

A Structure of Marble and Morals

The enduring meaning of the Wisconsin State Capitol

By Eleanor Sell



The Wisconsin state capitol, built in 1917, is an inspirational example of Wisconsin’s perseverance and spirit. Standing a whopping 284.4 feet into the air, it demands the attention of anyone within sight of the building. With its famous dome painting “Resources of Wisconsin” and the breathtaking Neoclassical, Beaux-Arts architecture, the Capitol invokes a sense of awe and pride with every visit. “Something that really stood out to me was the marble.” said camper Liam Durie, “The marble still amazes me.” The first time to the capitol is always a momentous one, but even for those who have come for years, there is still a

wonder at the building’s history and beauty. “I never walk into that building without a sense of awe,” stated Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Council, “an awe that God has privileged me with the opportunity to come to that building. It is large. It is ornate. It’s granite. It’s a lot of marble. And I love the beauty of it.” While the current capital is not the first to be on that site, its history and character makes it undeniably unique and inspiring even for a frequenter like Appling. “It commands a certain respect that I still appreciate, and I still walk in thinking, ‘Are you kidding me? I still get to do this?’” she shared.

Appling explained that while she has seen other state capitols, none quite compare to the style and magnitude seen at Wisconsin’s own. There is, of course, a pride in all statesmen for their own home state and capitol, but it’s more than just grand prestige that gives it its honor. “The most important thing about that building is not the granite, or the size, or all the trappings;” explains Appling, “the most important thing is that, because the government is God’s idea, the people who work in there are ministers of God. Our ministry as individuals is not to the marble; it’s not to all of the beauty of the building, and all the gorgeous paintings. It’s to the people.”



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Notice

This afternoon, a Q&A session with Julaine Appling, Carl Kerby and Matt Friese will take place in DC 102. If you have a worldview question you would like to submit, be sure to fill out a question card! Cards can be picked up outside of DC 102.

Behind the Broadcast

Media track campers tour WPR and PBS Wisconsin

By Anna Schmid

Yesterday, the Media Track had the privilege of touring the stations of Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR), and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Wisconsin. WPR is the oldest media broadcasting station in the nation and the second oldest radio station. The station was awarded the Peabody Award, which is the highest award for journalism. Beyond journalism, NPR has several other avenues, including the Larry Meiller Show and the Peter Bryant midday Classical Radio show. WPR invented the concept of audio journalism, and has been one of the few stations to continue utilizing it in their broadcasting. The station has reporters in several different locations in Wisconsin including Green Bay and Madison. As for PBS, we were able to see PBS' first ever Emmy, and an image of The Friendly Giant, the classic children's television show that put them on the market for educational television. We also heard about the longest ever running series with PBS, Sewing with Nancy. PBS has the largest active broadcast studio in the midwest, and that is assuredly not an understatement. Inside the studios, PBS has many giant lights hanging



from the ceiling, all of which are connected to specific plugs, and labeled meticulously. The program Here and Now uses 30 ceiling lights all by itself. We also toured PBS' mobile station for remote broadcasting. This vehicle is completely custom with a total value of \$3.1 million.. Another fun fact about this vehicle, is that it houses 42,000 feet of cable in the entirety of the 36 foot long vehicle. Our tour guide Tommy Bruno also made sure to put in a plug for their internship programs. If you choose to go to UW-Madison they offer internship opportunities for learning the ropes of public broadcasting.



Green Gators

A brief history

By Keegan Terpstra

Some call it fact; some call it legend. After the Revolutionary War, Americans treated Marquis de Lafayette as a war hero because he helped our country win the War for Independence. As Lafayette was traveling America, rumor tells that Lafayette was given an alligator as a gift. Because he viewed it as unneeded, he gave the gator to President John Quincy Adams. After accepting the gift, Adams proceeded to place the alligator in an unfinished bathroom in the east wing of the White House. Our president must have had a definite sense of humor for the story has been told that for two months he showed it off in an attempt to scare any guests that came to the White House.

Red Racoons

A brief history

By Anna Schmid

When President Calvin Coolidge was in office, a supporter from Mississippi sent the White House a live raccoon for Thanksgiving dinner, but the Coolidges decided to keep the raccoon as a pet instead. The raccoon, who was almost immediately named Rebecca, very quickly wreaked havoc upon jars and bathtubs throughout the White House. Rebecca the Raccoon went on vacations with the Coolidges and participated in many White House events, including the annual egg roll for Easter. Rebecca was certainly a Rodent Of Unusual Situations; in other words, an ROUS.

To Convene, or Not To Convene

Thoughts on SJR 57

By Elayna Uhl

This week, the Monroe Blue caucus brought to the political conversation at camp SJR 57, entitled “Convention of the States.” This joint resolution mentions three areas in which it wishes to use a convention system to change the Constitution as outlined in Article V of the Constitution. SJR 57 proposes the following restraints on the federal government: 1) finance, 2) power and jurisdiction, and 3) term limits. Representative Trent Rider said that this joint resolution would, “help reduce the power of the federal government.” When asked why he promotes this bill, he replied, “To restrict the legislative and executive



branch of the federal government from overstepping their boundaries in the future of the nation.” Representative Andy Goergen of Monroe Gold gives opposition to Convention of the States saying, “Ultimately, term limits take away the power of the voters.” Traditionally, the Constitution has been amended through a system

in which Congress brings forth an amendment that is then ratified by 75 percent of the state legislatures. This is the way that all 27 of the prior amendments have been added to our Constitution. A Convention of the States or Constitutional Convention has not occurred since 1787 when delegates were sent to amend the Articles of Confederation, America’s original governing document. Incidentally, this convention did not simply amend the Articles, the delegates disassembled the Articles, overstepping the specifications of the states who had sent them. As a result, they completely redrafted our form of government and created the Constitution. The outcome of SJR 57 could make the difference between whether or not the American government is restructured.

Assembly Bill 703

Ben Peterson encourages campers to live for Christ

By Elisabeth Lazzell and Madelyn Muscanero

Adams Blue presents a bear of a proposition in Assembly Bill 703. Bill Author Representative Selah Larrabee explained that the purpose of the proposition is to “protect the people and the animals” of Wisconsin by putting restrictions into place regarding those who possess exotic wildlife as personal pets. According to the author’s testimony, “there are places that can have temporary ownership” without license, like veterinarians, humane officers or police officers. Outside of those exceptions, a license will be required for an untrained pet owner to possess a dangerous exotic animal. The representative stated that this bill is necessary for the protection of both the animals, regarding habitat and safekeeping, as well as the people, involving the animals’ ability to

possibly attack. Representative Larrabee also mentioned the positive effect this bill could have on pet stores based on the time a tiger appeared in a certain pet store, which was widely accepted as a threat. Circumstances like these encourage Adams Blue caucus members to advocate in favor of the necessary restrictions on dangerous exotic wildlife ownership.



Overheard

“We have insurance, right?”

- Keegan

“The government needs to stop acting like a teenage girl on Black Friday.”

- Sum Buddey

“I wanted to hear me too!”

- Noah Lathrop

“The Josés are my best friends.”

- a camper

“I know how to handle a law firm bro!”

-Paxton

Ope don’t hit me, I’m emotional!”

-Maddie

My binder is trying to be artificially intelligent.

- Anna S

That’s why I exist. Respectfully.

- Anna M

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Public Hearing Recaps

Assembly

Washington Blue

By Anna Morken

- SB 414 passed through committee hearing.
- Lobbyist Rebecca Sande testified in favor of SB 414, emphasizing the educational benefits of learning cursive as well as the connection cursive provides to the past.
- Lobbyist Matt Batzel opposed SB 414 because he believes it undermines local control and is unfunded which he believes will lead to raises in taxes.
- Representative Ethan Gamble: "Cursive is good, but at what cost? Is it really worth it?"
- Representative Peter Chartier: "It's not a question of funding. It's a question of helping our students."

Washington Gold

By Anna Morken

- AB 69 passed through committee.
- Lobbyist Matt Sande argued for AB 69, stating that it strikes the balance between safety and a chance at life for terminally ill patients.
- Lobbyist Steve Hall argued that the bill does not move Wisconsin forward, does not take account of FDA programs already in place, and may end up causing harm rather than good.

Adams Blue

By Madeline Muscanero

- AB 703 concerning the possession of wild animals passed through committee.
- Mr. Samuel Larson, lobbyist supporting the bill, stated that this bill will put laws in place to further protect the people of Wisconsin.
- Opposing the bill, Lobbyist Colin Weeks brought to the attention of the committee that Wisconsin already has two categories of animals, and this bill would only complicate matters with a third.
- At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Adams Blue caucus once again stated the reasoning behind their bill being the protection of the people.

Adams Gold

By Madeline Muscanero

- SB 210 which makes microschoools legal in Wisconsin passed through committee.
- In support of microschoools, Lobbyist Jennifer Meinhardt shared her conviction that microschoools are a great opportunity for the families of Wisconsin.
- Lobbyist Randy Melchert opposed the bill, focusing on transportation issues for microschoools.
- In closing, the bill's author gave a closing statement once again bringing up flexibility, finance, and freedom.

Jefferson Blue

By Josiah Scott

- AB 246 pass through the committee.
- Representative Abigail Porter of the Jefferson Gold caucus expressed her concerns that this bill does not benefit her constituents – the people of Wisconsin and that it allows other states to affect these voters.
- Representative Reagan Longshine, author of AB 246 politely debated with Representative Porter saying that he believed that the bill would benefit the entire nation including Wisconsin. After the hearing Representative Longsine stated, "If you vote against this bill, you vote against the people of the state of Wisconsin."

Jefferson Gold

By Josiah Scott

- SB 330 passed through the committee with a 8-6 majority.
- The Jefferson Blue caucus strongly opposed the bill for health/safety reasons.
- Representative Abigail Porter expressed that the states who have passed laws with similar bills have not had any issues with the health of consumers being affected negatively by the sale of homemade canned goods.
- Representatives Porter, Morken, Durie and Grady all raised questions to the opposing caucus advocating for the rights of individuals to make a small income from their baked goods.

Madison Blue

By Eleanor Sell

- SB 236 passed through committee hearing.
- Lobbyist Shawn Pfaff argued against the passing of SB 236 for the sake of Wisconsin's dairy industry and the economy as a whole.
- Lobbyist Randy Melchert argued in favor of bill SB 236, stating the sale of raw milk is more than just a milk issue but also a freedom issue.
- Author and Representative Ike Kaiser participated in respectful and well researched debate.

Madison Gold

By Eleanor Sell

- AB 616 passed through committee.
- Lobbyist William Terry argued against the passing of AB 616 saying that the bill would criminalize many necessary aspects of data collection in schools
- Lobbyist Ryan Retza argued for the passage of AB 616 for the sake of the privacy and protection of minors.
- Lobbyist Ryan Retza clarified that metal health support will still be one hundred percent available to students with or without the passage of AB 616.

Monroe Blue

By Elayna Uhl

- SJR 57 passed by a majority vote.
- Lobbyist Michael McKittrich argued in favor of the bill and pointed out that "Congress calls the convention - not the states."
- Representative Nate Zogata remarked that we aren't being repressed by Congress at this point to which Representative Connor Baker replied, "They already are... they are trying to silence freedom of speech."

Monroe Gold

By Elayna Uhl

- SB 749 passed through committee.
- Opposing lobbyist Illya Mora pointed out that if the bill were passed the judicial system would be stripped of some of their disposition in carrying out their tasks according to the Constitution.
- Supporters of this bill argued that the bill is crucial for discouraging shoplifting.

Senate

Saratoga Blue

By Amanda Warren

- AB 936 passed through committee hearing
- Lobbyist Nick Krueger testified in favor of AB 936. He argued that the bill is about incentive and the dignity of work. He also stated that self-determination is a foundational principle of healthcare.
- Lobbyist Eric Brooks argued against AB 963 on the grounds that the bill would exacerbate healthcare problems by removing access to much needed health assistance. According to Brooks, the bill eliminates the ability of the working poor to weigh the pros and cons in regards to choosing a job.

Saratoga Gold

By Amanda Warren

- SJR 2 passed through committee.
- Lobbyist Jordan Giles recounted the tragic story of Marsy Nicholas and the need for victims' rights to be balanced with the rights of defendants.
- Lobbyist Lorri Pickens asserted that SJR 2 attacks the rights of defendants in favor of victims—that it presents a “false equivalency” based on the principle of “innocent until proven guilty.”
- Senator Zodrow clarified that, without this bill, victims' rights vary by case.

Lexington Blue

By Anna Schmid

- AB 26 passed through committee hearing.
- Direct Primary Care, according to Senator Vinny Jensen, may very well solve the lack of connection that children experience with their doctors, an effect may lower suicide rates among youth by giving them an adult to confide in.
- Lobbyist Jacob Floam, the lobbyist against DPC, suggested that, if this bill were to pass, the only way that DPC clinics could be stopped or shut down due to supposed malpractice would be through government overreach.

Lexington Gold

By Anna Schmid

- AB 26 passed through committee hearing.
- Lobbyist Annette Olson, in opposition to this bill, stated “No law will get around every situation we find ourselves in.” This statement was made when the committee attempted to account for every flaw in human nature.
- Senator Jaelyn Brower proposed an amendment to replace “belief” with “intent” and to replace “perception” with “action.”

Yorktown Blue

By Elisabeth Lazzell

- AB 1 passed in committee with a vote of six to five.
- Lobbyist Heidi Malmanger testified in favor of the bill, first sharing her own experience with a pre-existing condition and how the bill would positively affect her. She then stated that the bill would be widely applicable because “everyone has a pre-existing condition.”
- Opposing lobbyist Zach Stollfus shared his concerns about Assembly Bill 1, making the senators aware that the bill does not cover a financial plan or a consumer plan for the changes being made.
- When the question of defining “pre-existing condition” arose, Senator Knauf made his answer by restating the description of the term found within the bill.

Yorktown Gold

By Elisabeth Lazzell

- SB 314 passed with a vote of six to five.
- Lobbyist Nick Schultz provided a full explanation of the bill, detailing the bill's necessity, specifically, the tax dollars of Waukesha citizens going to the constant renovations of the “so-called historical” building exceeding one million dollars.
- Opposing lobbyist Chris Martinson argued that the bill lacks necessity because it applies only to Waukesha county and would need significant amendments to be considered acceptable.
- When Martinson was asked if his goal for the bill was to completely eliminate it, he said that while he was not opposed to the idea, it was far too specific to support at state.

Ticonderoga Blue

By Keegan Terpstra

- After much debate, AB 515 was passed by a breaking vote from Chairman Murphy.
- Lobbyist Linda Palmer argued in favor of this bill. She argued that farmers promote real dairy milk, and they have to pay a fee for it to be labeled as a “Real Wisconsin dairy product.”
- Lobbyist Nicholas Zabloudil testified against the bill arguing that this bill may cause the discontinuation of industries and the loss of jobs.

Ticonderoga Gold

By Keegan Terpstra

- SB 42 was passed by a breaking vote from Chairman Murphy.
- Lobbyist JD Leiseman, in favor of this bill, argued that this bill “would not restrict newspapers from going to public hearings”
- Lobbyist Nick Krueger argued that this bill is not needed since the Newspaper Association has already set up a website that is accurate and free from tampering and fraud.
- Senator Ashlyn Weide presented the idea that this bill would give local governments the right to choose between local newspapers or their own government run website.



ATTENTION SENIOR SENATORS

Senior Senators have the opportunity to submit a letter to the editor. The letter should be a short argument convincing their fellow senators to vote for their bill on Friday. Letters should be 120 words or less.



Please send submissions to leadmedia@leadwi.org. Submissions will appear in the next edition of the LEAD Tribune.

Letters to the Editor

Yorktown Gold

Dear Editor,

I am a member of the Yorktown Gold Caucus, and we are privileged to sponsor Senate Bill 314. This bill has been created to address a specific issue in Waukesha County. Currently, a building that was previously used as the Health and Human Services Building stands in disrepair. Waukesha's unelected landmarks commission refuses to demolish this eyesore, even though the county spends over 1 million dollars per year in order to keep the building in suitable condition. Senate Bill 314 would allow Waukesha County, the actual owners of the building, to decide to demolish the building if they see fit. Thank you so much for the opportunity to promote this important legislation, and please vote in favor of SB 314!

Abigail Boorujy

Ticonderoga Blue

Dear Editor,

Every victim deserves to have constitutional rights, and every citizen deserves to be safe. Bill SJR 2 Rights of Crime Victims is a bill for the people. It gives victims constitutional rights that uphold the constitution and gives them the dignity and respect that they should receive just like the criminal, defendant, and any other person involved in the case. Currently, crime victims have no rights in a case which is a problem because it can cause the victims to be bullied by prosecution or criminals during the case. In addition this bill will give citizens more confidence in the system because everyone's rights will be recognized and upheld. I strongly urge you to support this bill in favor of crime victims. Thank you.

Senior Senator Hava Zodrow

Finish Your Week Strong

By Amanda Warren

While you're preparing for presenting and defending your bill, remember these pointers to make sure you stay sharp in the midst of all the busyness: Stay hydrated during the day. We understand that camp is busy and that drinking water probably isn't your top priority. That being said, make sure you're regularly reaching for your water bottle throughout the day. And consider drinking a glass of water with each meal alongside your soda or chocolate milk.

Get a good night's sleep. While it might be tempting to use your down time at the end of the day to be studying and getting work done, make sure that you're giving your brain the rest that it needs. During your evening free time, be sure to relax and have some fun, so that when lights out rolls around, your brain isn't still running at 100mph. Prioritize a good night's sleep so you can wake up ready to tackle the next day's tasks.

Resource List

From Charlie Kirk

By Anna Schmid

In case you didn't write it all down fast enough, here is a list of resources that Charlie Kirk recommended on Monday afternoon.

Books:

- *Man's Search for Meaning* by Victor Franko
- Anything by C.S. Lewis, but specifically *The Abolition of Man*
- *Gap and the Gain* by Dr. Benjamin Hardy and Dan Sullivan
- Anything by Tony Robbins
- *Think and Grow Rich* by Napoleon Hill

Online Resources/Movies:

- *What is a Woman* and anything else by Matt Walsh
- Turning Point USA
- @turningpointusa on Instagram



Eat colorful meals. It may be tempting to consume lots of sugar and caffeine this week while you're running from one meeting to the next, but be sure to load up on fruits and veggies at mealtimes. After all, colorful food is brain food! So don't be afraid to help yourself. You can generally find the fruit above the salad line, speaking of which, make a pit stop at the salad line for some fresh veggies. And don't skip the veggies on the main line either!