

Floor Session Media Coverage, October 17, 2023

Notes: executive appointments, special session bills, anti-trans legislation, anti-abortion bills

Wisconsin Examiner – [Senate GOP Passes Tax Cut, Abortion Bills, and Transgender Restrictions in Contentious Floor Session](#) The Wisconsin Senate's Republican majority passed their rewrite Tuesday of workforce legislation that Governor Evers proposed in August, leaving nothing of Evers' original bill and guaranteeing its eventual veto.

AP – [Wisconsin Senate Gives Final Approval to Bill Banning Gender-Affirming Surgery](#) Gender-affirming surgery for minors would be banned in Wisconsin under a Republican-sponsored bill that won final approval in the GOP-controlled legislature on Tuesday. [...] Republican supporters have suggested that the opinions of medical experts will change on the importance of gender-affirming care, though it has been available in the United States for more than a decade and is endorsed by major medical associations.

PBS (AP) – [Wisconsin Senate Approves Bill Banning Gender-Affirming Surgery for Minors](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel – [Bill Barring Gender-Transition Medical Treatment for Wisconsin Children Heads to Gov. Evers, Who Promises Veto](#) A bill that would ban doctors from providing medical treatment to help children transition to a gender that matches their identity is heading to Democratic Gov. Tony Evers, who has promised to veto the Republican-backed bill.

The Hill – [Wisconsin Senate Passes Ban on Gender-Affirming Care for Youth](#) The Republican-controlled Wisconsin Senate voted Tuesday to pass a bill barring transgender minors from accessing gender-affirming health care, sending the measure to Democratic Gov. Tony Evers, who has vowed to veto it.

The Cap Times - [Crisis Pregnancy Centers Would Get \\$1 million a Year Under Senate Bill](#) The Wisconsin Senate passed a series of bills Tuesday surrounding abortion access in the state, the most notable of which would provide \$1 million to anti-abortion organization Choose Life Wisconsin to fund crisis pregnancy centers – organizations which have come under fire for misleading pregnant patients in an effort to dissuade them from seeking abortion care.

Wisconsin Public Radio – [Republican Senators Renew Fights Over State Budget, Abortion](#) State senators passed a long list of bills Tuesday, including a few that reignited familiar fights over the state's budget and abortion access in Wisconsin.

AP – [Wisconsin Republicans Reject Eight Evers Appointees, Including Majority of Environmental Board](#) Republicans who control the Wisconsin Senate votes Tuesday to fire eight state board appointees from Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' administration, including a majority of the panel that sets the state's environmental and wildlife policies.

ABC News (AP) - [Wisconsin Republicans Reject Eight Evers Appointees, Including Majority of Environmental Board](#)

Fox 6 Milwaukee (AP) – [Wisconsin Republicans Reject Evers Appointees, Includes Most of DNR Board](#)

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PBS Wisconsin (AP) – [Wisconsin Republicans Reject Multiple Evers Appointees, Including Majority of DNR Board](#)

Wisconsin Examiner - [Republicans Reject Seven Evers Appointees Including Elections Commissioner and DNR Board Members](#) Republicans in the Wisconsin Senate votes Tuesday to fire seven of Gov. Tony Evers' appointees to state boards and commissions, including a member of the Wisconsin Elections Commission and four members of the state Natural Resources Board. [...] Senate Minority Leader Melissa Agard noted that since 1981, the Senate had rejected just five executive appointments yet on Tuesday the body more than doubled that number.

AP – [Wisconsin Senate Passes \\$2 billion Income Tax Cut, Rejects Evers' \\$1 billion Workforce Package](#) The Republican-controlled Wisconsin Senate passed a \$2 billion income tax cut as part of a package also targeting child care costs, which Democratic Gov. Tony Evers is expected to veto.