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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Meeting under s. 13.10

December 11, 2025

Co-Chair Marklein presided and called the meeting to order.

Present: Senators Marklein, Testin, Bradley, Quinn, Johnson, Roys
Representatives Kurtz, Zimmerman, Rodriguez, Dallman, Hurd, McGuire
Absent: Senators Wimberger, Stafsholt
Representatives Born, Andraca

I. Department of Justice

State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Department of Justice, et al., Case No. 25-cv-499 (D.R.I.)

Moved by Senator Marklein and seconded by Representative Kurtz to approve the proposed dismissal of the case as submitted by the department to the committee under s. 165.08.

Ayes, 12; Noes, 0; Absent, 4

II. Technical College System Board

Moved by Senator Johnson and seconded by Senator Roys to transfer \$3,500,000 GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 from the committee's supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the board's appropriation for grants to district boards under s. 20.292(1)(f) and \$3,500,000 GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 from the committee's supplemental appropriation to the board's appropriation for emergency medical services education under s. 20.292(1)(b).

Ayes, 3; Noes, 9 (Marklein, Testin, Bradley, Quinn, Kurtz, Zimmerman, Rodriguez, Dallman, Hurd);
Absent, 4

Moved by Senator Marklein and seconded by Representative Kurtz to transfer \$1,750,000 GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$5,250,000 GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 from the committee's supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(a) to the board's appropriation for emergency medical services education under s. 20.292(1)(b). Of the total, \$1,750,000 GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 is one-time funding.

Ayes, 12; Noes, 0; Absent, 4

III. Public Service Commission and Department of Natural Resources

Moved by Senator Johnson and seconded by Senator Roys to create 1.5 FTE PR-S positions in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 in the department's general program operations – service funds appropriation under s. 20.370(9)(mk) and provide expenditure authority of \$138,600 PR in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$262,200 PR expenditure authority in 2026-27 on an ongoing basis in the commission's utility regulation appropriation under s. 20.155(1)(g).

Ayes, 3; Noes, 9 (Marklein, Testin, Bradley, Quinn, Kurtz, Zimmerman, Rodriguez, Dallman, Hurd); Absent, 4

Moved by Senator Marklein and seconded by Representative Kurtz to create 1.0 FTE PR-S position (conservation biologist-advanced) and 0.5 FTE PR-S position (environmental analysis and review specialist-advanced) in the department's general program operations – service funds appropriation under s. 20.370(9)(mk), and provide \$40,400 PR expenditure authority in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$80,800 PR expenditure authority on an ongoing basis in fiscal year 2026-27 in the commission's utility regulation appropriation under s. 20.155(1)(g).

Ayes, 9; Noes, 3 (Johnson, Roys, McGuire); Absent, 4

DAN Subach

Dan Subach, on behalf of
Dustin Trickle, Secretary

Date: 12/16/2025

Howard Marklein
Senator Howard Marklein, Co-Chair

Date: 12/16/25

Tony Evers
Tony Evers, Governor

Date: 12/17/25

SUMMARY

DETAIL OF JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROPRIATED LEVELS 2025-27 Biennium December 11, 2025

2025 Act 15 (Biennial Budget)	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2025-27 Biennium</u>
20.865(4)(a) Appropriation Total Summary - GPR			
Unreserved	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200
Reserve for DATCP & WEDC -- Dairy Cattle Innovation	20,000,000	0	20,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Crisis Urgent Care Facilities	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Rogers Behavioral Health -- Chippewa Falls	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities	1,790,000	0	1,790,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Minor Safety Plans	477,000	342,200	819,200
Reserve for Higher Educational Aids Board -- Emergency Medical Services Training	0	3,500,000	3,500,000
Reserve for Justice -- Law Enforcement Data Sharing	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction -- Professional Development for Science Teachers	250,000	250,000	500,000
Reserve for Public Instruction -- General Program Operations	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
Reserve for Public Service Commission -- Nuclear Power Plant Feasibility Study	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Reserve for Transportation -- Protective Services Hearing Protection*	2,600,000	0	2,600,000
Reserve for UW System -- Grants to Institutions	26,500,000	26,500,000	53,000,000
Reserve for Wisconsin Technical College System -- Emergency Medical Services Training	3,500,000	3,500,000	7,000,000
Current Total - GPR	\$80,250,600	\$37,225,800	\$117,476,400
20.865(4)(g) Appropriation Total Summary - PR			
Reserve for Administration -- County Aid Grants (Tribal Gaming Revenues)	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000
Current Total - PR	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000
20.865(4)(m) Appropriation Total Summary - FED			
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current Total - FED	\$0	\$0	\$0
20.865(4)(u) Appropriation Total Summary - SEG			
Reserve for Military Affairs -- Live 911 Pilot (911 Fund)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Reserve for Natural Resources -- Rothschild Dam (Forestry Account)	42,000,000	0	42,000,000
Reserve for Shared Revenue -- Local Grant Writing and Compliance Assistance (Local Government Fund)	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
Current Total - SEG	\$42,100,000	\$3,000,000	\$45,100,000
	\$124,350,600	\$42,225,800	\$166,576,400

*Note that the \$2.6 million for this item was inadvertently not included in the Chapter 20 schedule of appropriations, but will be corrected in technical legislation being prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
GPR APPROPRIATION STATUS
2025-27 Biennium
December 11, 2025

	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2025-27 Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Biennial Appropriation Reserved Amount [s. 20.865(4)(a)]	\$80,117,000	\$37,092,200	\$117,209,200		
<u>Reserved For:</u>					
Reserve for DATCP & WEDC -- Dairy Cattle Innovation	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$20,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Crisis Urgent Care Facilities	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Rogers Behavioral Health -- Chippewa Falls	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities	1,790,000	0	1,790,000	0	1,790,000
Reserve for Health Services -- Minor Safety Plans	477,000	342,200	819,200	819,200	0
Reserve for Higher Educational Aids Board -- Emergency Medical Services Training	0	3,500,000	3,500,000	0	3,500,000
Reserve for Justice -- Law Enforcement Data Sharing	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	0	4,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction -- Professional Development for Science Teachers	250,000	250,000	500,000	0	500,000
Reserve for Public Instruction -- General Program Operations	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Reserve for Public Service Commission -- Nuclear Power Plant Feasibility Study	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Reserve for Transportation -- Protective Services Hearing Protection*	2,600,000	0	2,600,000	0	2,600,000
Reserve for UW System -- Grants to Institutions	26,500,000	26,500,000	53,000,000	0	53,000,000
Reserve for Wisconsin Technical College System -- Emergency Medical Services	3,500,000	3,500,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0
Reserved Balance	\$80,117,000	\$37,092,200	\$117,209,200	\$9,819,200	\$107,390,000
<u>Releases from Reserved Balance:</u>					
Reserve for Public Service Commission -- Nuclear Power Plant Feasibility Study (s.	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000		
Reserve for Health Services -- Minor Safety Plans (s. 13.10 on 10/9/25)	477,000	342,200	819,200		
Reserve for Wisconsin Technical College System - Emergency Medical Services Training (s. 13.10 on 12/11/25)	1,750,000	5,250,000	7,000,000		
Total Releases	\$4,227,000	\$5,592,200	\$9,819,200		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$75,890,000	\$31,500,000	\$107,390,000		
Current Biennial Appropriation Unreserved Amount [s. 20.865(4)(a)]	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200		
<u>Releases from Unreserved Balance</u>					
	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Releases	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Net Unreserved Balance Remaining	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200		
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$76,023,600	\$31,633,600	\$107,657,200		

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
PR APPROPRIATION STATUS
2025-27 Biennium
December 11, 2025

	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2025-27 Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(g)]	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000		
<u>Reserved For:</u>					
Reserve for Administration – County Aid Grants (Tribal Gaming Revenues)	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
Reserved Balance	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
<u>Releases from Reserved Balance:</u>					
	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Releases	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000		

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
SEG APPROPRIATION STATUS
2025-27 Biennium
December 11, 2025

	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2025-27 Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(u)]	\$42,100,000	\$3,000,000	\$45,100,000		
<u>Reserved For:</u>					
Reserve for Military Affairs – Live 911 Pilot (911 Fund)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Reserve for Natural Resources – Rothschild Dam (Forestry Account)	42,000,000	0	42,000,000	0	42,000,000
Reserve for Shared Revenue – Local Grant Writing and Compliance Assistance (Local Government Fund)	0	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	3,000,000
Reserved Balance	\$42,100,000	\$3,000,000	\$45,100,000	\$0	\$45,100,000
<u>Releases from Reserved Balance</u>					
	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Releases	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$42,100,000	\$3,000,000	\$45,100,000		

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
FED APPROPRIATION STATUS
2025-27 Biennium
December 11, 2025

	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2025-27 Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(m)]	\$0	\$0	\$0		
<u>Reserved For:</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reserved Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Releases from Reserved Balance:</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Releases	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0		