

EXECUTIVE VETOES, 1931 – 2001 SESSIONS

Session	Bills Vetoed in Entirety			Bills Partially Vetoed			Partial Vetoes Contained in Biennial Budget Bills	
	Number Vetoed	Vetoes Sustained	Vetoes Overridden	Number Partially Vetoed	All Partial Vetoes Sustained	One or More Partial Vetoes Overridden	Number of Vetoes	
							Partial Vetoes ¹	Overridden
1931	38	38	—	2	2	—	12	0
1933	15	15	—	1	1	—	12	0
1935	27	27	—	4	4	—	0	0
1937	10	10	—	1	1	—	0	0
1939	22 ²	22	—	4	4	—	1	0
1941	17	17	—	1	1	—	1	0
1943	39	19	20	1	—	1	0	0
1945	31	26	5	2	1	1	1	0
1947	10	9	1	1	1	—	4	0
1949	17	15	2	2	1	1	0	0
1951	18	18	—	—	—	—	0	0
1953	31	28	3	4 ³	4	—	2	0
1955	38	38	—	—	—	—	0	0
1957	35	34	1	3	3	—	2	0
1959	36	32	4	1	1	—	0	0
1961	69	67	2	3	3	—	2	0
1963	72	68	4	1	1	—	0	0
1965	24	23	1	4	4	—	1	0
1967	18	18	—	5	5	—	0	0
1969	34	33	1	11	11	—	27	0
1971	32	29	3	8	8	—	12	0
1973	13	13	—	18	15	3	38	2
1975	37	31	6	22	18	4	42	5
1977	21	17	4	16	13	3	67	21
1979	19	16	3	9	7	2	45	1
1981	11	9	2	11	10	1	121 ⁴	0
1983	3	3	—	3	2	1	70	6
1985	7	7	—	7	6	1	78	2
1987	38	38	—	20	20	—	290	0
1989	35	35	—	28	28	—	208	0
1991	33	33	—	13	13	—	457	0
1993	8	8	—	24	24	—	78	0
1995	4	4	—	21	21	—	112	0
1997	3	3	—	8	8	—	152	0
1999	5	5	—	10	10	—	255	0
2001	—	—	—	3	3	—	315	0

Note: The legislature is not required to act on vetoes. Any veto not acted upon is counted as sustained, including pocket vetoes. “Vetoes sustained” includes the following pocket vetoes: 1937 (5); 1941 (13); 1943 (4); 1951 (14); 1955 (10); 1957 (1); 1973 (1). A “pocket veto” resulted if the governor took no action on a bill after the legislature had adjourned *sine die*. (*Sine die*, from the Latin for “without a day”, means the legislature adjourns without setting a date to reconvene.) With this type of adjournment, the legislature concluded all its business for the biennium, and there was no opportunity for it to sustain or override the veto (see Article V, Section 10, *Wisconsin Constitution*). Under current legislative session schedules, in which the legislature usually adjourns on the final day of its existence, just hours before the newly elected legislature is seated, the pocket veto is unlikely.

¹As listed in each veto message by the governor.

²Attorney general ruled veto of 1939 SB-43 was void and it became law (see Vol. 28, *Opinions of the Attorney General*, p. 423).

³1953 AB-141, partially vetoed in two separate sections by separate veto messages, is counted as one.

⁴Attorney general ruled several vetoes “ineffective” because the governor failed to express his objections (see Vol. 70, *Opinions of the Attorney General*, p. 189).

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Senators Alan Lasee, Mike Ellis, Dale Schultz, Robert Welch, and Mary Panzer meet on the Senate floor. (Richard G.B. Hanson II, Senate Photographer)

**POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE
WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE
1885 – 2003**

Legislative Session ¹	Senate							Assembly						
	D	R	P	S	SD	M ³	Vacant	D	R	P	S	SD	M ⁴	Vacant
1885	13	20	—	—	—	—	—	39	61	—	—	—	—	—
1887	6	25	—	—	—	2	—	30	57	—	—	—	13	—
1889	6	24	—	—	—	3	—	29	71	—	—	—	—	—
1891	19	14	—	—	—	—	—	66	33	—	—	—	1	—
1893	26	7	—	—	—	—	—	56	44	—	—	—	—	—
1895	13	20	—	—	—	—	—	19	81	—	—	—	—	—
1897	4	29	—	—	—	—	—	8	91	—	—	—	1	—
1899	2	31	—	—	—	—	—	19	81	—	—	—	—	—
1901	2	31	—	—	—	—	—	18	82	—	—	—	—	—
1903	3	30	—	—	—	—	—	25	75	—	—	—	—	—
1905	4	28	—	—	1	—	—	11	85	—	—	4	—	—
1907	5	27	—	—	1	—	—	19	76	—	—	5	—	—
1909	4	28	—	—	—	—	—	17	80	—	—	3	—	—
1911	4	27	—	—	2	—	—	29	59	—	—	12	—	—
1913	9	23	—	—	1	—	—	37	57	—	—	6	—	—
1915	11	21	—	—	1	—	—	29	63	—	—	8	—	—
1917	6	24	—	3	—	—	—	14	79	—	7	—	—	—
1919	2	27	—	4	—	—	—	5	79	—	16	—	—	—
1921	2	27	—	4	—	—	—	2	92	—	6	—	—	—
1923	—	30	—	3	—	—	—	1	89	—	10	—	—	—
1925	—	30	—	3	—	—	—	1	92	—	7	—	—	—
1927	—	31	—	2	—	—	—	3	89	—	8	—	—	—
1929	—	31	—	2	—	—	—	6	90	—	3	—	1	—
1931	1	30	—	2	—	—	—	2	89	—	9	—	—	—
1933	9	23	—	1	—	—	—	59	13	24	3	—	1	—
1935	13	6	14	—	—	—	—	35	17	45	3	—	—	—
1937	9	8	16	—	—	—	—	31	21	46	2	—	—	—
1939	6	16	11	—	—	—	—	15	53	32	—	—	—	—
1941	3	24	6	—	—	—	—	15	60	25	—	—	—	—
1943	4	23	6	—	—	—	—	14	73	13	—	—	—	—
1945	6	22	5	—	—	—	—	19	75	6	—	—	—	—
1947	5	27	1	—	—	—	—	11	88	6	—	—	—	1
1949	3	27	—	—	—	—	3	26	74	—	—	—	—	—
1951	7	26	—	—	—	—	—	24	75	—	—	—	—	1
1953	7	26	—	—	—	—	—	25	75	—	—	—	—	—
1955	8	24	—	—	—	1	—	36	64	—	—	—	—	—
1957	10	23	—	—	—	—	—	33	67	—	—	—	—	—
1959	12	20	—	—	—	1	—	55	45	—	—	—	—	—
1961	13	20	—	—	—	—	—	45	55	—	—	—	—	—
1963	11	22	—	—	—	—	—	46	53	—	—	—	—	1
1965	12	20	—	—	—	1	—	52	48	—	—	—	—	—
1967	12	21	—	—	—	—	—	47	53	—	—	—	—	—
1969	10	23	—	—	—	—	—	48	52	—	—	—	—	—
1971	12	20	—	—	—	1	—	67	33	—	—	—	—	—
1973	15	18	—	—	—	—	—	62	37	—	—	—	—	—
1975	18	13	—	—	—	2	—	63	36	—	—	—	—	—
1977	23	10	—	—	—	—	—	66	33	—	—	—	—	—
1979	21	10	—	—	—	2	—	60	39	—	—	—	—	—
1981	19	14	—	—	—	—	—	59	39	—	—	—	—	1
1983	17	14	—	—	—	2	—	59	40	—	—	—	—	—
1985	19	14	—	—	—	—	—	52	47	—	—	—	—	—
1987	19	11	—	—	—	3	—	54	45	—	—	—	—	—
1989	20	13	—	—	—	—	—	56	43	—	—	—	—	—
1991	19	14	—	—	—	—	—	58	41	—	—	—	—	—
1993 ²	15	15	—	—	—	—	3	52	47	—	—	—	—	—
1995 ²	16	17	—	—	—	—	—	48	51	—	—	—	—	—
1997 ²	17	16	—	—	—	—	—	47	52	—	—	—	—	—
1999	17	16	—	—	—	—	—	44	55	—	—	—	—	—
2001	18	15	—	—	—	—	—	43	56	—	—	—	—	—
2003	15	18	—	—	—	—	—	41	58	—	—	—	—	—

Note: The number of assembly districts was reduced from 100 to 99 beginning in 1973.

Symbols: Democrat (D); Progressive (P); Republican (R); Socialist (S); Social Democrat (SD); Miscellaneous (M).

¹Political composition at inauguration.

²In the 1993, 1995, and 1997 Legislatures, majority control of the senate shifted during the session. On 4/20/93, vacancies were filled resulting in a total of 16 Democrats and 17 Republicans; on 6/16/96, there were 17 Democrats and 16 Republicans; and on 4/19/98, there were 16 Democrats and 17 Republicans.

³Miscellaneous = one Independent and one People's (1887); one Independent and 2 Union Labor (1889).

⁴Miscellaneous = 3 Independent, 4 Independent Democrat, and 6 People's (1887); one Union Labor (1891); one Fusion (1897); one Independent (1929); one Independent Republican (1933).

Sources: Pre-1943 data is taken from the Secretary of State, *Officers of Wisconsin: U.S., State, Judicial, Congressional, Legislative and County Officers*, 1943 and earlier editions, and the *Wisconsin Blue Book*, various editions. Later data compiled from Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau sources.



Although the Speaker is the highest ranking officer in the Assembly and the leader of the majority party, the Speaker Pro Tempore often presides over the chamber. Here, Speaker John Gard (left) and Speaker Pro Tempore Stephen Freese confer on the dais. (Jay Salvo, Assembly Photographer)

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January 30, 2003

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Audit — ROESSLER, *chairperson*; COWLES, DARLING; GEORGE*, HANSEN (resigned 5/21/03), PLALE (appointed 5/21/03).

Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing — STEPP, *chairperson*; ROESSLER, BROWN; MOORE*, M. MEYER (resigned 5/21/03), PLALE (appointed 5/21/03).

Education, Ethics and Elections — ELLIS, *chairperson*; S. FITZGERALD, REYNOLDS, STEPP; JAUCH*, ROBSON, HANSEN.

Energy and Utilities — COWLES, *chairperson*; LAZICH, LEIBHAM; WIRCH*, M. MEYER.

Environment and Natural Resources — KEDZIE, *chairperson*; STEPP, ZIEN; RISSER*, WIRCH.

Finance — DARLING, *chairperson*; WELCH, S. FITZGERALD, HARSDORF, KANAVAS, LAZICH; DECKER*, MOORE.

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Labor, Small Business Development and Consumer Affairs — REYNOLDS, *chairperson*; KEDZIE, ZIEN; DECKER*, HANSEN.

Senate Organization — PANZER, *chairperson*; A. LASEE, ZIEN; ERPENBACH*, HANSEN.

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Agriculture — OTT, *chairperson*; M. WILLIAMS, *vice chairperson*; AINSWORTH, KESTELL, SUDER, PETROWSKI, LOEFFELHOLZ, HINES, TOWNS; GRONEMUS*, PLOUFF, BALOW, HEBL, LASSA (resigned 5/8/03), VRUWINK, STEINBRINK (appointed 5/14/03).

Assembly Organization — GARD, *chairperson*; FOTI, *vice chairperson*; FREESE, HUNDERTMARK, VRAKAS; KREUSER*, RICHARDS, TURNER.

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Employment Relations — GARD (speaker) *chairperson*; FOTI (majority leader), KAUFERT (cochair, Joint Committee on Finance), KREUSER (minority leader).



Indian gaming continues to be a contentious issue. Representatives Robert Turner (left) and Wayne Wood listen to testimony at a hearing on the tribal gaming compacts negotiated by Governor Jim Doyle in 2003. (Brent Nicastro, Assembly Photographer)

- Energy and Utilities** — JENSEN, *chairperson*; POWERS, *vice chairperson*; MONTGOMERY, FRISKE, J. FITZGERALD, GOTTLIEB, NISCHKE; ZIEGELBAUER*, STEINBRINK, KRUG, SCHOOFF, TRAVIS.
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Veterans and Military Affairs — MUSSER, *chairperson*; TOWNSEND, *vice chairperson*; PETTIS, HUNDERTMARK, PETROWSKI, BIES, LOEFFELHOLZ, GOTTLIB; SHERMAN*, BOYLE, HUBLER, SCHNEIDER, SINICKI, MILLER.

Ways and Means — M. LEHMAN, *chairperson*; J. WOOD, *vice chairperson*; NASS, HAHN, F. LASEE, JESKEWITZ, KERKMAN, LOTHIAN; W. WOOD*, COLÓN, YOUNG (appointed 5/13/03), BERCEAU, ZIEGELBAUER, MORRIS, HEBL.

Workforce Development — KRAWCZYK, *chairperson*; LOTHIAN, *vice chairperson*; VRAKAS, KREIBICH, OLSEN, J. WOOD, GIELOW; J. LEHMAN*, COLÓN, COGGS, PLALE (resigned 5/9/03), ZEPNICK.



The views of the Fitzgerald family are reflected in both houses of the legislature. Scott (left), who represents the 13th Senate District, and his younger brother Jeff (center), who represents the 39th Assembly District, listen intently as Speaker John Gard addresses the media at a press conference on gaming compacts. (Richard G.B. Hanson II, Senate Photographer)

**PERSONAL DATA ON WISCONSIN LEGISLATORS
1993 – 2003 Sessions**

	1993		1995		1997		1999		2001		2003	
	Sen. ¹	Rep.	Sen.	Rep.	Sen.	Rep.	Sen.	Rep.	Sen.	Rep.	Sen.	Rep.
Party affiliation												
Democrat	15	52	16	48	17	47	17	44	18	43	15	41
Republican	15	47	17	51	16	52	16	55	15	56	18	58
Number with previous legislative service												
In senate	26	0	32	0	32	0	30	0	30	0	27	0
In assembly	19	76	21	87	23	89	23	78	24	89	22	84
High number of prior sessions in same house	15	11	16	12	17	13	18	14	19	15	20	16
Occupations												
Full-time legislator	13	50	12	40	14	38	14	38	15	40	13	39
Attorney	7	9	6	10	6	11	5	10	5	10	3	8
Farmer	3	13	1	14	0	15	1	12	1	13	3	9
Other	7	27	14	35	13	35	13	39	13	33	15	45
Education												
High school only	2	13	2	15	2	15	2	12	2	13	4	12
Beyond high school	28	86	31	84	31	84	31	87	31	86	29	87
Bachelor's or associate degree	23	68	27	66	28	66	26	67	28	67	25	65
Advanced degree	9	27	8	26	9	30	8	29	8	31	8	32
Number with experience on local governing body												
County board	2	17	2	22	3	21	4	19	4	18	4	19
Municipal board	4	22	8	24	6	29	6	31	5	36	8	35
Age												
Oldest	65	70	67	69	69	71	71	69	73	71	75	75
Youngest	34	24	31	26	33	28	35	27	37	26	33	27
Average	47	46	48	45	48	46	50	46	52	47	51	49
Veterans	4	16	6	14	5	14	4	14	4	15	4	12
Marital status												
Single	3	27	5	28	4	25	6	23	5	23	5	17
Married	27	71	28	70	29	73	27	74	29	76	28	80
Widowed	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2
Number of women ²	7	29	8	24	9	22	11	19	11	22	8	27

Sen. – Senators; Rep. – Representatives.

Note: Most data are recorded as of the date on which the legislature first convened; ages are determined as of January 1.

¹In 1993 there were 3 vacancies when the senate began its session because 3 incumbent senators resigned.

²The largest number of women to serve in one session was 36 in the 1993 Legislature.

Sources: *Wisconsin Blue Book*, various issues, and data collected by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau, January 2003.