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Governor Doyle Names Sean Dilweg Commissioner of Insurance Also Announces Appointments for Schooff, Romanski, Henderson, Hermes

Governor Jim Doyle today announced that he is appointing Sean Dilweg as Commissioner of Insurance effective January 1, 2007. Dilweg replaces Jorge Gomez who announced his resignation last month.

"Sean Dilweg brings a wealth of experience to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance," Governor Doyle said. "I am confident that Commissioner Dilweg will ensure that the insurance industry continues to be a vibrant part of the Wisconsin economy and will provide a clear voice for consumers in order to protect them from fraud and abuse."

"I am honored to accept this appointment from the Governor as the Insurance Commissioner," said Dilweg. "Having served the Governor at the Department of Administration for the past four years I feel privileged to continue to serve him in his second term in this new capacity in an industry that is so important to the Wisconsin economy."

Dilweg is currently the Executive Assistant at the Department of Administration where he has advised the Secretary and Governor Doyle on legislative and policy matters. Prior to serving in the Administration, Dilweg worked for Essie Consulting Group. In addition, he was a lead Policy Advisor for members of the Joint Committee on Finance during three biennial state budgets and was Committee Clerk for the Senate Committee on Environment and Energy from 1995 to 2000. Dilweg holds a Masters in Public Administration from the La Follette Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin - Madison and a bachelor's degree from Lawrence University in Appleton. He is a native of Green Bay.

The Governor also announced Dan Schooff has been appointed Deputy Secretary of the Department of Administration. He will begin serving early next year. Schooff most recently served as Campaign Manager for Governor Doyle's reelection campaign. He also served in the Doyle administration as Executive Assistant at the Public Service Commission and previously as Division Administrator for the Division of Energy at the Department of Administration. Schooff is a former State Legislator, serving three terms in the Wisconsin State Assembly representing the Beloit area. Schooff was elected in 1998, and reelected in 2000 and 2002. While in the legislature, he served on the Joint Committee on Finance.

Schooff replaces Gina Frank Reese who will remain in the administration.

Patrick Henderson has been appointed as the Executive Assistant at the Department of Administration effective January 1, 2007. Henderson is currently Governor Doyle's Legislative Director. Before his appointment to the Governor's office, Henderson worked as a legislative aide to Senators Jim Baumgart and Calvin Potter. Henderson is a graduate of

the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He is a native of Sheboygan Falls.

Ron Hermes has been appointed as Legislative Director in the Office of the Governor effective January 1, 2007. Hermes is currently the Legislative Liaison at the Department of Health and Family Services. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner in the Tenuta-Hermes lobbying firm. He also served as a legislative aide to State Senator Fred Risser and former State Senator Kevin Shibiliski. Hermes received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh. He is a native of Green Bay.

Randy Romanski has been appointed to serve as Executive Assistant at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) effective January 4, 2007. Romanski is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff in Governor Doyle's office. Prior to his appointment in the Governor's office, Romanski served as the Executive Assistant at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. He also formerly served as a policy analyst and communications specialist at the Wisconsin Department of Justice for then Attorney General Doyle and for three years as staff in the State Senate. Romanski received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, and has a Masters degree in Public Policy and Administration from the La Follette Institute at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He is originally from Wisconsin Rapids.

Romanski replaces Mary Schlaefter who has been appointed to be Deputy Secretary of the DNR.

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