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Room 412 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI
March 23, 2023
9:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Co-Chair Kapenga called the meeting to order. The roll was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Co-Chair Kapenga welcomed members, and he also welcomed Co-Chair VanderMeer, as the new Assembly Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Council. He stated that today we will hear the recommendations of the seven Joint Legislative Council study committees that met over the interim last session.

He indicated that his plan for the meeting today would be to move introduction of all of the bill drafts on the agenda at the end of the presentations by the committees. If there is a bill draft or a committee for which you would like to vote “no” on introduction, we may take those up separately.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Chris Kapenga and Rep. Nancy VanderMeer, Co-Chairs; Sens. Melissa Agard, Mary Felzkowski, John Jagler, Devin LeMahieu, Howard Marklein, Romaine Quinn, Jeff Smith, Mark Spreitzer, and Patrick Testin; and Reps. Tyler August, Jill Billings, Mark Born, Cindi Duchow, Evan Goyke, Kalan Haywood, Greta Neubauer, Kevin Petersen, John Plumer, and Robin Vos.

COMMITTEE MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. LaTonya Johnson.

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT: Anne Sappenfield, Director; Rachel Letzing, Deputy Director; Katie Bender-Olson, Anna Henning, and Margit Kelley, Principal Attorneys; Steve McCarthy, David Moore, and Amber Otis, Senior Staff Attorneys; Emily Hicks, Tom Koss, Kelly McGraw, and Patrick Ward, Staff Attorneys; Ben Kranner, Staff Analyst; and Kelly Mautz, Executive Assistant to the Director.

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APPEARANCES: Rep. Tony Kurtz, Chair, Study Committee on Wisconsin National Guard Sexual Misconduct Procedures; Sen. Joan Ballweg, Chair, Study Committee on Uniform Death Reporting Standards; Sen. Rob Stafsholt, Chair, Study Committee on Occupational Licenses; Rep. Rob Summerfield, Vice Chair, Study Committee on the Commercial Building Permitting Process; Rep. Rob Brooks, Chair, Study Committee on Shared School District Services; Rep. Jeffrey Mursau, Chair, Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations; and Sen. Mary Felzkowski, Chair, Study Committee on Increasing Offender Employment Opportunities.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE'S MARCH 17, 2021 MEETING

Co-Chair Kapenga asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the committee's March 17, 2021 meeting. Representative August moved, seconded by Senator Felzkowski, to approve the committee's March 17, 2021 minutes. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

REMARKS BY ANNE SAPPENFIELD, DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF

Anne Sappenfield, Director, Legislative Council, stated that the Joint Legislative Council co-chairs tasked the staff with seven study committees. She gave a brief summary of the process the committees followed to develop their recommendations.

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PROCEDURES

Representative Tony Kurtz, Chair, summarized the work of the study committee and the three recommendations before the council today.

He stated that the federal National Guard Bureau completed an assessment of the Wisconsin National Guard in 2019 that identified a number of concerns with how the Wisconsin National Guard had handled allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment. While the Wisconsin National Guard, under Adjutant General Paul Knapp's leadership, has been diligently working to implement the recommendations contained in that assessment, the study committee identified a number areas in which legislation will complement the Guard's continuing efforts to ensure that the men and women who volunteer to serve our state and nation are able to do so in an environment that takes their safety seriously.

Representative Kurtz noted that the committee's work benefited from the experience and expertise of its members, many of whom were current or former service members. The committee also benefited from the technical expertise of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), which the committee consulted throughout its work. After careful study and thoughtful consideration, the committee voted unanimously, with three members absent, to recommend three bill drafts for introduction.

Representative Kurtz described the bill drafts recommended by the committee. The first bill draft, LRB-0831/1, requires the National Guard to establish and maintain a case management system that enables the Guard to manage and track all case-related information for cases of misconduct within the National Guard.

The second bill draft, LRB-0833/1, requires the Adjutant General and DMA to compile and submit certain reports annually. First, it requires the Adjutant General to annually submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature that includes various information related to sexual assault and sexual

harassment reported by members of the Guard. This report would not include any personal identifying information. Second, it requires DMA to annually notify the Legislature of any recent changes to the punitive articles in the federal Uniform Code of Military Justice and make recommendations regarding whether the federal changes should be incorporated into the state code.

The third bill draft, LRB-0834/1, makes a variety of changes to the Wisconsin Code of Military Justice. Some of the changes are fairly technical, but others include important substantive updates based on recent changes to the federal Uniform Code of Military Justice. For example, the bill draft creates new punitive articles within the state code to parallel articles added to the federal code, including an article addressing sexual harassment. And it modifies the state code's article relating to sexual assault to align that offense with the same provision under the federal code. Also importantly, the bill draft addresses victims' rights by requiring the Adjutant General to prescribe and implement a policy that ensures that victims of offenses under the code are treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and fairness.

Representative Kurtz thanked the study committee members for their time and dedication, and David Moore and Tom Koss, Legislative Council, for their hard work on this study committee and these bill drafts. He also thanked Adjutant General Knapp, his team at DMA, and the National Guard Bureau's Office of Complex Investigations for their willingness to work with the study committee.

Senator Agard shared her appreciation for being a member of the study committee, acknowledging that the subject matter was very important but difficult to listen to and understand at times. She also thanked Representative Kurtz for his leadership as chair of the study committee.

Co-Chair Kapenga asked for questions from committee members. Seeing none, he thanked Representative Kurtz for his time and testimony.

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM DEATH REPORTING STANDARDS

Senator Joan Ballweg, Chair, gave a summary on the committee's six bills and the discussion the committee had after several months of study.

She stated the committee was tasked with analyzing ways to improve our data on deaths, with the idea that better data will better inform preventative efforts, particularly in the context of suicide. To that end, the committee heard testimony about, and had in-depth discussions on, the need for more uniform information included in death records. Death record data relies heavily on the work of various actors, including funeral directors, physicians, and county coroners, and medical examiners.

In addition, the committee heard testimony about efforts to gather death-related information using other tools beyond death records. For example, standardized suicide investigation forms and fatality review teams are ways that some public health and other professionals are gathering comprehensive data on certain kinds of deaths. The goal of these tools is to assist stakeholders in identifying risk factors that can better inform preventative efforts.

She emphasized three specific areas that were the product of robust discussion and consensus.

Some of the recommended bills address the content of a death record and the process for creating a death record by:

- Adding additional occupation fields to the death record to provide better data on individuals who had multiple occupations.
- Requiring individuals to certify the cause and manner of death using an existing electronic system to ensure timeliness, accuracy, and uniformity.
- Ensuring that medical examiners and coroners receive notice of the types of deaths within their jurisdiction to ensure timely submission of certain data.

Other recommended bills address the uniformity of medical certifications of cause and manner of death by:

- Requiring the Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish and encourage best practices for coroners and medical examiners when completing medical certifications and death investigations.
- Requiring DHS to promote and encourage appropriate training for any person who is authorized to complete and sign a medical certification.

Finally, Senator Ballweg said that the committee devoted significant discussion to the value of fatality review teams. Many counties currently have review teams of various types, no state law governs their use. The teams discuss individual deaths, in a confidential setting, with the goal of identifying risk factors and circumstances that surround the death, so as to inform future prevention strategies. Recognizing the value of these teams, the committee recommends legislation that would codify the existence of these teams in order to legitimize their practice, specify the confidential nature of their meetings, and clarify a team's ability to access certain records.

She thanked the council for the opportunity to have chaired the study committee and to present the recommendations.

After seeing no questions from committee members, Co-Chair Kapenga thanked the senator and the committee members for their hard work and recommendations.

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

Senator Rob Stafsholt, Chair, thanked the members of the Joint Legislative Council for allowing him to chair the Study Committee on Occupational Licenses. He explained that through the committee's conversations with licensed professionals, research and policy groups, and the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), the study committee focused its bill recommendations on three primary issue areas: data tracking, workload simplification, and reciprocal credentialing.

He stated that for the issue of data tracking, the study committee felt it was important to have a better handle on the numbers. The committee recommended two bills for introduction: LRB-0365/1, which requires DSPS to include credential processing data in the report it submits to the Legislature every two years; and LRB-0467/1, which requires DSPS to update processing time information on its website every month, so that a person submitting a credential application can anticipate the time for processing. These both require some basic information, such as the number of applications submitted and the median amount of time it's taking to process the applications.

For the second issue of workload simplification, the study committee looked at ways it could help DSPS and applicants have a simpler process, while maintaining integrity in the review of applications. Bill drafts in this issue area include:

- LRB-0363/1, which seeks to reduce the application processing times in reviewing a person's criminal conviction record.
- LRB-0364/1, which clarifies that it is the applicant's responsibility to submit all renewal materials before the renewal date and also clarifies that if a complete renewal application is submitted by that date, then the person's license remains active and in effect.
- LRB-0450/1, which changes the renewal periods from two years to four years.

For the third issue of reciprocal credentialing, the study committee recommended four bills to improve the reciprocity options:

- LRB-0401/1, which expands 2021 Wisconsin Act 10 to allow people in all business and health professions who are licensed in good standing in another state to work in Wisconsin under a preliminary credential while approval of the permanent credential is pending.

- LRB-0462/1, which requires DSPS to post on its website whether other states' credentials for health care professions would qualify a person to obtain a reciprocal health care credential in Wisconsin.
- LRB-0837/1, which enters Wisconsin into the Counseling Compact, which allows a professional counselor from another compact state to provide professional counseling services here under a "privilege to practice."
- LRB-0838/1, which enters Wisconsin into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, which grants a similar "privilege to practice" here, for a person from another compact state.

He stated that study committee members broadly supported all of these bill drafts, with most being recommended unanimously for introduction, and a few recommended with eight out of nine members in favor. He also added that additional bill drafts that did not gain the majority of committee members' support were not advanced out of committee. He felt like these bills would improve processes and oversight.

Representative Neubauer raised the issue of staffing concerns at DSPS and said that she hopes increases in staffing will be considered during the budget process. Senator Stafsholt stated that the committee considered staffing levels but concluded that they did not receive enough information to make informed recommendations to increase staffing.

Representative Billings commented that DSPS is facing pay and staffing issues and that she is concerned about bill drafts that could increase the workload at DSPS.

After questions and discussion by committee members, Co-Chair Kapenga thanked the senator and committee members for their hard work on the study committee's topic.

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITTING PROCESS

Representative Rob Summerfield, Vice Chair, gave the report of the Study Committee on the Commercial Building Permitting Process. He stated that Senator Stroebel, the committee chair, had a prior commitment and wasn't able to attend today's meeting.

He reported that the committee had a good mix of industry experts, local government representatives, and legislators. All members brought valuable perspectives to the table.

He stated that from the committee's first meeting, it became clear that addressing lag times in the plan review process for commercial buildings was going to be the primary focus. Over the course of four meetings, the committee took up the challenge of trying to make the plan review process more predictable and efficient for all involved, without sacrificing public safety.

He reported that the committee reached consensus on all three of the bills they are recommending for introduction. He characterized the bill drafts as common sense proposals. He said the bill drafts would make modest changes to improve the plan review process at the state level, while also encouraging more review at the local level.

He thanked the committee for consideration of introduction of the bill drafts and all of the study committee members for their time and commitment to this process.

Representative Vos asked why the committee chose to set a limit of 100,000 cubic feet in a building as the threshold for certain local reviews and did not consider a larger size. Representative Summerfield said that the number chosen was based on committee discussion weighing efficiency and safety.

Co-Chair Kapenga thanked the representative for his testimony.

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON SHARED SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVICES

Representative Rob Brooks stated it was his pleasure to serve as chair of the Study Committee on Shared School District Services and to work with Senator Dan Feyen as the committee's vice-chair. He thanked members for the opportunity to provide an overview of seven bill drafts that the committee recommended for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council.

Representative Brooks said that discussion on shared services focused on the practical and financial challenges school districts encounter when sharing services, and considered ways to assist and encourage districts to share services in order to provide greater educational opportunities for students and support for staff who work in shared positions in multiple districts. On the topic of consolidation, the committee considered the experiences of a recently consolidated school district and focused on making the consolidation process more feasible for districts that may wish to pursue consolidation due to declining enrollment or financial considerations.

Representative Brooks stated the committee voted to recommend introduction of two bill drafts relating to shared services. Both bill drafts create new programs to provide school districts with state aid to assist in the sharing of services between schools. Specifically, the bill drafts provide aid for shared services related to student transportation and the purchase and implementation of new student information systems to make it easier for districts to share services.

He stated that the committee also voted to recommend introduction of five bill drafts regarding school district consolidation. Three of these bill drafts address issues the committee identified with the current process of school district consolidation, namely issues relating to school board membership, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) report cards for newly consolidated school districts, and prior approval of referenda. The final two bill drafts recommended by the committee address financial difficulties districts encounter when consolidating or considering consolidation. Specifically, these bill drafts provide an increase in state aid to newly consolidated districts and provide a new kind of aid, in the form of grants for feasibility studies, for districts considering consolidation.

Representative Brooks acknowledged that LRB-0561/1 would provide much higher per pupil funding for a newly consolidated district. He said that the committee tried to find a funding that would encourage consolidation without creating strong incentives. He and the rest of the committee members felt this was a good starting point.

Co-Chair Kapenga asked if there were any questions, seeing none, he thanked Representative Brooks for service in chairing the study committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS

Representative Jeff Mursau, Chair, stated that he had again chaired the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations and appreciated the opportunity to present seven bill drafts that were recommended by the committee for your consideration.

Representative Mursau explained that the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations is unique relative to the other study committees because it is a permanent committee that must meet each biennium. This interim, the committee met four times, with one of those meetings hosted at the Menominee Nation following a tour of various Menominee Nation sites.

The committee discussed numerous policy options in a variety of areas of law, including items explored by the committee in previous sessions, items I proposed as committee chair, and other items proposed by committee members.

Notably, much of the committee's work this interim centered on K-12 education issues. Stemming from work conducted in a previous interim session, the committee developed a draft to build upon the state's requirements for teaching the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of Wisconsin's tribes and bands,

often referred to as Act 31. This recommended draft requires the State Superintendent to incorporate American Indian studies into the model academic standards, requires DPI to develop and disseminate materials related to a school board's obligation to provide instruction on American Indians, and, finally, modifies the American Indian studies requirement for teacher licensure.

In addition to this draft, the committee also recommended four other drafts relating to K-12 education. These include a draft to protect the ability of certain individuals to wear traditional tribal regalia at graduation ceremonies or school-sponsored events, a draft to add Indigenous Peoples' Day to the list of days requiring appropriate observance in schools, and a draft to require school districts to report the numbers, ages, and tribal affiliation of American Indian pupils. The committee also recommended legislation developed during the last interim session that would provide an option for a tribe to decide whether an applicant for a lifetime license to teach American Indian language is qualified to receive the lifetime license.

In addition to this work, the committee recommended a draft to add tribal governments and employees of tribal governments to the list of entities and persons who are authorized to copy a certified copy of a vital record for administrative use. Finally, the committee also recommended a draft that would add a representative of the state's tribal colleges to the Higher Educational Aids Board.

After questions and discussion from committee members, Co-Chair Kapenga thanked Representative Mursau for his remarks and summary of the committee recommendations.

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON INCREASING OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Senator Felzkowski said that the study committee recommended four bill drafts for consideration.

The study committee was created to address two intertwined challenges facing Wisconsin: (1) a workforce shortage; and (2) a population of previously incarcerated individuals who wish to be gainfully employed, but who face significant challenges in securing work.

The study committee met five times from August 2022 to January 2023. The committee heard from a wide variety of experts, including representatives from the Departments of Corrections and Workforce Development, community organizers, employers of varying sizes, landlords, and people who have been incarcerated and were willing to share their first-hand experiences.

The committee discussed numerous challenges faced by employers, landlords, and governmental and nonprofit agencies seeking to assist formerly incarcerated persons, and offenders themselves. The committee determined that employers could use assistance in accessing the programs and incentives available for hiring individuals with prior convictions, landlords would benefit from additional legal protections when renting to formerly incarcerated individuals, governmental and nonprofit agencies would benefit from more efficient collaboration, and offenders would benefit from increased opportunities for job training, education, and access to a safety net of services upon release. The bills presented for your consideration advance each of these interests.

She noted that the bills advance the interests of our state by incentivizing education and workforce readiness for incarcerated people, providing assistance and information to employers, providing protections for landlords, and promoting collaboration and efficiency between governmental and community-based agencies that provide prisoner reentry services, and that the committee recommended introduction of all four bills by unanimous votes.

After seeing no questions from committee members, Co-Chair Kapenga thanked Senator Felzkowski for her remarks and summary of the committee recommendations.

VOTES

Upon conclusion of the study committee reports, Co-Chair Kapenga asked for a motion to introduce the following drafts *en masse*: LRB-0831/1, LRB-0833/1, and LRB-0834/1 (Wisconsin National Guard Sexual Misconduct Procedures); LRB-0458/1, LRB-0460/1, LRB-0521/1, LRB-0523/1, LRB-0524/1, and LRB-0555/1 (Uniform Death Reporting Standards); LRB-0837/1 and LRB-0838/1 (Occupational Licensing); LRB-0558/1, LRB-0559/1, LRB-0560/1, LRB-0572/1, and LRB-0590/1 (Shared School District Services); LRB-0011/1, LRB-0012/1, LRB-0013/1, LRB-0014/1, LRB-0393/1, LRB-0573/1, and LRB-6467/1 (State-Tribal Relations); and LRB-0516/1, LRB-1301/1, LRB-1505/1, and LRB-1540/1 (Increasing Offender Employment Opportunities).

Senator Felzkowski moved, seconded by Senator Agard, that the above-listed bill drafts be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 21 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, Spreitzer, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Billings, Born, Duchow, Goyke, Haywood, Neubauer, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 0; and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Co-Chair Kapenga stated that committee members requested separate votes on the remaining drafts. He asked for motions for introduction.

Representative Plumer moved, seconded by Senator Felzkowski, that LRB-0363/1, relating to investigations of conviction records by the Department of Safety and Professional Services for purposes of determining eligibility for credentials and granting rule-making authority, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 5 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Billings, Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Representative Vos moved, seconded by Senator LeMahieu, that LRB-0364/1, relating to renewals of certain credentials, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 17 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Billings, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 4 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Senator LeMahieu moved, seconded by Representative Duchow, that LRB-0365/1, relating to biennial report on various metrics related to the issuance of occupational credentials, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 17 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Billings, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 4 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Representative Vos moved, seconded by Senator Felzkowski, that LRB-0401/1, relating to practice of certain professions by credential holders from other states, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 5

(Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Billings, Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Representative August moved, seconded by Representative Born, that LRB-0450/1, relating to renewal dates and continuing education requirements for certain credentials issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services and credentialing boards and granting rule-making authority, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 5 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Billings, Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Senator Felzkowski moved, seconded by Senator LeMahieu, that LRB-0462/1, relating to requiring the Department of Safety and Professional Services to post certain credential information on its website, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 5 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Billings, Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Senator Felzkowski moved, seconded by Representative Vos, that LRB-0467/1, relating to publication of credential metrics, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 17 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Billings, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 4 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Senator Felzkowski moved, seconded by Senator LeMahieu, that LRB-0565/1, relating to procedures for reviewing commercial building plans, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 5 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Billings, Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Senator Felzkowski moved, seconded by Senator LeMahieu, that LRB-0566/1, relating to local government review of commercial building plans, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 17 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Billings, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 4 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Senator Felzkowski moved, seconded by Senator LeMahieu, that LRB-0567/1, relating to permission to start construction of a commercial building before plan approval, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos);

Noes, 5 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Billings, Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Representative Billings moved, seconded by Representative Duchow, that LRB-0561/1, relating to state aid for school district consolidation, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 5 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Billings, Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

Senator Quinn moved, seconded by Senator Felzkowski, that LRB-0571/1, relating to aid to school districts that share services for costs associated with student information systems and making an appropriation, be approved for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Kapenga, Agard, Felzkowski, Jagler, LeMahieu, Marklein, Quinn, Smith, and Testin; and Reps. VanderMeer, August, Born, Duchow, Petersen, Plumer, and Vos); Noes, 5 (Sen. Spreitzer; and Reps. Billings, Goyke, Haywood, and Neubauer); and Excused, 1 (Sen. Johnson).

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Kapenga thanked the members for their participation. Co-Chair VanderMeer also thanked the members and encouraged members to forward to the co-chairs any ideas for the next round of study committee topics. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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