Wisconsin’s ALEC Inspired 2011-2012 Legislation

Appendix A

The appendix groups bills introduced in the 2011-2012 Wisconsin State Legislature into eight issue categories: Citizen Rights, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Government Operations, Health and Social Services, Public Safety, and Transportation. Each issue category is further divided into subcategories: sub-categories, bills passed by consensus, bills that failed to reach the floor for votes in either house and bills that passed in one house, but failed in the other. Bills that pass both the Senate and Assembly become State government acts or amendments to acts. Act /bill numbers are shown in top left corner of every bill description. Lone bill numbers indicate legislation that failed to be enacted.

The following additional information is provided for each piece of legislation: a brief description is of bill content; names of bill sponsors in the initiating house; whether a given sponsor was affiliated with ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council – shown in red); the Committee the bill was initially referred to; votes for and against each bill in each house; and, finally, whether the bill was similar to a model bill developed by ALEC affiliates.

Also, majority Republican sponsors, prior to the State’s June 2012 recall election, are shown in black. Democratic sponsors’ names are in blue and Representative Ziegelbauer, the legislature’s lone Independent representative, is shown in purple.

Citizen Rights

Voting:


Act 23/AB7: Voter ID Law. Required certain identification in order to vote at a polling place or obtain an absentee ballot. by Representatives Stone (ALEC), Tauchen, Honadel (ALEC), J. Ott, Vos (ALEC), Pridemore, Bernier (ALEC), LeMahieu (ALEC), August (ALEC), Spansbauer, Kramer (ALEC), Petersen, Ziegelbauer, Kestell, Ripp (ALEC), Van Roy (ALEC), Kerkman, Jacque (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Nass (ALEC), Kaufert, Strachota (ALEC), Steineke (ALEC), Kapenga (ALEC), Krug (ALEC), Farrow (ALEC), Knodl (ALEC), Kleefisch, Kooyenga, Ballweg (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC), Rivard (ALEC), Thiesfeldt (ALEC), A. Ott, Petryk (ALEC), Williams, Severson (ALEC), Wynn (ALEC), Knudson (ALEC), Kuglitsch (ALEC), Petrowski, Nygren (ALEC), Meyer, Tiffany, Bies, Knilians (ALEC), J. Fitzgerald (ALEC) and Klenke (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Election and Campaign Reform. Introduced by Representatives Stone (ALEC). Passed Assembly (60-35) Senate (19-5). ALEC Voter ID Act.

Act 227/SB271: Return of absentee ballots and voting in person by electors who have voted by absentee ballot in the same election. Introduced by Senators Lazich (ALEC), Vukmir (ALEC), and Grothman (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (60-35) Senate (17-16).

Act 240/SB386: Voter registration: eliminated the requirement for municipal clerks to appoint special school registration deputies at public high schools, private high schools and tribal schools. Introduced by Senators Lazich (ALEC), Olsen (ALEC) and Grothman (ALEC). Passed Assembly (58-38) Senate (17-16).

Act 75/SB116: Set partisan primary date.Absentee voting rules changed and advance notice of polling places reduced from 60 to 30 days. Introduced by Senator Lazich (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (68-29) Senate (17-16).

Act 240/SB386: Voter registration in high schools. Introduced by Senators Lazich (ALEC), Grothman (ALEC) and Olsen (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (58-37) Senate (17-16).
Access to courts:


Act 143/SB466: Prohibiting a local government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions Tenants’ rights advocates say bill strips renters of their rights while sponsoring legislator maintains it modernizes landlord-tenant laws. Introduced by Senator Lasee (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Insurance and Housing. Passed Assembly (50-34) Senate (17-16).

Act 92/SB12SR1: Factors for determining the reasonableness of attorney fees in ways that the state bar says would undermine the rights of Wisconsin businesses and consumers to enforce statutory, administrative, and contractual remedies. Introduced by Committee on Senate Organization, by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC). Passed Assembly (55-39) Senate (17-15) ALEC Legal Consumer’s Bill of Rights.


Act 29/SB15: Collecting racial information on motor vehicle traffic stops. Introduced by Senators Lazich (ALEC), Wanggaard (ALEC), Grothman (ALEC), Schultz, Leibham, Jauch and Olsen (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (61-36) Senate (19-0-14).

Worker rights:
Act 32/ AB40: Biennial Budget Bill: Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature: Study of Retirement Privatization. Also, limited hours of education and training some W2 clients can receive under Wisconsin Works Program (W2). Eligibility requirements for State child care subsidies were tightened. Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (60-38) Senate (19-14). ALEC Public Employees Portable Retirement Option (PRO) Act.


Act 16/SB23 Eliminated voter-approved, but court-contested, Milwaukee law that provided paid sick leave for workers with ill immediate family members. Introduced by Senators Vukmir (ALEC), Grothman (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC), and Darling (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs. Passed Assembly (60-36) Senate (19-0-14). ALEC Resolution by ALEC Labor and Business Regulation Sub Committee opposing paid sick leave.

Act 198/SB219: Changed unemployment insurance-law. Introduced by Senator Wanggaard (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs. Passed Assembly (80-12) Senate (29-3).
Consensus:


Act 183/SB409: Worker’s compensation various changes. Introduced by Senator Wanggaard (ALEC) Referred to Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs. Passed Assembly (94-0) Senate (33-0).

Economic Development

Revenue:
Act32/AB40: Biennial Budget Bill: Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature: The biennial budget replaced the state Office of Energy Independence with a mandate to develop a cost-effective energy strategy that promotes economic growth. Future income taxes for manufacturing and agriculture were limited. Requirements for alternative fuel use were relaxed and the roles of the Public Service Intervener Grant Program were lessened. Required utility contributions to energy efficiency and renewable resource programs were repealed. Restrictions on regulations governing public building projects, payday loan companies and regulations affecting the alcohol industry and small brewers. Dollar thresholds for building projects to receive state scrutiny or require bidding were increased. Working restrictions for minors under child labor laws were also eased. Provisions on Mandatory Unitary Combined Reporting. Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (60-38) Senate (19-14). ALEC Capital Gains Tax Elimination Act. Resolution in Opposition to Mandatory Unitary Combined Reporting.


Act22/SB13JR1: Telecommunications Modernization Act. Introduced by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Senate Organization. Passed Assembly (81-14) and Senate (25-8). ALEC Regulatory Modernization Act.

Act 278/SB396: Financial assistance for the livestock premises registration program, a tax credit introduced by Senators Harsdorf (ALEC) and Vinehout. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education. Passed Assembly (51-42) Senate (29-4).

Regulation:


Act 21/ ABBJR1 Economic Impact Statement Act in Budget Repair Bill: Permitted the State Department of Administration to sell or contract operation of state heating, cooling, and power plants and exempts contracts from being approved by the Public Service commission. The Bill also increased the amount of the state’s public debt the can
be used to finance tax supported or self-amortizing facilities from $309 million to $474 million. Introduced by Committee on Assembly Organization, by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC) and Representative Tiffany. Passed Assembly (60-36) Senate (18-14). *ALEC Economic Impact Statement Act.*

Act 139/SB440: Increasing the allowable number of project plan amendments, and lengthening the time during which tax increments may be allocated and expenditures for project costs may be made, for Tax Incremental District Number 3 in the city of Middleton. Introduced by Senators Grothman (ALEC), Erpenbach and Risser. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs. Passed Assembly (56-35) Senate (31-2).

Act 152/SB383: Licensure of anesthesiologists assistants. Introduced by Senators Darling (ALEC), Shilling, Kedzie (ALEC) and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Health. Passed Assembly (73-21) Senate (33-0).


Consensus:

Act 213/SB463: The angel investment and early stage seed investment tax credit programs. Introduced by Senators Leibham and Darling (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs/Passed Assembly (90-3) Senate (32-1).

Act 237/SB260: Dairy manufacturing facility investment credit. Introduced by Senators Harsdorf (ALEC), Schultz, Olsen (ALEC) Moulton (ALEC) and Lasee (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education. Passed Assembly (94-0) Senate (33-0).

Act 200/SB395: Homemade wine and fermented malt beverages Introduced by Senators Ellis (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC), Harsdorf (ALEC), Wanggaard (ALEC), Kedzie (ALEC) and Grothman (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Energy, Biotechnology, and Consumer Protection Passed Assembly (99-0) Senate (32-1).

Act 120/SB357: Requirements for a professional credential. Introduced by Senators Moulton (ALEC), Lassa, Taylor, S. Coggs and Lasee (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs. Passed Assembly (94-0) Senate (33-0).


Act 213/SB463: Early stage business investment program changes. Introduced by Senators Leibham and Darling (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs. Passed Assembly (90-3) Senate (32-1).

Act 123/AB450: Training by unemployment insurance claimants. Introduced by Representatives Honadel (ALEC), Kuglitsch (ALEC), Petersen, Krug (ALEC), Sinicki, Bernier (ALEC), Bies, Brooks, Endsley (ALEC), Jacque (ALEC), Klenke (ALEC), Knodl (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Marklein(ALEC), Mursau, A. Ott, Petrowski, Petryk (ALEC), Spanbauer, Staskunas, Steineke (ALEC), Strachota (ALEC), Tauchen, Toles, Wynn (ALEC) and Zepnick. Referred to Committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Passed Assembly (95-0) Senate (33-0).

Failed Passage in either House:
SB382: Providing Immunity from Liability to a School Board or the Governing Body of a Charter School. Referred to Committee on Education. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. ALEC Landowners Liability Act.

Passed Assembly Failed in Senate:
AB582: Rental purchase companies and agreements. Introduced by Representatives Petryk (ALEC), Bernier (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Stone (ALEC) and Suder (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions. Passed Assembly (53-40) Senate (failed).

AB529: Licensing of taxicabs by a 1st class city. Introduced by Representatives Farrow (ALEC), Zamarripa, Young, Stone (ALEC), D. Cullen, Richards, Fields and Zepnick. Referred to Committee on Transportation. Passed Assembly (55-39) Senate (failed).

AB612: Training requirements for real estate broker. Introduced by Representatives Rivard (ALEC), Ballweg (ALEC), Doyle, Endsley (ALEC), Kerkman and Marklein (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Housing. Passed Assembly (82-0) Senate (failed).

Education

K-12 Education:
Act 32/AB40: Biennial Budget Bill: Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature: Funding for k-12 legislation was cut by $737 million (6.7%). Parental choice programs for K-12 students to attend private schools in Racine and Green Bay were created. Earlier restrictions on parental school choice were ended. Student participation, school location, qualifying family income and other application restrictions on participation in parental choice programs for K-12 students in Racine and Green Bay and eliminated from state’s School Choice program. Mandated funding of state employee child care in Madison was ended as were family planning services for men, and parental notification was required for minors receiving family planning services. Doyle era exemptions to school revenue limits pertaining to school safety, transportation, and school nurse costs or ended. Lifting Cap on Virtual School Enrollment. Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (60-38) Senate (19-14). ALEC Virtual Schools Act.
Act 114/582: Charter school reform bill changes in timing of open enrollment in nonresident school districts applications process. Introduced by Senators Olsen (ALEC), Darling (ALEC), Grothman (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC) and Vukmir (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Education. Passed Assembly (60-35) Senate (18-14). **ALEC Charter Schools Act.**

Act 105/595: Reorganize public K-12 education. Introduced by Senators Olsen (ALEC) and Darling (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Education. Passed Assembly (57-41) Senate (17-16). **ALEC Education Accountability Act, ALEC’s “Parental Choice Scholarship Accountability Act.**

Act 114/582: Changes in application process under open enrollment program. Introduced by Senators Olsen (ALEC), Darling (ALEC), Grothman (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC) and Vukmir (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Education. Passed Assembly (60-35) Senate (18-14). **ALEC Education Enterprise Zone Act.**

Act 17/520: Milwaukee to sell city owned property used for school purposes. Introduced by Senators Darling (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC), Carpenter and Grothman (ALEC). Passed Assembly (58-35) Senate (19-14).

Act 166/5461: Teacher education programs: Gov.’s Read to Lead. Introduced by Senators Olsen (ALEC), Darling (ALEC) and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Education. Passed Assembly (80-14) Senate (20-13). **ALEC Teacher Quality and Recognition Demonstration Act.**

Act 216/5237: Providing instruction in human growth and development; teach abstinence. Introduced by Senators Lazich (ALEC), Galloway (ALEC), Grothman (ALEC) and Leibham. Passed Assembly (61-35) Senate (17-15).

**Postsecondary education:**

Act 32/540: Biennial Budget Bill: Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature: Funding was cut $73 million (-25.1%) for state technical colleges and $250 million (8.9%) for public colleges and universities. Technical colleges were mandated to limit levies to the greater of 2010 levels, or the amount generated by the 2010 tax rate for two years; allowed UW System’s 14 chancellors to assume new more control over budgeting, financial management, and other institutional operational decisions; sunset the Wisconsin Covenant Higher Education Student Aid Program. Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (60-38) Senate (19-14).

Act 286/SB275: Membership of technical college district boards. Introduced by Senators Grothman (ALEC), Cowles, Darling (ALEC), Galloway (ALEC), Lasee (ALEC) and Lazich (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education. Passed Assembly (54-33) Senate (17-16).

**Consensus:**

Act 221/SB184: Task force on UW restructuring. Introduced by Senators Harsdorf (ALEC), Lassa and Taylor. Referred to on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education. Passed Assembly (96-0) Senate (33-0).

**Failed Passage in either House:**

AB51/SB22: Charter School Reform Bill. Creating a Charter School Authorizing Board, eliminating the limit on the number of pupils who may attend virtual charter schools, modifying teacher licensure requirements, etc. Introduced by Senators Darling (ALEC), Olsen (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC), Vukmir (ALEC) and Galloway (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Education. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. **ALEC Charter Schools Act, Next Generation Charter Schools, Virtual Schools Act.**

AB 631: Personal Financial Literacy Act. Relating to incorporating financial literacy in public schools’ curriculum and statewide standardized examinations and requiring that it be covered during orientation programs at the University of Wisconsin System and the technical colleges. Introduced by Representatives Krug (ALEC), Fields, Tranel (ALEC), Spanbauer, Kaufert, Rivard (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC), Brooks, A. Ott and Van Roy (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Education. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. **ALEC Personal Financial Literacy Act.**
Passed Assembly Failed in Senate:

AB92: Eliminate enrollment cap for MPCP. Introduced by Representatives Honadel (ALEC) and Kapenga (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Education. Passed Assembly (58-37) Senate (failed). ALEC Parental Choice Scholarship Program Act.

AB112. Family Education Tax Credit Program Act. Would create a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for tuition expenses paid for dependents who attend private elementary and secondary schools. Introduced by Representatives Jacque (ALEC), Kleefisch, Wynn (ALEC), Honadel (ALEC), Kaufert, Kapenga (ALEC), Knilans, (ALEC) LeMahieu (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Murtha, Petryk (ALEC), Pridemore, Thiesfeldt (ALEC), Vos (ALEC) and Ziegelbauer. Referred to Committee on Education. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. ALEC Family Education Tax Credit Program Act.

AB94: Milwaukee Parental Choice Program Expansion. Introduced by Representatives Honadel (ALEC) and Kapenga (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Education. Introduced by Representatives Marklein (ALEC), Kestell, Kooyenga, Strachota (ALEC), Farrow (ALEC), Petersen, Spanbauer, Klenke (ALEC), Ripp (ALEC), August (ALEC), Knilans (ALEC), Brooks, Tranel (ALEC), Vos (ALEC) and Stone (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Education. Passed by Assembly (62-33) Senate (failed). Referred to Committee on Education. ALEC Parental Choice Accountability Act.

AB110 Special Needs Scholarship Act. Creating the Special Needs Scholarship Program for disabled pupils, granting rule-making authority. Introduced by Representatives Litjens (ALEC), Fields, Wynn (ALEC), Knudson (ALEC), Nass (ALEC), Pridemore, Thiesfeldt (ALEC), Vos (ALEC), Kleefisch, LeMahieu (ALEC), Nygren (ALEC), Strachota (ALEC), Bernier (ALEC), Bies, Brooks, Endsley (ALEC), Farrow (ALEC), Honadel (ALEC), Jacques (ALEC), Knilans (ALEC), Kooyenga, Kramar (ALEC), Krug (ALEC), Kuglitsch (ALEC), T. Larson (ALEC), Mursau, Petryk (ALEC), Rivard (ALEC), Severson (ALEC), Spanbauer, Tiffany and Ziegelbauer. Referred to Committee on Education. Passed Assembly (57-41) Senate (failed). ALEC Special Needs Scholarship Program Act.

AB142: Talent incentive grant enrollment requirements: recipients of talent incentive grants need not maintain continuous enrollment in their higher education institutions. Introduced by Joint Legislative Council. Referred to Committee on Education. Passed Assembly (58-35) Senate (failed).

AB427: Educational Approval Board. Introduced by Representative Nass (ALEC) by request of The Educational Approval Board (EAB). Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities. Passed Assembly (94-0) Senate (failed).

Environment

Water:


Act 19/AB23: Disinfection of municipal water supplies. Introduced by Representatives Severson (ALEC), Rivard (ALEC), Ballweg (ALEC), Bernier (ALEC), Bies, Jacques (ALEC), Krug, (ALEC) LeMahieu (ALEC), Marklein (ALEC), Mursau, Murtha, Thiesfeldt (ALEC) Tiffany and Ziegelbauer. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (59-36) Senate (21-11).

Act 170/SB472: Certain shore land zoning standards that regulate repair and expansion of nonconforming structures.Introduced by Senators Lasee (ALEC) and King. Referred to Committee on Insurance and Housing. Passed Assembly (56-31) Senate (17-16).
Act 118/SB368: Permits for discharges into wetlands; determinations by DNR relating to structures, etc. near navigable waters. Introduced by Senators Kedzie (ALEC) and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (99-0) Senate (17-15).

Act 167/SB326: Navigable waters and environment permit changes. Introduced by Senator Kedzie (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (54-29) Senate (20-13).


Act 25/SB59: Deadline for registering certain piers and wharves. Introduced by Senator Kedzie (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (87-7) Senate (33-0).

Act 153/SB262: Permit exemption for floating toilets. Introduced by Senators Harsdorf (ALEC), Galloway (ALEC) and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (78-15) Senate (33-0).

Air quality:
Act 122/SB138: Regulation of air contaminants from agricultural waste; partial suspension of DNR rules. Introduced by Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (99-0) Senate (24-9).

Zoning:
Act 135/SB300: Variances granted by local zoning agencies. Introduced by Senators Lasee (ALEC), Darling (ALEC) and Grothman (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations. Passed Assembly (77-6) Senate (33-0).

Pest abatement:
Act 254/SB498: DATCP’s pest abatement authority. Introduced by Senator Schultz. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education. Passed Assembly (79-12) Senate (33-0).

Hunting and/or fishing:
Act 24/AB35: Culling of Bass in a fishing tournament. Introduced by Representatives KleefischKl, Bies, Mursau, Strachota, Rivard (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC), Nygren (ALEC), Tranel (ALEC), Ripp (ALEC), Brooks, T. Larson (ALEC), Kuglitsch (ALEC), Thiesfeldt (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Vos (ALEC), August (ALEC), Pridemore, Honadel (ALEC) and Van Roy (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (57-37) Senate (28-5)

Act 168/AB311: Creating a sporting recruitment and retention council: recruitment of hunters and trappers, sturgeon spearing, etc. Introduced by Representatives Steineke (ALEC), Rivard (ALEC), Suder (ALEC), Bies, Bernier (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC), Jaquc (ALEC), Kaufert, Kerkmann, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knlans (ALEC), Krug (ALEC), LeMahieu (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Marklein (ALEC), Meyer, Murtha, Nass, (ALEC) Nygren (ALEC), A. Ott, Petryk (ALEC), Severson (ALEC), Spanbauer, Strachota, Stroebel, Tiffany, Tranel (ALEC), Williams and Mursau. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (84-12) Senate (32-1). ALEC Sportsmen’s Heritage Act.

Act 169/SB411: Hunting and trapping of wolves, appropriation. Introduced by Senators Moulton (ALEC), Holperin and Lasee (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (69-25) Senate (24-9).

Act 50/SB75: Restrictions on hunting antlered deer. Introduced by Senators Moulton (ALEC), Kedzie (ALEC), Cowles, S. Fitzgerald (ALEC), Galloway (ALEC), Harsdorf (ALEC), Lasee (ALEC), Hopper (ALEC), Olsen (ALEC), Grothman (ALEC) and Kapanke (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (64-33) Senate (33-0).
Act 168/AB311: Create sporting recruitment and retention council - recruit more hunters. Introduced by Representatives Steinke (ALEC), Rivard (ALEC), Suder (ALEC), Bies, Bernier (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC), Jacque (ALEC), Kaufert, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleebsch, Knialns (ALEC), Krug (ALEC), LeMahieu (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Marklein (ALEC), Meyer, Murtha, Nass (ALEC), Nygren (ALEC), A. Ott, Petryk (ALEC), Severson (ALEC), Spanbauer, Strachota (ALEC), Stroebel, Tiffany, Tranel (ALEC), Williams and Mursau. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (84-12) Senate (32-1)

Management:
Act 167/SB326: Expedited DNR procedures for plan approvals, deadlines, rulemaking. Introduced by Senator Kedzie (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (54-29) Senate (20-13).

Act 149/AB104: Membership on the Natural Resources Board. Introduced by Representatives LeMahieu (ALEC), Nerison, Meyer, Mursau, Kestell, Vruwink, Petersen, Thiesfeldt (ALEC), Kerkman, Strachota (ALEC), J. Ott, Ripp (ALEC), Jacque (ALEC), Steinke (ALEC), Kleefisch, Ballweg (ALEC), Bernier (ALEC), Bies, Brooks, Jorgensen, A. Ott and Spanbauer. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (81-14) Senate (23-9).

Failed Passage in either House:
SB10JSS: Exemption for wetland water quality standards in Brown Co. Introduced by Committee on Senate Organization, by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Passed Assembly Failed in Senate:
AB177: Activities in or near navigable waters. Introduced by Representatives Steinke (ALEC), Rivard (ALEC), Bies, Brooks, Craig, Endsley (ALEC), Jacque (ALEC), Kaufert, Krug (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Petryk (ALEC), Pridemore, Tiffany, Tranel (ALEC) and Weininger (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Housing. Passed Assembly (65-32) Senate (failed).

AB165: Display of turf fertilizer containing phosphorus. Introduced by Representatives Knialns (ALEC), Kestell, Rivard (ALEC), LeMahieu (ALEC), Petryk (ALEC), Brooks, Williams, Thiesfeldt (ALEC) and Spanbauer. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (56-42) Senate (failed).

AB301: Review by JFC of certain funds by the DNR. Introduced by Representatives Suder (ALEC), Kapenga (ALEC), Ripp (ALEC), Rivard (ALEC), Krug (ALEC), Jacque (ALEC), Thiesfeldt (ALEC), Stroebel, Spanbauer, Kleefisch, LeMahieu (ALEC), A. Ott, Mursau, Kestell and Endsley (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (64-33) Senate (failed).

Consensus:
Act 151/SB557: Trading of water pollution credits. Introduced by Senator Moulton (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (82-0) Senate (33-0).

Act 121/SB111: Regulation of indirect sources of air pollution and suspension of DNR rule. Introduced by Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (99-0) Senate (30-3).

Act 180/AB377: Allow fishing with a crossbow. Introduced by Representatives Craig, Weininger (ALEC), Bies, Jacque (ALEC), Knialns (ALEC), Kleefisch, Kooyenga, Ballweg (ALEC), Pridemore, Rivard (ALEC), Spanbauer, Turner, Vruwink and Molespske Jr. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (95-0) Senate (33-0)

Act 71/AB275: Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Introduced by Representatives Brooks, Hulsey, Marklein (ALEC), Pocan, Knialns (ALEC), Bewley, Krug (ALEC), Mason, A. Ott, Turner, Jacque (ALEC), Ripp (ALEC) and Clark. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs. Passed Assembly (93-0) Senate (31-0)

Act 250/AB395: Stewardship acquisition: Niagara Escarpment. Introduced by Representatives A. Ott, Ziegelbauer, Endsley (ALEC), LeMahieu (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Spanbauer and Thiesfeldt (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (94-0) Senate (33-0).
Act 148/SB441: Establish a natural resources endowment. Introduced by Senators Schultz, Holperin, Hansen and Cowles. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed Assembly (84-0) Senate (33-0).

Act 254/AB384: Weapons used for hunting certain animals. Introduced by Representatives Tauchen, Craig, Sinicki, Petryk (ALEC), Kleefisch, Rivard (ALEC), Krug (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC) and Spanbauer. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Passed Assembly (95-0) Senate (33-0).

Government Operations

Budget control:
Act 32/AB40: Biennial Budget Bill: Relating to state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature: Government operations. The state budget with an initial $3.6 billion deficit was "restructured. The debt, instead of paying it in the current biennium, was turned into bonds, whose sale brought in money now that will be repaid later at higher interest rates. A law limiting general fund spending to increases in the growth of personal income was repealed. A rainy day fund was established with the set-aside of $65 million in reserves. More restrictive revenue and levy limits were mandated for local governments. Aids to schools and local governments were cut. Counties and municipalities were allowed to raise tax levies, but by no more than the percentage growth in valuation due to new construction. The state’s public financing system for election campaigns was ended. The vesting of new state government hires in the state retirement was increased to five years. Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (60-38) Senate (19-14). ALEC: Chris Atkins “States Need to Enact Real. Tax and Expenditure” Limits. June 2002. Public Service Institute.

Act 21/AB8JR1 Requires gubernatorial approval of proposed administrative rules; economic impact analyses of proposed rules and emergency rules, etc. Introduced by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization. Passed the Assembly (60-36) Senate (18-14).

Act 9/AB5JR1 Super Majority Act. The Supermajority Act. “No house of the legislature may pass a bill that increases the rate of the state sales tax or that increases any of the rates of the income tax or franchise tax unless the bill is approved by two-thirds of those members present and voting.” Introduced by Committee on Assembly Organization, by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC), Representative August (ALEC) and Senator Vukmir (ALEC). Passed Assembly (58-36) and Senate (20-12). ALEC Super-Majority Act. Introduced by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC). Referred to the Committee on Assembly Organization.

Act 144/SB504: Limiting the authority of a city, village, or town to enact a development moratorium ordinance. Introduced by Senator Lasee (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Insurance and Housing. Passed Assembly (48-34) Senate (33-0). Note: Senate refused to reconsider vote by which bill was passed, Ayes 16, Noes 17.

Failed Passage:
AB14. Interest Rate Judgment Act. Relating to county and municipal expenditures for emergency services. Introduced by Representatives Ziegelbauer, Vos (ALEC), Bernier (ALEC), Bies, Brooks, Endsley (ALEC), Kestell, LeMahieu (ALEC), Mursau, Nass (ALEC), A. Ott, Ripp (ALEC), Spanbauer, Strachota (ALEC), Thiesfeldt (ALEC), Tiffany, Wynn (ALEC) and Litjens (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. ALEC Prejudgement and Post-Judgement Act.

Health and Social Services

Health savings accounts:

Act 32/AB40: Biennial Budget Bill: Relating to state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature: General fund spending shifted from education and most other programs to Medicaid. State health officials were empowered to seek changes in Medicaid. Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (60-38) Senate (19-14).

Act 21/AB87SS: Budget Repair Bill: Health Savings Account Act exempts HSA contributions from taxation and sets requirement for Health Savings Accounts. Required DHS to study potential changes to its state and federal Medical Assistance (MA) program for low income individuals aimed at modifying requirements, benefits, provider reimbursements standards and eligibility methodologies. Eliminates UW Hospitals and Clinics Board and transfers staff to UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority. Money from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to the earned income tax credit program increased by $37 million. Modified Public Sector Group insurance by transferring $28 million from reserve accounts in employee trust fund for group health and pharmacy benefits and reduce employer group health care costs. Mandated studies focusing on health care options such as health savings accounts and health benefit exchanges. Restrictions on release of patient’s health care records were eased. The Wisconsin Retirement System was modified the by raising worker participation costs and limits (WRS) employer payment obligations in ways that limits employee participation in the Group Insurance Board (GIB) program. Introduced by Committee on Assembly Organization, by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC) and Representative Tiffany. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics. Passed Assembly (53-42) Senate (18-0-14). ALEC Health Savings Account Act.

Act 1/SB2JR1: Savings Account Act. Introduced by Committee on Senate Organization by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC), Senator Darling (ALEC), and Representative Kaufert. Referred to Committee on Health. Passed Assembly (67-29) and Senate (21-12). ALEC Health Savings Account Act.

Management:

Act 32/AB40: Biennial Budget Bill: Relating to state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature: Ended provision and funding for state employee child care in Madison. Eliminated family planning services for men and moved toward requiring parental notification for minors receiving such services. Policies governing release of patient’s health care records weakened. Allowed food share benefits to qualified aliens. State health officials empowered to seek changes in Medicaid. Retirement contributions required from new hires in police and fire protection. Greater weight assigned to economic conditions in police and fire arbitrations. Some W2 eligibility requirements for childcare subsidies tightened. Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (60-38) Senate (19-14).

Act 13/SB12JR1: State finances, the Medical Assistance program, granting bonding authority. Introduced by Committee on Senate Organization by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC). Passed Assembly (58-36) Senate (22-11).

Act 239/AB508: Authorizing Wis. Health and Educational Facilities Authority to issue bonds to finance projects related to nonprofit facilities. Introduced by Representatives Krug (ALEC), Bernier (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC), Kerkman, Petryk (ALEC), Steineke (ALEC) and Strachota (ALEC). Referred to Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (68-29) Senate (32-1).

Act 189/SB487: Provision of information regarding health care benefits provided to certain assistance program recipients. Introduced by Senator Galloway (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Insurance and Housing. Passed assembly (99-0) Senate (19-14).

SJR28: Honoring pregnancy care centers and Pregnancy Care Month. Introduced by Senators Kapanke (ALEC), Taylor, Grothman (ALEC), Darling (ALEC), Kedzie (ALEC), Lasee (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC), Moulton (ALEC), Olsen (ALEC) and Wanggaard (ALEC). Read and referred to Committee on Senate Organization. Passed Senate (28-5) Assembly (concurred). ALEC Prohibit government form forcing anyone to participate in any public or private health care or insurance program.

Abortion:

Act 218/SB92: Prohibiting coverage of abortions through health plans sold through exchanges. Introduced by Senators Zipperer (ALEC), Leibham, Cowles, Galloway (ALEC), Hopper (ALEC), Kapanke (ALEC), Kedzie (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC), Moulton (ALEC) and Wanggaard (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue Passed Assembly (62-35) Senate (17-16). ALEC Health Savings Account Act.
Act 217/SB306: Voluntary and informed consents for abortions. Introduced by Senators Lazich (ALEC), Galloway (ALEC), Grothman (ALEC) and Leibham. Referred to Committee on Health. Passed Assembly (61-34) Senate (17-15).

Cancer:
Act 222/SB321: Limiting number of income tax check-offs (and combine breast and prostate) for cancer research. Introduced by Senators Grothman (ALEC) and Holperin. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue. Passed Assembly (99-0) Senate (24-9).

Act 222/SB321: Limiting income tax check-offs and combining breast and prostate cancer check-offs into a check-off for cancer research. Introduced by Senators Grothman (ALEC) and Holperin. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue. Passed Assembly (99-0) Senate (24-9).

Nursing homes:

Long term care:
Act 127/SB380: Remove cap on enrollment of Family Care and other long-term care programs. Introduced by Senators Moulton (ALEC), Vukmir (ALEC), Carpenter, Harsdorf (ALEC), Erpenbach, Jauch, Wanggaard (ALEC), Risser and C. Larson. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue. Passed Assembly (87-7) Senate (33-0).

Schools:
Act 86/SB45: Administration of medication to pupils. Introduced by Senators Olsen (ALEC) and Harsdorf (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Health. Passed Assembly (64-33) Senate (18-15).

Public assistance:

Failed Passage:
SB13SR1 Drug and Medical Device Liability Act. Relating to providing immunity from liability to drug and device manufacturers and sellers under certain circumstances. Introduced by Committee on Senate Organization, by request of Governor Scott Walker (ALEC), Senator Zipperer (ALEC), and Representative Kooyenga. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. ALEC Drug Liability Act.


Passed Assembly Failed in Senate:
AB147: Inadmissibility statements of apology. Introduced by Representative Severson (ALEC), Nygren (ALEC), Strachota (ALEC), Kaufert, Bewley, Bies, Brooks, Jacque (ALEC), Ripp (ALEC), Spanbauer, Tauchen and Thiesfeldt (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Health. Passed Assembly (63-34) Senate (failed).

Passed in Senate Failed in Assembly:
SJR21: Relating to the right of the people to contract privately for health care services and health care coverage, and prohibiting requiring a person to obtain or maintain health insurance coverage or to participate in any health care system or plan. Introduced by Senators Leibham, Lasee (ALEC), Hopper (ALEC), Galloway (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC), Moulton (ALEC) and Darling (ALEC). Read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Housing. Passed Senate (17-16) Assembly (failed). ALEC Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act.
Consensus:
Act 49/SB203: Adopt federal law excluding from an employee’s income certain payments from employment related Medicare. Introduced by Senators Wanggaard (ALEC), Leibham (ALEC), Olsen (ALEC) and Holperin. Referred to joint survey Committee on Tax Exemptions. Passed Assembly (93-3) Senate (33-0).

Public Safety


Guns:

AB69: Castle Doctrine Act. The privilege of self-defense. Introduced by Representatives Kaufert, Mursau, Jacque (ALEC), LeMahieu (ALEC), Ziegelbauer, Nass (ALEC), Kerkman, Williams, Spanbauer, Petryk (ALEC), Knodl (ALEC), Petrowski, Kestell, Steineke (ALEC), August (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), A. Ott, Danou, Tauchen, Krug (ALEC), Strachota (ALEC), Ripp (ALEC), Honadel (ALEC), Farrow (ALEC), Thiesfeldt (ALEC), Van Roy (ALEC) and Ballweg (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics. Passed Assembly (72-25) Senate (26-7). ALEC Castle Doctrine Act.


Children:

Drivers:

Sentencing:

Sex crimes:
Act 282/AB552: Statute of limitation 1st degree sexual assault. Introduced by Representatives Steinke (ALEC), Petryk (ALEC), Bernard-Schaber, Bernard (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC), Jacque (ALEC), Kerkman, T. Larson (ALEC), Litjens (ALEC), Marklein (ALEC), Nygren, A. Ott, Rivard (ALEC), Severson (ALEC), Spanbauer, Stroebe (ALEC), Tranel (ALEC) Wynn (ALEC),
Ziegelbauer, Bies and Danou. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections. Passed Assembly (88-9) Senate (33-0).

Act 272/AB209: Mandatory minimum sentencing for child sex crimes. Introduced by Representatives Honadel (ALEC), Vos (ALEC), Suder (ALEC), Brooks, Endsley (ALEC), Jacque (ALEC), Mursau, Nygren (ALEC), Petersen, Petryk (ALEC), Petrowski, Kapenga (ALEC) and Spanbauer. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections. Passed Assembly (85-9) Senate (33-0).

Theft:


Failed Passage:
AB173: Bill Requiring Law Enforcement to Enforce Federal Immigration Law. Relating to local ordinances, determining the lawful presence of a person arrested for or charged with a crime or certain civil violations. Introduced by Representatives Pridemore, Wynne (ALEC), LeMahieu (ALEC), Kleefisch, Steinke (ALEC) and Jacque (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1. ALEC Immigration law Enforcement Act.


Passed Assembly Failed in Senate:
AB118: Aiding a felon. Introduced by Representatives Krusick, Bies, Ballweg (ALEC), Brooks, Jacque (ALEC), Knudson (ALEC), A. Ott, J. Ott, Spanbauer, Strachota (ALEC), Van Roy (ALEC), Zepnick and Steinke (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections. Passed Assembly (76-18) Senate (failed).

Consensus:
Domestic violence:
Act 266/SB104: Requiring violators of restraining orders to be monitored by global positioning system. Introduced by Senators Zipperer (ALEC), Carpenter, Galloway (ALEC), Hansen, Harsdorf (ALEC), Moulton (ALEC), Vinehout and Wanggaard (ALEC). Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations. Passed Assembly (97-0) Senate (31-2).


Act 268/AB397: Fail to report death or disappearance of a child. Introduced by Representatives Kerkman, Petryk (ALEC), Pridemore, Endsley (ALEC), Kleefisch, Spanbauer, Bernier (ALEC), Petrowski, Bies, Brooks, Clark, E. Coggs, Craig, D. Cullen, Honadel (ALEC), Jacque (ALEC), Jorgensen, Kuglitsch (ALEC), LeMahieu (ALEC), Mason, Meyer, Mursau, Nass (ALEC), A. Ott, Petersen, Rivard (ALEC), Sinicki, Steinke (ALEC), Strachota (ALEC), Tranel (ALEC), Turner, Van Roy (ALEC), Vos (ALEC) and Vruwink. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections. Passed Assembly (92-2) Senate (33-0).

Cars and bicycles:
Act 164/AB291: Restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles. Introduced by Representatives Bernier (ALEC), Petrowski, Kooyenga, Litjens (ALEC), Petryk (ALEC), C. Taylor, Van Roy (ALEC) and Wynn (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Transportation. Passed Assembly (94-0) Senate (33-0).

Act 241/SB314: Failure to pay for gasoline or diesel fuel. Introduced by Senators Lazich (ALEC) and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (93-1) Senate (33-0).

Act 73/AB265: Traffic law changes relating to bicycles. Introduced by Representatives Ripp (ALEC), A. Ott, C. Taylor, Sinicki, Pocan, Ballweg (ALEC), Bernier (ALEC), Jorgensen, Spanbauer, Petrowski, Strachota (ALEC), Vruwink, Roys, Zepnick, Tranel (ALEC), Mursau, Stone (ALEC), Brooks and Steinbrink. Referred to Committee on Transportation. Passed Assembly (93-0) Senate (33-0).

Do-not-text:
Act 197/SB185: Do-Not-Text list. Introduced by Senators Wanggaard (ALEC), Carpenter, Wirch, Kedzie (ALEC), Moulton (ALEC), Schultz, Taylor and Lassa. Referred to Committee on Energy, Biotechnology, and Consumer Protection. (Passed Assembly 94-0) Senate (33-0).

Gross behavior:
Act 72/AB212: Throwing or expelling a bodily substance at a public safety worker. Introduced by Representatives Honadel (ALEC), Zepnick, Bies, Brooks, Turner, Kerkman, Spanbauer, Petersen, Marklein (ALEC), A. Ott, Ripp (ALEC), Sinicki, Ballweg (ALEC), Endsley (ALEC), Steinbrink, Strachota, (ALEC) Mursau (ALEC) and Stroebel (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections. Passed Assembly (99-0) Senate (29-3).

Transportation
Act 32/AB40: Biennial Budget Bill: Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature: $300 million moved from other funds to transportation fund. Largest item $125 million from GPR (permanent earmark 0.25% of a GPR to transportation). Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance. Passed Assembly (60-38) Senate (19-14).

Management:
SJR 23: Create a department of transportation. Amend the Constitution to give road builders special attention by restricting use of vehicle fees and taxes to highway purposes. Introduced by Senators Hopper (ALEC), Lazich (ALEC), Olsen (ALEC), Schultz, Leibham, Harsdorf (ALEC) and Hansen. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (84-13) Senate (26-6). ALEC Constitutional Amendment Restricting the Use of Vehicle Fees and Taxes for Highway Purposes.

Roads and bridges:
Act 30/SB26: Bonding for major state bridge projects. Introduced by Senator Harsdorf (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (71-26) Senate (23-10).

SB125: Liability of local governments for damages caused by insufficiency or want of repair of a highway. Introduced by Senators Grothman (ALEC), Galloway (ALEC), Lasee (ALEC) and Lazich (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government OperationsPassed Assembly (60-36) Senate (21-11).

Act 230/AB216: Vegetation maintenance in state truck highway. Introduced by Representatives Honadel (ALEC), Bies, Brooks, Kestell, LeMahieu (ALEC), Mursau, Nerison, Nygren (ALEC), Spanbauer, Staskunas, Stone (ALEC), Strachota (ALEC), Tiffany, Van Roy (ALEC), Vruwink, Weininger (ALEC) and Wynn (ALEC). Referred to Committee on Transportation. Passed Assembly (76-18) Senate (33-0).

Act 244/SB423: Combine bills related to serious traffic offenses. Introduced by Senator Lazich (ALEC), by request of The Department of Transportation. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (74-20) Senate (33-0).
Consensus:

Vehicles:

Act 208/SB354: Registration and operation of all-terrain vehicles. Introduced by Senators Leibham, Holperin, Harsdorf (ALEC), Moulton (ALEC), Hansen, Lassa and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (90-4) Senate (33-0).

Act 117/SB322: Vehicles transporting raw forest products. Introduced by Senators Galloway (ALEC), Holperin and Jauch. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections. Passed Assembly (94-0) Senate (33-0).

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