

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANUARY 10, 2006**

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of West Allis, Wisconsin

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, to discuss proposed bills pending before the Wisconsin Legislature.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jeannette Bell  
Paul Ziehler, City Administrative Officer, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Scott Post, City Attorney  
Gary Schmid, Manager of Finance

**EXCUSED:** Jim Sengstock, Common Council President

**LEAGUE: 43-45**

**1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION**

**SB833      INCREASING THE RECYCLING FEE AND THE PROGRAM OF  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS**  
Previously opposed as AB798 on 11/22/05.

**AB881      PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING, SERVICES, AND FUNCTIONS**  
FAVOR, because the bill would encourage local health department collaboration and planning.

**AB896      EXPANDING THE MAXIMUM LIFE AND EXPENDITURE PERIOD  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION TIF DISTRICTS**  
FAVOR, because the bill would increase the flexibility for environmental TIFs for older cities like West Allis.

**AB900      COMMUNITY WELCOMING SIGNS WITHIN HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-  
WAY**  
FAVOR, because the bill would increase local control over use of its rights-of-way for welcome signage.

**1. REVIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION Cont'd.**

**AB902      CREATING A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO REDUCE THE  
NUMBER OF COUNTIES IN THE STATE**

No position.

**SB474      MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES IN WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAW,  
REQUIRING THE EXERCISE OF RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY, AND  
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS**

Refer to Audrey Key.

**AB888      VOTER REGISTRATION AT OFFICES OF COUNTY CLERKS AND  
BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

Refer to Paul Ziehler.

**2. REVIEW OF REFERRED LEGISLATION**

**SB444      DUTIES OF A REAL PROPERTY LISTER**

No position.

**SB445      PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS ON  
CERTAIN BUSINESS SIGNS**

No position.

**SB468      ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS**

No position.

**AB831      INCREASING BIRTH CERTIFICATE FEES AND MAKING  
APPROPRIATIONS**

FAVOR, because the bill would further support the services for child abuse and neglect prevention.

**AB834      HEALTH CARE COVERAGE**

FAVOR, because the bill would reduce health care costs.

**AB843/  
SB447      PUNITIVE DAMAGE AWARDS**

No position.

**SB431      DISTRIBUTING THE SCHOOL LEVY AND LOTTERY AND  
GAMING PROPERTY TAX CREDITS**

OPPOSE, because the bill would result in lost interest to the City and would create accounting problems.

3. **OTHER**

- a.) Outstanding Referrals.  
**AB833** Chief Hook (12/13/05)
- b.) Communications.
- Letter from Congresswoman Moore on telecommunications legislation.
  - Letter from Governor Doyle on several State bills.
  - Mayor to send letter to State Senator Reynolds on AB185(SB82) on disciplinary procedures for police officers and fire fighters (opposed by Legislative Committee on 3/8/05).

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Jeannette Bell, Mayor