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REPORT OF JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS

Appendix to Senate Bill 500

Public Policy Involved

There are two tax exemptions affected by this bill. The first, the repeal of the sales tax exemption for government-provided parking facilities, is good public policy. The second, a ride-sharing credit, is found to be poor public policy. Although the Committee appreciates the purpose of this provision, administrative concerns and tax complexity outweigh the marginal benefits.

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Read and referred to Senate Select committee on Energy.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison, Wisconsin.

January 9, 1980.

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to report to you, pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the Wisconsin Constitution, that of the 19 petitions for Executive Clemency in which I rendered decisions in the calendar year of 1979, the following five individuals were granted clemency in the form of a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

Sincerely,

LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS
Governor

1. Ronald L. Drew was convicted in Columbia County Court on June 11, 1965, of criminal damage to property and two counts of burglary. He was sentenced to a two year term and a three year term to be served consecutively and a two year term to be served concurrently. He was granted an absolute pardon because he has taken an active role in the affairs of his community, he has held
gainful employment as a carpenter and because he seeks executive clemency for vocational purposes.

2. Edward G. Faust was convicted in Marinette County Court on October 19, 1954, of breaking and entering and was sentenced to three years probation. He was granted an absolute pardon because he has no other convictions, because he has held gainful employment with the Eagle River Police Department since July, 1978, because he has excelled in community leadership and involvement, and because he seeks executive clemency to progress in the law enforcement field.

3. James Lee Jensen was convicted on January 24, 1964, in Rock County of 12 counts of forgery and was sentenced to three years probation on each count to be served concurrently. On March 9, 1964, he was convicted of 6 counts of breaking and entering and was placed on three years probation, and four counts of larceny and was sentenced to six months under the Huber Law in Rock County Jail on each count to be served concurrently. He was granted an absolute pardon because he has held gainful employment as a Poynette police officer and their Chief of Police since his conviction, he has donated 3,500 hours of his own time over a 4 year period for patrol duty, he has sought and completed training in first aid, boat control, fire control, riot control, and criminal investigation, and because he seeks executive clemency to progress in the law enforcement field.

4. Robert A. Mercer was convicted on January 23, 1967, in Jefferson County Circuit Court of sexual intercourse with a child and was sentenced to three years probation. He was granted an absolute pardon because it was the opinion of the prosecuting attorney that there were mitigating circumstances surrounding the conviction, he received an early discharge on August 27, 1968, he has proven to be an exemplary citizen, he has prior to and since his release from probation held gainful employment as a self-employed businessman.

5. Terry Stomski was convicted on December 10, 1965, in Marathon County Court of sexual intercourse with a child and was sentenced to a four year term. He was granted an absolute pardon because he has held gainful employment at the Minnesota State Prison since April 13, 1977, and is presently on the security squad, because he is seeking further education at Lakewood Community College and is performing admirably, because he seeks executive clemency to progress in the law enforcement field.