

Wisconsin State Legislature

December 2018

Lame Duck Session

Voting Record

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	Lame Duck No. 1: Lowering Wages, Removing Local Control	Lame Duck No. 2: Legislative Power Grab	Lame Duck No. 3: Requiring Legislative Approval for Technical Changes	December 2018 Extraordinary Session Percent Right	Cumulative Lifetime Record		Lifetime Percent Right
	SB 883	SB 884	SB 886		Right	Wrong	
Allen, Scott (R-97)		W	W	0%	4	30	12%
Anderson, Jimmy (D-47)		R	R	100%	18	0	100%
August, Tyler (R-32)	W	W	W	0%	3	58	5%
Ballweg, Joan (R-41)		W	W	0%	10	84	11%
Barca, Peter (D-64)	R	R	R	100%	119	3	98%
Berceau, Terese (D-77)			R	100%	117	2	98%
Bernier, Kathy (R-68)	W	W	W	0%	5	58	8%
Billings, Jill (D-95)	R	R	R	100%	56	1	98%
Born, Mark (R-39)	W	W	W	0%	3	49	6%
Bowen, David (D-10)	R	R	R	100%	33	1	97%
Brandtjen, Janel (R-22)	W	W	W	0%	4	31	11%
Brooks, Edward (R-50)		W	W	0%	5	62	7%
Brooks, Robert (R-60)	W	W	W	0%	3	30	9%
Brostoff, Jonathan (D-19)	R	R	R	100%	34	1	97%
Considine, David (D-81)	R	R	R	100%	32	1	97%
Crowley, David (D-17)	R	R	R	100%	17	0	100%
Doyle, Steve (D-94)		R	R	100%	56	2	97%
Duchow, Cindi (R-99)	W	W	W	0%	2	28	7%
Edming, James (R-87)	W	W	W	0%	3	32	9%
Felzkowski, Mary (R-35)	W	W	W	0%	2	46	4%
Fields, Jason (D-11)	R	R	R	100%	56	1	98%
Genrich, Eric (D-90)	R	R	R	100%	50	1	98%
Goyke, Evan (D-18)	R	R	R	100%	52	0	100%
Gundrum, Rick (R-58)	W	W	W	0%	0	9	0%
Hebl, Gary (D-46)	R	R	R	100%	88	3	97%
Hesselbein, Dianne (D-79)	R	R	R	100%	51	0	100%
Hintz, Gordon (D-54)	R	R	R	100%	80	0	100%
Horlacher, Cody (R-33)	W	W	W	0%	2	33	6%
Hutton, Rob (R-13)	W	W	W	0%	3	49	6%
Jacque, André (R-2)	W	W	W	0%	3	60	5%
Jagler, John (R-37)	W	W	W	0%	3	49	6%
Jarchow, Adam (R-28)		W	W	0%	4	30	12%
Katsma, Terry (R-26)	W	W	W	0%	3	32	9%
Kerkman, Samantha (R-61)	W	W	W	0%	11	108	9%
Kessler, Fred (D-12)	R	R	R	100%	93	0	100%
Kitchens, Joel (R-1)	W	W	W	0%	3	32	9%
Kleefisch, Joel (R-38)	W	W	W	0%	7	90	7%
Knodl, Daniel (R-24)	W	W	W	0%	4	69	5%
Kolste, Debra (D-44)		R	R	100%	42	1	98%
Kooyenga, Dale (R-14)	W	W	W	0%	5	54	8%
Kremer, Jesse (R-59)	W	W	W	0%	3	25	11%
Krug, Scott (R-72)	W	W	W	0%	5	59	8%
Kuglitsch, Mike (R-84)	W	W	W	0%	5	57	8%
Kulp, Bob (R-69)	W	W	W	0%	3	34	8%
Loudenbeck, Amy (R-31)	W	W	W	0%	6	56	10%
Macco, John (R-88)	W	W	W	0%	2	33	6%
Meyers, Beth (D-74)	R	R	R	100%	33	2	94%
Milroy, Nick (D-73)	R	R	R	100%	68	1	99%
Murphy, David (R-56)	W	W	W	0%	3	44	6%
Mursau, Jeffrey (R-36)	W	W	W	0%	10	86	10%
Nerison, Lee (R-96)	W	W	W	0%	13	84	13%
Neubauer, Greta (D-66)	R	R	R	100%	9	0	100%
Neylon, Adam (R-98)	W	W	W	0%	2	49	4%
Novak, Todd (R-51)	R	R	R	100%	8	25	24%
Nygren, John (R-89)	W	W	W	0%	5	77	6%
Ohnstad, Tod (D-65)		R	R	100%	51	0	100%
Ott, Jim (R-23)	W	W	W	0%	4	78	5%
Petersen, Kevin (R-40)	W	W	W	0%	4	78	5%
Petryk, Warren (R-93)		W	W	0%	7	56	11%
Plumer, Jon (R-42)	W	W	W	0%	0	3	0%
Pope, Sondy (D-80)	R	R	R	100%	106	1	99%
Pronschinske, Treig (R-92)	W	W	W	0%	1	18	5%
Quinn, Romaine (R-75)	W	W	W	0%	2	33	6%
Riemer, Daniel (D-7)	R	R	R	100%	44	0	100%
Rodriguez, Jessie (R-21)	W	W	W	0%	3	40	7%
Rohrkaste, Mike (R-55)	W	W	W	0%	3	32	9%
Sanfelippo, Joe (R-15)	W	W	W	0%	4	44	8%
Sargent, Melissa (D-48)	R	R	R	100%	51	0	100%
Schraa, Michael (R-53)	W	W	W	0%	3	49	6%
Shankland, Katrina (D-71)	R	R	R	100%	51	1	98%
Sinicki, Christine (D-20)		R	R	100%	121	1	99%
Skowronski, Ken (R-82)	W	W	W	0%	1	38	3%
Snyder, Patrick (R-85)	W	W	W	0%	1	18	5%
Spiros, John (R-86)					3	44	6%
Spreitzer, Mark (D-45)	R	R	R	100%	35	0	100%
Stafsholt, Robert (R-29)	W	W	W	0%	1	18	5%
Steffen, David (R-4)	W	W	W	0%	2	33	6%
Steineke, Jim (R-5)	W	W	W	0%	5	59	8%
Stuck, Amanda (D-57)	R	R	R	100%	34	1	97%
Subeck, Lisa (D-78)		R	R	100%	32	0	100%
Summerfield, Rob (R-67)	W	W	W	0%	1	18	5%
Swearingen, Rob (R-34)	W	W	W	0%	3	49	6%
Tauchen, Gary (R-6)	W	W	W	0%	5	77	6%
Taylor, Chris (D-76)	R	R	R	100%	56	0	100%
Thiesfeldt, Jeremy (R-52)	W	W	W	0%	4	59	6%
Tittl, Paul (R-25)	W	W	W	0%	3	49	6%
Tranel, Travis (R-49)	W	W	W	0%	7	52	12%
Tusler, Ron (R-3)	W	W	W	0%	1	18	5%
VanderMeer, Nancy (R-70)	W	W	W	0%	3	32	9%
Vorpagel, Tyler (R-27)	W	W	W	0%	3	31	9%
Vos, Robin (R-63)	W	W	W	0%	6	90	6%
Vruwink, Don (D-43)	R	R	R	100%	18	1	95%
Wachs, Dana (D-91)		R	R	100%	49	0	100%
Weatherston, Tom (R-62)	W	W	W	0%	3	43	7%
Wichgers, Chuck (R-83)	W	W	W	0%	1	18	5%
Young, Leon (D-16)					148	1	99%
Zamarripa, JoCasta (D-8)	R	R	R	100%	64	0	100%
Zepnick, Josh (D-9)	R	R	R	100%	106	0	100%
Zimmerman, Shannon (R-30)	W	W	W	0%	1	10	9%

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Republicans: 64 Democrats: 35

Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Voting Record 2018 Wisconsin State Legislature Lame Duck Summary of Bills *STATE ASSEMBLY & SENATE*

In November 2018, Wisconsinites went to the polls and elected a Democratic Governor (Tony Evers) and Lieutenant Governor (Mandela Barnes), Democratic Attorney General (Josh Kaul), Democratic Secretary of State (Doug LaFollette), and Democratic Treasurer (Sarah Godlewski). About one month later, but weeks before these newly elected officials were sworn-in to office, the Republican Governor Scott Walker and Republican-led Legislature rammed through three lame duck bills at record pace, in an entirely undemocratic fashion. The lame duck bills and the extraordinary session that was quickly convened to pass them were the worst attack on democracy in a lame duck session across our Country. Gov. Walker and the Republican Legislative Leadership designed these bills to take away power from the duly-elected Governor – power that former Gov. Walker held and used throughout his entire time in office. The bills were rushed through because had the Legislature waited, they would not have become law in the new Legislative Session that began in January 2019, with Gov. Evers as our Governor.

The initial extraordinary session bills were released to the public the evening of Friday, November 30. Later that same night, the Republicans released a notice that the bills would be given a hearing that Monday and that they would convene in an extraordinary session starting that same Monday. Within 48 hours after the extraordinary session began, the three bills that took powers away from the incoming Governor and Attorney General and gave them to the Republican-controlled Legislature, had been passed. Below is a summary of the three lame duck bills. Gov. Walker signed each into law as Wisconsin Act 368, 369, and 370.

Senate Bill 883

Lame Duck Bill No. 1: Lowering Wages, Removing Local Control

(Unfavorable Upon Passage) This bill first specified that the Department of Transportation (DOT) would be required to spend 70% or more of the federal transportation dollars that Wisconsin receives on only three types of projects: Southeast Wisconsin megaprojects, Major highway development projects, and State highway rehabilitation projects. Therefore, federal funds will not be available for many other DOT projects throughout the State. The result will be fewer projects subject to federal requirements, like federal prevailing wage. Wisconsin no longer has a state prevailing wage. Without the application of the federal prevailing wage on many projects, wages will be lowered for building trades workers. Second, this bill attacked local control by specifying that any local road or bridge project that is funded with any amount of state funds must be awarded through competitive bidding utilizing only the lowest responsible bidder as the sole data point when awarding contracts, even though lowest cost does not guarantee the best value, a high-quality project with highly-qualified workers, or the delivery of an on-time project. This provision will require local governments to ignore any other criteria that it may have used when awarding contracts. **In the Senate, the recorded vote of 18-15 on passage (December 4, 2018). In the Assembly, the recorded vote was 57-27 on passage (December 5, 2018). A vote in favor is a “wrong” vote.**

Senate Bill 884

Lame Duck Bill No. 2: Legislative Power Grab, State Agency Operations, Administrative Rule Making, and Voting via In-Person Absentee

(Unfavorable Upon Passage) This bill takes power away from Attorney General’s office and gives those powers to the Legislature in a number of ways. The bill curtails the ability of the Attorney General’s office to represent the State of Wisconsin by giving the Legislature an unlimited sum of taxpayer dollars to hire its own lawyers to represent the Legislature in lawsuits, instead of being represented by the Attorney General as has been done in the past. Under this bill, the Speaker of the Assembly would approve all financial costs and terms for the Assembly’s private lawyer(s); the Senate Majority Leader would approve all financial costs and terms for the Senate’s private lawyer(s); and a joint legislative committee led by Republicans would approve all financial costs and terms for private lawyers for the Legislative service agencies. This bill includes no limit on hourly rates and also no requirement that the private attorneys reside in Wisconsin, opening up business for New York or Chicago lawyers. These provisions were a direct attempt to take power away from the incoming and duly elected Attorney General, whose job it has always been to represent the State and Legislature.

Second, the bill would allow the joint legislative committee led by Republicans to lease or acquire office space for legislative offices outside of the Capitol Building, with no cap on price. This provision would allow the Republican-led Legislature to utilize an unlimited sum of taxpayer money to rent office space to conduct official state business in private.

Third, the bill takes away the incoming Governor’s and Attorney General’s power to settle or discontinue a lawsuit, a power that every other Governor and Attorney General has had, including Scott Walker. The power to settle or drop lawsuits would go to the Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee under this bill.

Fourth, the bill makes a number of changes to voting. The bill made administrative rules around voter Photo ID into state statute so that it will be much more difficult to overturn or change. The bill also made changes to early voting, cutting voters’ ability to vote early in-person to just 14 days before Election Day.

Fifth, this bill changes the composition of the Wisconsin Economic Development Commission (WEDC) Board of Directors to ensure that incoming Gov. Evers did not have the same power as Gov. Walker did to direct economic development at the WEDC.

Last, this bill creates many requirements for the Governor’s office to submit new quarterly, annual, and biennial reports to the Legislature. It also burdens the Governor’s administrative agencies in making new reports to the Legislature and placing obstacles for administrative rulemaking. These added obstacles and reporting requirements are needless and are an attempt to over-burden the incoming Governor’s departments, thus reducing their effectiveness to create needed changes at the Governor’s direction for the people of Wisconsin.

In the Senate, the recorded vote of 17-16 on passage (December 5, 2018). In the Assembly, the recorded vote was 56-27 on passage (December 5, 2018). A vote in favor is a “wrong” vote.

Senate Bill 886

Lame Duck No. 3: Requiring Legislative Approval for Technical Changes to Public Assistance Programs

(Unfavorable Upon Passage) This bill changed the rules for the newly elected Governor to make changes to public assistance programs. Under the prior administrations, the Legislature passed legislation that sought special requests (called waivers) from the federal government around various federal programs like Badgercare and FoodShare that Wisconsin administers. This bill would take away the newly elected Governor’s ability to make technical changes to or modify the waivers, without Legislative approval, which the Walker administration was able to do all along.

In the Senate, the recorded vote of 18-15 on passage (December 4, 2018). In the Assembly, the recorded vote was 59-32 on passage (December 5, 2018). A vote in favor is a “wrong” vote.

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Bewley, Janet (D-25)	R	R	R	100%	55	1	98%
Carpenter, Tim (D-3)	R	R	R	100%	188	5	97%
Cowles, Robert (R-2)	W	R	W	33%	52	145	26%
Craig, David (R-28)	W	W	W	0%	4	50	7%
Darling, Alberta (R-8)	W	W	W	0%	35	120	23%
Erpenbach, Jon (D-27)	R	R	R	100%	113	1	99%
Feyen, Daniel (R-18)	W	W	W	0%	1	13	7%
Fitzgerald, Scott (R-13)	W	W	W	0%	27	107	20%
Frostman, Caleb (D-1)	R	R	R	100%	3	-	100%
Hansen, Dave (D-30)	R	R	R	100%	103	4	96%
Johnson, LaTonya (D-6)	R	R	R	100%	47	-	100%
Kapenga, Chris (R-33)	W	W	W	0%	2	46	4%
Larson, Chris (D-7)	R	R	R	100%	48	1	98%
LeMahieu, Devin (R-9)	W	W	W	0%	2	26	7%
Marklein, Howard (R-17)	W	W	W	0%	6	50	11%
Miller, Mark (D-16)	R	R	R	100%	112	2	98%
Moulton, Terry (R-23)	W	W	W	0%	10	65	13%
Nass, Stephen (R-11)	W	W	W	0%	24	134	15%
Olsen, Luther (R-14)	W	W	W	0%	31	105	23%
Petrowski, Jerry (R-29)	W	W	W	0%	22	95	19%
Ringhand, Janis (D-15)	R	R	R	100%	56	-	100%
Risser, Fred (D-26)	R	R	R	100%	234	13	95%
Roth, Roger (R-19)	W	W	W	0%	3	24	11%
Schachtner, Patty (D-10)	R	R	R	100%	6	-	100%
Shilling, Jennifer (D-32)	R	R	R	100%	106	1	99%
Stroebe, Duey (R-20)	W	W	W	0%	3	48	6%
Taylor, Lena (D-4)	R	R	R	100%	94	1	99%
Testin, Patrick (R-24)	W	W	W	0%	1	13	7%
Tiffany, Thomas (R-12)	W	W	W	0%	5	47	10%
Vinehout, Kathleen (D-31)	R	R	R	100%	69	2	97%
Vukmir, Leah (R-5)	W	W	W	0%	11	83	12%
Wanggaard, Van (R-21)	W	W	W	0%	4	33	11%
Wirch, Robert (D-22)	R	R	R	100%	138	4	97%

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