNA. It's why over 90 percent of the bills we passed in the last 8 years got support from both sides of the aisle. In this very room, we have shown we can work in a bipartisan fashion. The Assembly has passed laws like the HOPE Agenda authored by the gentleman from the 89th, Representative John Nygren unanimously. We've found consensus on contentious issues like juvenile justice reform and we passed that bill unanimously, too.

We can and we will work together on many issues. But it takes political courage, not political posturing. It takes making overtures across the aisle, not putting up a barricade.

Once again, like every session while I've been speaker, I will invite the minority party leaders to sit down with us and draft a Memorandum of Understanding. It serves as a bipartisan guide for the legislative session. These MOU's have proven to be effective and have been recognized by the non-partisan Legislative Reference Bureau for providing more robust debate and more transparency in the legislature.

But we can't move forward if there isn't a civil dialogue, if we allow the culture of outrage to undermine state politics and undermine our nation. It's easy to immediately react to sensationalized headlines without first finding out what really happened. It's easy to stay in your own lane and only associate with the people who agree with your own philosophies.

But in Wisconsin, we shouldn't take the traditional choice, we can take the preverbal high road. We can lead in Wisconsin. We can work to find common ground. We can find solutions. That means not allowing hate to rule the day. There is so much hate right now. Does calling any of us names increase civility? Or saying that public servants are governed by retribution? We should all pledge that when we see someone on social media or in person use hate speech or divisive rhetoric, let's call it out.

It's interesting that the many of the same people who often have the "coexist" bumper stickers on their cars are the same

ones firing off e-mails with profanities to our offices or yelling at our staff. We can't even agree to disagree anymore in our society.

There's no longer a debate of ideas; far too often there's only vitriolic, personal attacks. Let's do better Wisconsin. Let's put an end to this hate, discuss our beliefs and have a greater understanding of one another. We can start in this very chamber.

Instead of having a press conference to score a cheap political point, I invite you to reach out and discuss your idea first. My door has been and always will be open. To my fellow Republicans, compromise doesn't mean compromising our ideals, so get your head around that. And to my Democratic colleagues, your side isn't more virtuous than ours just because you want to spend more than we do so, please respect the fact that we just disagree and we aren't hateful or evil. Let's listen to each other and work harder to add to our lists of accomplishments.

We can cut taxes on the middle class by good budgeting and using the surplus wisely, not by raising taxes on our job creators and farmers.

Our job is not to find ways to spend more but to find ways to be more efficient and effective with taxpayer dollars. Our job is not to build obstacles for individuals to create small businesses, but to open the doors of opportunity for entrepreneurs. It's not the government's job to tell you the way to live your life, but to give you freedom in your own pursuit of happiness.

Our state and our nation have many challenges ahead. We can meet these head on in Wisconsin by working together to find reasonable solutions. We all know our crumbling roads and bridges need attention. Wisconsin must finally have a long-term funding plan to meet our transportation needs. The Department of Transportation should continue to find efficiencies, eliminate wasteful spending where possible, and prioritize projects. But we can't ignore that almost 55% of our roads will be in poor condition in the next ten years. And our revenue sources are simply not bringing in enough to keep up with costs and the state continues to rely too heavily on borrowing.

We can also work together on an important health care issue. We must ensure that Wisconsinites can access insurance even if they have a previous health condition. The Assembly has approved the pre-existing conditions bill once before, and we'll do it again to ensure that this bill becomes law.

We can work together on a middle class tax cut. Our state is no longer one of the "top ten" worst taxed states, but that fact doesn't mean anything to a parent who is struggling to get by and needs extra money for a winter coat or money to pay a heating bill or save for their child's college education.

Soon Assembly Republicans will deliver a letter to Governor Evers outlining issue areas where we can and should find common ground. But today we celebrate Wisconsin. Not as a Republican or a Democrat, but as Wisconsinites.

I'm proud the UW Badgers won their fifth consecutive bowl game with their victory over Miami in the Pinstripe Bowl. I'm proud that Barron's own Chris Kroeze was the runner up in the Voice this season. Congrats and thank you for singing for us today! And I'm proud to live in the best state, the Badger State, in the greatest country in the world.

As we start our legislative work, I would like to offer one final specific challenge to the legislators in this chamber and to every elected official in this state Capitol. Before the heated rhetoric fires up and rigid ideologies become concrete, let's begin anew.

Let's choose to work together instead of attacking one another. Let's find similarities that can bring us together. Let's end the name calling and incessant outrage. You are the new members of the 104th Wisconsin State Assembly and it's time to get things done, during divided government through real leadership. Let's get to work.

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

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Representative Nygren nominated Representative August for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Spreitzer nominated Representative Hesselbein for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Fourth Regular Session of the Legislature.

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

For Representative August – Representatives Allen, August, Ballweg, Born, Brandtjen, Brooks, Dittrich, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Gundrum, Horlacher, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Kerkman, Kitchens, Knodl, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Kurtz, Loudenbeck, Macco, Magnafici, Murphy, Mursau, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Plumer, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Schraa, Skowronski, Snyder, Sortwell, Spiros, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vorpapel, Wichgers, Wittke, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos – 63.

For Representative Hesselbein – Anderson, Billings, Bowen, Brostoff, Cabrera, Considine, Crowley, Doyle, Emerson, Fields, Goyke, Gruszynski, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Kolste, Meyers, Milroy, Myers, Neubauer, Ohnstad, Pope, Riemer, Sargent, Shankland, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Stubbs, Stuck, Subeck, C. Taylor, Vining, Vruwink and Zamarripa – 35.

Absent with leave – None.

Vacancies – 64th Assembly District – 1.

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

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Vos.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK

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

Representative Goyke seconded the nomination of Patrick E. Fuller for the position of Chief Clerk of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Fourth 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 – Representatives Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, Brooks, Brostoff, Cabrera, Considine, Crowley, Dittrich, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Emerson, Felzkowski, Fields, Goyke, Gruszynski, Gundrum, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Kerkman, Kitchens, Knodl, Kolste, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Kurtz, Loudenbeck, Macco, Magnafici, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Myers, Neubauer, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Plumer, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Riemer, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Sortwell, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stubbs, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vining, Vorpapel, Vruwink, Wichgers, Wittke, Zamarripa, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 98.

Noes - None.

Vacancies – 64th Assembly District – 1.

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

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Vos.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

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

Representative Ohnstad seconded the nomination of Anne Tonnon Byers for the position of Sergeant-At-Arms of the Assembly for the One-Hundred and Fourth 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, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, Brooks, Brostoff, Cabrera, Considine, Crowley, Dittrich, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Emerson, Felzkowski, Fields, Goyke, Gruszynski, Gundrum, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Kerkman, Kitchens, Knodl, Kolste, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Kurtz, Loudenbeck, Macco, Magnafici, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Myers, Neubauer, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Plumer, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Riemer, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Sortwell, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stubbs, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vining, Vorpapel, Vruwink, Wichgers, Wittke, Zamarripa, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 98.

Noes - None.

Vacancies – 64th Assembly District – 1.

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

The oath of office was administered by Speaker Vos.

COMMUNICATIONS

December 21, 2018

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: Mary Felzkowski
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

November 20, 2018

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: Gordon Hintz
- 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

January 3, 2019

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 2, 2019 spring election. The legislature must complete action on a proposed constitutional amendment no later than Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

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 22, 2019 is 70 days before the April 2, 2019 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 22, 2019. It is not necessary that we receive the signed resolution by the close of business on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

In order to facilitate preparation for the April 2019 spring election, I suggest sponsoring legislators contact the office of the Attorney General to arrange 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 608-266-8175 or ask to speak to an Elections Specialist.

MEAGAN WOLFE
 Wisconsin Elections Committee
 Interim Administrator

SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 2 (4), for the 2019-2020 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, 92, 93, 94 and 95. Speaker Vos will occupy seat number 4. Seat number 91 will remain vacant.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>
Allen.....	53
Anderson.....	89
August.....	3
Ballweg.....	24
Barca.....	34
Billings.....	40
Born.....	48
Bowen.....	59
Brandtjen.....	99
Brooks.....	73
Brostoff.....	60
Cabrera.....	58
Considine.....	38
Crowley.....	37
Dittrich.....	16
Doyle.....	7
Duchow.....	81
Edming.....	23
Emerson.....	64
Felzkowski.....	2
Fields.....	32
Goyke.....	14
Gruszynski.....	30
Gundrum.....	26
Haywood.....	31
Hebl.....	9
Hesselbein.....	6
Hintz.....	5
Horlacher.....	93
Hutton.....	83
Jagler.....	94
James.....	54
Katsma.....	70
Kerkman.....	95
Kitchens.....	51
Knodl.....	18
Kolste.....	39
Krug.....	20
Kuglitsch.....	56
Kulp.....	21
Kurtz.....	82
Loudenbeck.....	25

Macco	97
Magnafici	86
Meyers	13
Milroy	35
Murphy	41
Mursau	44
Myers	90
Neubauer	12
Neylon	49
Novak	50
Nygren	15
Ohnstad	65
Oldenburg	27
Ott	52
Petersen	80
Petryk	45
Plumer	76
Pope	10
Pronschinske	74
Quinn	92
Ramthun	17
Riemer	11
Rodriguez	84
Rohrkaste	85
Sanfelippo	96
Sargent	61
Schraa	79
Shankland	33
Sinicki	63
Skowronski	46
Sortwell	88
Snyder	22
Spiros	19
Spreitzer	8
Stafsholt	43
Steffen	28
Steineke	1
Stubbs	67
Stuck	57
Subeck	29
Summerfield	72
Swearingen	78
Tauchen	100
Taylor, C	62
Thiesfeldt	69
Tittl	98
Tranel	77
Tusler	87
VanderMeer	75
Vining	66
Vorpagel	71
Vos	4
Vruwink	68
Wichgers	47
Wittke	55
Zamarripa	36
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 2019-2020 assembly is organized.

By Representatives Vos and Steineke.
Privileged and read.

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

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes - Representatives Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, Brooks, Brostoff, Cabrera, Considine, Crowley, Dittrich, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Emerson, Felzkowski, Fields, Goyke, Gruszynski, Gundrum, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Kerkman, Kitchens, Knodl, Kolste, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Kurtz, Loudenbeck, Macco, Magnafici, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Myers, Neubauer, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Plumer, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Riemer, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Sortwell, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stubbs, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vining, Vorpagel, Vruwink, Wichgers, Wittke, Zamarripa, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 98.

Noes - None.

Vacancies – 64th Assembly District – 1.

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 2019-2020 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, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, Brooks, Brostoff, Cabrera, Considine, Crowley, Dittrich, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Emerson, Felzkowski, Fields, Goyke,

Gruszynski, Gundrum, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Kerkman, Kitchens, Knodl, Kolste, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Kurtz, Loudenbeck, Macco, Magnafici, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Myers, Neubauer, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Plumer, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Riemer, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Sortwell, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stubbs, Stuck, Subeck, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vining, Vorpapel, Vruwink, Wichgers, Wittke, Zamarripa, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 98.

Noes - None.

Vacancies – 64th Assembly District – 1.

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 2019-2020 biennial session period.

By joint committee on **Legislative Organization**

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

The roll was taken.

The result follows:

Ayes - Representatives Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Billings, Born, Bowen, Brandtjen, Brooks, Brostoff, Cabrera, Considine, Crowley, Dittrich, Doyle, Duchow, Edming, Emerson, Felzkowski, Fields, Goyke, Gruszynski, Gundrum, Haywood, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jagler, James, Katsma, Kerkman, Kitchens, Knodl, Kolste, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Kurtz, Loudenbeck, Macco, Magnafici, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Myers, Neubauer, Neylon, Novak, Nygren, Ohnstad, Oldenburg, Ott, Petersen, Petryk, Plumer, Pope, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Riemer, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Sortwell, Spiros, Spreitzer, Stafsholt, Steffen, Steineke, Stubbs, Stuck, Summerfield, Swearingen,

Tauchen, C. Taylor, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vining, Vorpapel, Vruwink, Wichgers, Wittke, Zamarripa, Zimmerman and Speaker Vos - 97.

Noes - Representative Subeck - 1.

Vacancies – 64th Assembly District – 1.

Motion carried.

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 Skowronski 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 Victoria Dominguez, Sergeant Charles Bloom, Staff Sergeant Kurt Shipe and Corporal Jennifer Trotnow, who performed at today’s inaugural ceremony. Granted.

Representative Skowronski 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 Staff Sergeant John Krevel, Sergeant Nicholas Hultman, Sergeant David Williams and Lance Corporal Darren Hewlett, 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.

4:09 P.M.