

1997-98 SESSION  
COMMITTEE HEARING  
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Senate Committee on  
Agriculture and  
Environmental  
Resources  
(SC-AER)

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

##### **Senate Bill 517**

Relating to: establishing programs for low-income energy assistance, improving energy conservation and efficiency markets and encouraging the development and use of renewable resources, creating a public benefits and energy assistance board, establishing a public benefits and energy assistance fund, requiring electric utilities and retail cooperatives to charge access fees to customers and members, imposing requirements on the use of renewable resources by electric and gas utilities and cooperatives, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, making appropriations and providing a penalty.

By Senator Burke; cosponsored by Representative R. Potter.

March 19, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 25, 1998      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (4)      Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.  
Absent:    (0)      None.

##### Appearances for

- Barry Ashenfelter, Senator Brian Burke's office, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District
- Keith Reopelle, WI Environmental Decade, Madison
- Margaret Becker, Customers First!, Madison
- Lynn Hobbie, Madison Gas & Electric, Madison
- David Jenkins, WI Federation of Cooperatives, Madison
- David Benforado, Municipal Electric Utilities of WI, Sun Prairie
- David Merritt, Citizens Utility Board, Madison
- Michael Vickerman, RENEW Wisconsin, Madison

##### Appearances against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Representative Antonio Riley, 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
- Bob Jones, WISCAP, Madison

##### Registrations for

- Sean C. Miller, Madison

- Karen Etter Hale, Madison Audubon Society, Madison
- Jennifer McGinnity, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Madison
- Christine Ouimet, Customers First!, Madison
- Ruthann Nelson, WI Federation of Cooperatives, Madison
- David Poklinkowski, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Madison
- Amanda Antholt, Customers First!, Madison
- Kelli Luckow-Schultz, Customers First!, Watertown

Registrations against

- None.

March 26, 1998

**Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.**



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### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

##### **Assembly Bill 514**

Relating to: the possession of wild animals, granting rule-making authority, making appropriations and providing penalties.

By Representatives Johnsrud, Hahn, Ott and Kedzie.

March 24, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 25, 1998      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (4)      Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.

Absent:    (0)      None.

##### Appearances for

- Representative DuWayne Johnsrud, 96th Assembly District
- Sarah Shapiro Hurley, WI Department of Natural Resources, Madison
- Bob Ellingson, WI Conservation Congress, Madison
- Dr. Robert Ehlenfeldt, WI Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, Madison
- Dr. Julie Langenberg, International Crane Foundation, Baraboo
- Dr. Tom Howard, WI Veterinary Medical Association, Poynette
- Darcy Kemnitz, Alliance for Animals, Madison
- Russ Weisensel, WI Agri-Business Council and WI Cattlemen, Madison
- Scott Goetzka, WI Game Producers Association, Warrens
- Karen Etter Hale, Madison Audubon Society, Madison
- William Stark, Wauwatosa

##### Appearances against

- Robert & Mary Popple, Chippewa Falls
- James Gleash, Madison
- John Jensen, Horicon
- Mark Schoebel, Neshkoro
- Barbara Harvey, Mayville
- Chad Weigand, Campbellsport
- Charles Fochs, Lyndon Station

- Mike Monson, WI Commercial Deer & Elk, Antigo
- Mary Fulwiler, Hartford

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

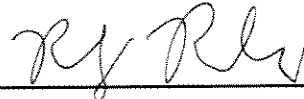
- Keith Reopelle, WI Environmental Decade, Madison
- Ron Kuehn, WI Pork Produces, WI Potato & Vegetable Growers, and WI State Cranberry Growers, Madison

Registrations against

- None.

March 26, 1998

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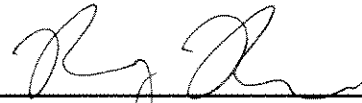
**Senate Bill 523**

Relating to: mapping and zoning of certain wetlands.

By Senator Burke; cosponsored by Representative Bock.

March 24, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

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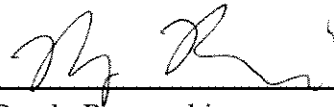
**Senate Bill 524**

Relating to: the effect of dams, ditches and drains used in the cultivation of cranberries on certain trout streams.

By Senator Burke; cosponsored by Representative Bock.

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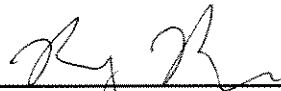
**Senate Bill 525**

Relating to: creating a clean energy rebate program, granting rule-making authority and making an appropriation.

By Senator Burke; cosponsored by Representative Bock.

March 24, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 26, 1998      **Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.**



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#### **Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

##### **Senate Bill 526**

Relating to: mercury emissions from major utilities, reporting mercury emissions, mercury in medical waste sent to incinerators, fish advisories and providing a penalty.

By Senators Burke and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Baldwin, Baumgart, J. Lehman, Notestein, Bock, Robson, R. Young, Black and Handrick.

March 24, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 25, 1998      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee, and Zien.  
Absent: (0) None.

##### Appearances for:

- Representative Tammy Baldwin, 78<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
- Barry Ashenfelter, Senator Brian Burke's office, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District
- Keith Reopelle, WI Environmental Decade, Madison

##### Appearances against:

- None.

##### Appearances for information only:

- Eric Uram, Madison

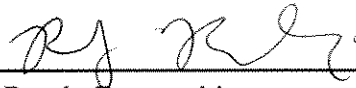
##### Registrations for:

- Sean C. Miller, Madison
- Caryl Terrell, Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter
- Karen Etter Hale, Madison Audubon Society, Madison
- Christine Ouimet, Oregon

##### Registrations against:

- James Morrison, WI Public Service, Green Bay
- Pat Stevens, WI Manufacturers & Commerce, Madison
- Kenyon Kies, WI Utilities Assoc., Madison

March 26, 1998      **Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.**

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### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

##### **Senate Bill 529**

Relating to: creating a low-income energy board, requiring contributions to a low-income energy fund, imposing a heating oil fee, granting rule-making authority and making an appropriation.

By Senators Moore, Roessler, Grobschmidt, Plache, Wirch, C. Potter and Shibilski; cosponsored by Representatives Johnsrud, Murat, R. Potter, Bock, Musser, Plale, Robson, Otte, Notestein, Cullen, Olsen, R. Young, L. Young, Hanson, Porter, Turner, Underheim, Baldwin, Boyle, Springer, Riley, Carpenter, Plouff, Spillner and Gronemus.

March 24, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 25, 1998      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien  
Absent: (0) None.

##### Appearances for:

- Senator Gwen Moore, 4<sup>th</sup> Senate District
- Representative Antonio Riley, 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
- Bob Anderson, WI Council on Children and Families, Madison
- Terri Williams, Social Development Commission, Milwaukee
- Kathleen Ulik, WI Gas Company, Milwaukee
- Carol Eschner, Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Shorewood

##### Appearances against:

- None

##### Appearances for information only:

- Jason Kratochwill, WI Public Service Commission, Madison

##### Registrations for:

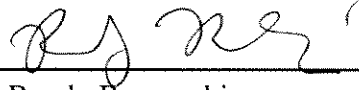
- David Helbach, WI Power & Light, Madison
- William Jordahl, WI Power & Light, Madison
- George Gerharz, Wauwatosa

##### Registrations against:

- None.

March 26, 1998

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#### **Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

**SCHIMMING, BRIAN A.**, of Fitchburg, as Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Conservation Corps Board, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

March 25, 1998

#### **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee, and Zien.  
Absent: (0) None.

#### Appearances for

- Brian Schimming, Madison

#### Appearances against

- None.

#### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

#### Registrations for

- Delora Newton, Governor Thompson's Office, Madison
- Dave Benforado, Madison

#### Registrations against

- None.

March 25, 1998

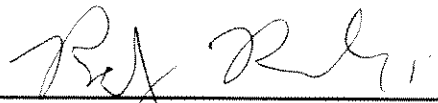
#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.  
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator A. Lasee, seconded by Senator Zien, that  
**Schimming, Brian A.** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.  
Noes: (0) None.  
Absent: (0) None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 0



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### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

**UPHOFF, ROBERT**, of Dunn, as a member of the Land and Water Conservation Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2000.

March 25, 1998      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (4)    Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee, and Zien.  
Absent:    (0)    None.

Appearances for

- Robert Uphoff, Madison

Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- Delora Newton, Governor Thompson's Office, Madison
- Russ Weisensel, WI Agri-Business Council, Madison

Registrations against

- None.

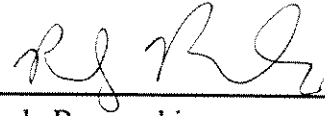
March 25, 1998      **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present:    (4)    Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.  
Absent:    (0)    None.

Moved by Senator A. Lasee, seconded by Senator Zien, that  
**Uphoff, Robert** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes:    (4)    Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.  
Noes:    (0)    None.  
Absent: (0)    None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 0



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**Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

**GABOWER, VIVIAN**, of Mauston, as a member of the Land Information Board, to serve for the interim term ending May 1, 2003.

March 25, 1998

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee, and Zien.  
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances for

- Vivian Gabower, Mauston

Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- Delora Newton, Governor Thompson's Office, Madison

Registrations against

- None.

March 25, 1998

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.  
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator A. Lasee, seconded by Senator Zien, that  
**Gabower, Vivian** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.  
Noes: (0) None.  
Absent: (0) None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 0

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#### **Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

**CLARK, FREDERIC A.**, of Poynette, as a member of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board, to serve for the interim term ending May 1, 2000.

March 25, 1998

#### **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee, and Zien.

Absent: (0) None.

#### Appearances for

- Frederic Clark, Poynette

#### Appearances against

- None.

#### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

#### Registrations for

- Delora Newton, Governor Thompson's Office, Madison

#### Registrations against

- None.

March 25, 1998

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.

Absent: (0) None.

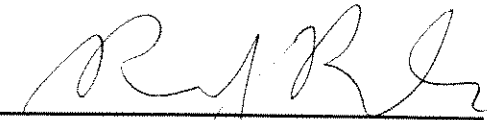
Moved by Senator A. Lasee, seconded by Senator Zien, that **Clark, Frederic A.** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 0



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**Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**


**Senate Bill 533**

Relating to: escrowing certain payments to the federal government for the disposal of radioactive waste and making an appropriation.

By Senator Cowles; cosponsored by Representative Duff.

March 26, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 26, 1998      **Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.**

  
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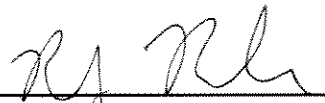
**Assembly Bill 845**

Relating to: eliminating the citizens utility board.

By Representatives Duff, Grothman, Ainsworth, Albers, Brandemuehl, Goetsch, Olsen, Owens, Urban, Ward and Jensen; cosponsored by Senator Roessler.

March 26, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 26, 1998      **Failed to concur in pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.**



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**Assembly Bill 912**

Relating to: the conveyance of riparian rights to use a navigable water.

By Representatives Handrick, Hutchison, Kedzie, Nass, Notestein, Owens, Skindrud, Sykora, Urban, R. Young and Zukowski; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Weeden, Burke and Roessler.

March 26, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

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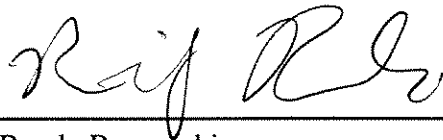
Moved by Senator Clausung that **Assembly Bill 912** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (3) Senators Clausung, Wirch and Zien.

Noes: (1) Senator A. Lasee.

Absent: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 1, Absent 0



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**Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

**Assembly Bill 732**

Relating to: the distribution of meat from deer carcasses.

By Representatives Gronemus, Sykora, Baumgart, Musser, Zukowski, Ladwig, Grothman and Springer; cosponsored by Senators Schultz and A. Lasee.

March 26, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 26, 1998      **EXECUTIVE SESSION - POLLING**

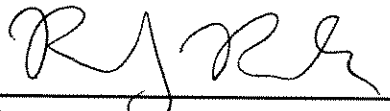
Moved by Senator Clausing that **Assembly Bill 732** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 0



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**Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources**

**Assembly Bill 873**

Relating to: distribution of seized or confiscated fish and game to food distribution services.

By Representatives Schafer, Harsdorf, Sykora, Johnsrud, Spillner, Kreibich, Ladwig and Kelso; cosponsored by Senator Zien.

March 26, 1998      Referred to committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

March 26, 1998      **EXECUTIVE SESSION - POLLING**

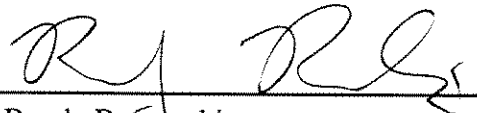
Moved by Senator Clausing that **Assembly Bill 873** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (4) Senators Clausing, Wirch, A. Lasee and Zien.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 0



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