

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

1999-2000

**January 14, 1999**

Public Hearing  
Informational hearing on agricultural topics

**January 20, 1999**

Public Hearing on agricultural topics  
Green Bay, WI  
Packerland Tour  
Maplewood Meats Tour

**March 11, 1999**

Public Hearing  
Agriculture Issues  
CR 98-152-No Action

**May 6, 1999**

Public Hearing  
Assembly Bills 53, 314, AJR 49  
AB 314 recommended for passage  
AB 53 No action taken  
AJR 49 No action taken

**May 6, 1999**

Executive Session  
AB 314 recommended for passage

**July 19, 1999**

Public Hearing  
Informational hearing on agricultural topics  
Green Bay, WI  
Wisconsin Agribusiness Council, Inc. Tour

**August 26, 1999**

Public Hearing  
Informational hearing on agricultural topics  
Plymouth, WI  
Sargento, Sartori, Johnsonville Sausage Tour

**September 9, 1999**

Public Hearing  
Informational briefing from Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board  
8418 Excelsior Drive  
Madison, WI

**September 30, 1999**

Joint Public Hearing-Comm. on Agric. & Speaker's Task Force on Agric.  
Informational hearing on agricultural topics  
World Dairy Expo  
Dane County Expo Center

AB 50 - No action  
AJR 49 - Hearing only

AB 53

AB 314

AB 483

AB 506

AB 703

AB 718

SB 10

SB 358

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**September 30, 1999**

Executive Session  
AB 53 recommended for passage

**October 21, 1999**

Public Hearing  
AB 506 No action taken

**November 18, 1999**

Joint Informational Meeting (Public)  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform and Assembly  
Committee on Agriculture  
Briefing on Wisconsin Animal Health Laboratory  
No public testimony taken.

**November 18, 1999**

Public Hearing  
AB 483 No action taken

**November 18, 1999**

Executive Session  
AB 506 recommended for passage

**February 7, 2000**

Joint Committee Hearing  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform and Assembly  
Committee on Agriculture  
SB 358

**February 7, 2000**

Public Hearing  
AB 483 No action taken  
AB 703 No action taken

**February 8, 2000**

Executive Session  
AB 483 and AB 703 recommended for passage

**March 1, 2000**

Public Hearing  
AB 718

**March 1, 2000**

Executive Session  
AB 718 recommended for passage as amended

**March 9, 2000**

Executive Session  
SB 358 concurrence

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**March 21, 2000**  
Public Hearing  
SB 10

**March 21, 2000**  
Executive Session  
SB 10 concurrence as amended



State of Wisconsin  
Tommy G. Thompson, Governor

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
Ben Brancel, Secretary

DATE: May 17, 1999  
TO: State Legislators  
FROM: Ben Brancel, Secretary

*Ben Brancel*

MAY 21 1999

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SUBJECT: **Public Hearing Notice for Emergency Rule to Require Testing and Disposal of Milk Found to Contain Any Drug Residue**

Pursuant to s. 227.24(4), Stats., the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection is forwarding a copy of a public hearing notice for its emergency rule relating to follow-up testing of producer milk samples and disposing of milk that tests positive for a drug residue. The emergency rule was published on April 30, 1999, and became effective immediately. A copy of the emergency rule was sent to each legislator immediately after publication.

The Department will hold public hearings on the emergency rule and a proposed permanent rule which is identical to the emergency rule. The hearings will be held simultaneously on June 18, 1999, by videoconference. The hearings will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Madison, Green Bay and Eau Claire at the locations noted in the attached hearing notice.

### **Contents of the Emergency Rule**

- **Follow-up Testing of Producer Milk Samples**

Both the emergency rule and proposed permanent rule require a dairy plant operator to perform confirmatory tests in duplicate on producer milk samples that test positive for any drug residue. Under the emergency and proposed rule, the dairy plant operator must perform a repeat test using the same test method on the same producer sample. The operator must perform the repeat test in duplicate, with single positive and negative controls. If one or both duplicate test results are positive for a drug residue, the milk producer's sample is considered positive for a drug residue.

- **Disposing of Milk**

The emergency rule and proposed rule also clarify how a dairy plant must dispose of milk that tests positive for a drug residue. Current rules require a dairy plant operator to reject a bulk tanker load of milk that tests positive for drug residue. A rejected bulk load may not be used for human food. The emergency and proposed rule clarify that a dairy plant operator must either dispose of a rejected bulk load or denature it before transferring it to any other person.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

NOTICE OF HEARING

EMERGENCY RULES RELATED TO DRUG RESIDUES IN RAW MILK

The State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection announces that it will hold public hearings on its emergency rule (ss. ATCP 60.19(3) and (4), Wis. Adm Code) relating to drug residues in raw milk. The hearings will be held at the times and places shown below.

Pursuant to s. 227.24(4), Stats., public comment is being sought on the Department's emergency rule. The public is invited to attend the hearings and make comments on the emergency rule. Following the public hearings, the hearing record will remain open until June 30, 1999, for additional written comments.

A copy of this rule may be obtained free of charge, from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Division of Food Safety, 2811 Agriculture Drive, P.O. Box 8911, Madison WI 53708, or by calling (608)224-4700. Copies will also be available at the public hearings.

An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be available on request for these hearings. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter by July 15, 1996 either by writing to Debbie Mazanec, 2800 Agriculture Drive, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708, (608- 224-4712 ), or by contacting the message relay system (TTY) at 608-266-4399 to forward your call to the Department at 608-224-5058. Handicap access is available at the hearings.

Three (3) hearings are scheduled. The hearings will be held simultaneously by videoconferencing at the following locations on Friday, June 18, 1999, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. These hearings are being held in conjunction with hearings on a proposed permanent rule which is identical to the emergency rule.

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
Room 472  
2811 Agriculture Drive  
Madison, WI 53704  
Handicapped accessible

State of Wisconsin Office Building  
Room 618  
200 North Jefferson Street  
Green Bay, WI 54301  
Handicapped accessible

State of Wisconsin Office Building  
Room 139  
718 West Clairemont Avenue  
Eau Claire, WI 54701  
Handicapped accessible

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**Analysis Prepared by the Department of Agriculture,  
Trade and Consumer Protection**

Statutory authority: ss. 93.07(1), 97.09(4), 97.20((4), 97.22(8) and 97.23, Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 97.20, 97.22 and 97.23, Stats.

This emergency rule modifies current rules under ch. ATCP 60, Wis. Adm. Code, related to follow-up testing of producer milk samples when a bulk tanker load of milk tests positive for a drug residue. This emergency rule also clarifies how a dairy plant must dispose of milk that tests positive for a drug residue.

**Follow-up Testing of Producer Milk Samples**

Under current rules, a milk hauler must collect a sample of milk from every dairy farm milk shipment before loading that shipment onto a bulk milk tanker. The dairy plant operator receiving the bulk milk tanker load must perform a drug residue screening test on that tanker load. If the tanker load tests positive for any drug residue, the dairy plant operator must perform a drug residue test on each of the milk samples drawn from the producer milk shipments comprising the tanker load. If a producer sample tests positive for drug residue, the dairy plant operator may hold that producer financially responsible for contaminating the bulk load. Current rules do not require confirmatory tests on producer samples that test positive for drug residues.

This emergency rule requires a dairy plant operator to perform a confirmatory test in duplicate on each producer milk sample that tests positive for any drug residue. Under this emergency rule, the dairy plant operator must perform a confirmatory test using the same test method and producer sample. The operator must perform the confirmatory test in duplicate, with single positive and negative controls. If one or both confirmatory test results are positive for a drug residue, the milk producer's sample is considered positive for that drug residue.

**Disposing of Contaminated Milk**

This emergency rule also clarifies how a dairy plant must dispose of milk that tests positive for a drug residue. Current rules require a dairy plant operator to reject a bulk tanker load of milk that tests positive for drug residue. A rejected bulk load may not be used for human food. This emergency rule clarifies that a dairy plant operator must either dispose of a rejected bulk load or denature it before transferring it to any other person.

## FINDING OF EMERGENCY

The state of Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection (DATCP) finds that an emergency exists and that the following emergency rule is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare. The facts constituting the emergency are as follows:

(1) Milk from Wisconsin dairy farms may not contain drug residues. Current rules under ch. ATCP 60, Wis. Adm. Code, require every dairy plant operator to perform a drug residue screening test on every bulk load of raw milk received by that operator. If the bulk load tests positive for any drug residue, the operator must test a milk sample from each producer milk shipment included in that bulk load. Current rules do not require a dairy plant operator to perform a confirmatory test if a producer sample tests positive on an initial test.

(2) If a producer sample tests positive for drug residue, the dairy plant operator may hold that producer financially responsible for contaminating the bulk load. In some cases, the cost of a contaminated tanker load of milk may be \$5,000 or more. The department may also take enforcement action against the milk producer. Enforcement may result in financial penalties or suspension of the milk producer's license.

(3) In several enforcement actions, producers have argued that dairy plant drug residue tests were inaccurate. Producers claimed that there was no confirmatory testing, and no opportunity to confirm the accuracy of the dairy plant operator's test findings. Inaccurate findings may unfairly penalize affected producers, and result in severe financial losses to those producers. The lack of a confirmatory test aggravates conflicts between dairy plant operators and milk producers.

(4) Confirmatory testing of test-positive producer samples would provide greater assurance of fairness for milk producers, and would help avoid conflicts between dairy plant operators and

producers. Dairy plant operators can perform confirmatory tests at reasonable cost. An emergency rule requiring confirmatory testing of producer samples is necessary to protect milk producers, and to promote the efficient operation and economic well-being of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

(5) Confirmatory testing of test-positive producer samples will enhance, and not reduce, the safety of Wisconsin milk supplies. Dairy plant operators will still be required to test bulk tanker loads of milk, and dispose of tanker loads that test positive for drug residues.

(6) This emergency rule will strengthen public health protection by requiring dairy plant operators to dispose of contaminated loads, or denature contaminated loads before transferring them to the custody of another person. Denaturing ensures that persons receiving custody of contaminated loads will not redirect them to human food use.

(7) Pending the adoption of rules according to normal administrative rulemaking procedures, it is necessary to adopt this emergency rule to do both of the following:

(a) Protect the public milk supply against drug residue contamination by assuring proper disposal of contaminated milk.

(b) Provide additional assurance that milk producers will not be subjected to serious penalties or financial losses based on inaccurate drug residue tests.

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### FISCAL ESTIMATE

The proposed rule changes incorporates orders given to the Division of Food Safety by the department secretary and deputy in three contested case decisions. These changes include the following:

1. Requires the dairy plant operator to conduct confirmation testing using positive and negative controls on a producer milk sample that screens positive for the presence of a drug residue.

2. Places the responsibility on the dairy plant operator to either dispose of or denature a bulk load of raw milk that tests positive for the presence of a drug residue.

The changes do not require any additional regulatory activity or record keeping by the department. Therefore, there is no fiscal effect attributed to the adoption of these rule changes, except for one-time costs associated with the rule making of approximately \$500, consisting of printing, mailing and costs of holding hearings.

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### INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY NOTICE

The modifications to ch. ATCP 60, Wis. Adm. Code, Dairy Farms, will not have a fiscal impact on small businesses as defined in s. 227.114(1)(a), Stats. There are approximately 110 dairy plants currently licensed and inspected by the department that meet the definition of a small business.

The testing of every bulk load of raw milk for a drug residue received by a dairy plant operator is required under the dairy farm rule. A dairy plant operator is also required to test each of the producer milk samples collected for a bulk load that tests positive for a drug residue in order to identify the violative producer or producers.

A dairy plant operator is required to reject a bulk load of raw milk that tests positive for a drug residue. The rejected bulk load cannot be shipped to another dairy plant or used for human food.

The proposed changes to ch. ATCP 60, Wis. Adm. Code, are:

1. Clarify and standardize the testing procedures for the producer milk samples collected for a bulk load of raw milk that tested positive for a drug residue.
2. Clarify who is responsible for insuring that a bulk load of raw milk that tested positive for a drug residue is not used for human food.

The impact of the proposed rule changes on small business is negligible. It would not be necessary for licensed dairy plants to provide additional laboratory facilities or staff, or retain additional testing services to comply with these changes.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Brancel, Secretary

RESOLUTION #99-29  
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WHEREAS; milk prices have dropped six dollars per hundred in one month and hog prices have been at an all time low, and

WHEREAS, family farmers are going out of business at an alarming rate, and

WHEREAS; the buyers of farm products are getting fewer and fewer, and

WHEREAS; the University of Wisconsin Extension has always focused on how to produce at a lower cost, and

WHEREAS; the Capper-Volstead was adopted in 1922 allowing farmers to organize in order to price their production, and

WHEREAS; farmers have never been encouraged to utilize this important marketing tool.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the Rusk County Board of Supervisors goes on record to have the Governor and Legislature to have the University of Wisconsin Extension institute a program for family farmers on what they need to do to price their products to get cost of production plus a return on their investment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Tommy Thompson, Senator Russell Decker, Representative Martin Reynolds, Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Alice Clausing, and Assembly Agriculture Chair Alvin Ott.

Styczinski/DuSell motion to amend by adding to the third WHEREAS between the word buyers and of the word "raw".

*John Styczinski*  
*David L. Clark*  
*Michael Horaban*  
*Walter Herrmann*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Melanie Meyer, County Clerk for Rusk County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution #99-29 adopted by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors on April 27, 1999.

*Melanie Meyer*  
Melanie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk

## NOTICE OF ACCESS TO ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE RECORDS

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Room 318 North, State Capitol

The office of the Chairperson of a legislative committee is responsible for the maintenance of the committee records such as reports, petitions, written statements and hearing notices.

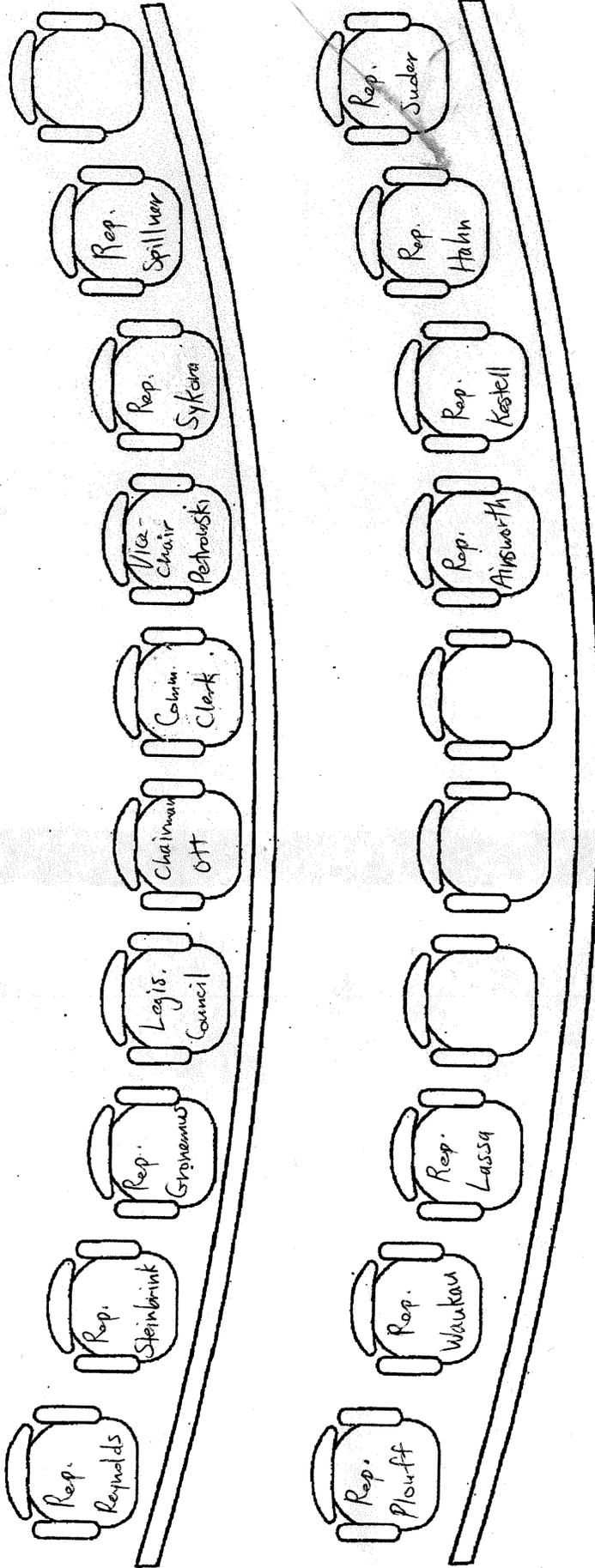
The office of the Committee Chairperson is open for business and inspection of committee records from ***8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and occasional times when the office is closed due to unforeseen circumstances.***

The legal custodians are the Committee Chairperson, State Representative Al Ott and Committee Clerk, Linda Narveson. A request for access to, or copies of, records of the Committee may be made at any time while the office is open for business.

# Assembly Seating Chart

GAR Room -- 417 North

Agriculture      Al Ott  
Committee                      Chair



Public Speaker



**Committee**

Agriculture

Chair / Co-Chairs  
Al. Ott

Legis. Council

Comm. Clerk

Rep. Gronemus

Rep. Petrowski

Rep. Steinbrink

Rep. Sykora

Rep. Reynolds

Rep. Spillner

Rep. Lassa

Rep. Ainsworth

Rep. Plouff

Rep. Kestell

Rep. Waukau

Rep. Halen

Rep. Suder

Public Speakers

Messenger

**COMMITTEE**

Agriculture

**Chairperson**

Mark Patrowsky  
Legis. Council  
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Linda Narveson  
Comm. Clerk  
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# Rep. Gronemus	# Rep. Petrowski
# Rep. Steinbrink	# Rep. Sykora
# Rep. Reynolds	# Rep. Spillner
# Rep. Lassa	# Rep. Ainsworth
# Rep. Plouff	# Rep. Kestell
# Rep. Wankau	# Rep. Hahn
#	# Rep. Suder
#	#

Public  
Speaker

MESSENGER

Allow at least 1/2 hour before committee meets to set up name plates, pads, pencils and water pitchers. Check with the committee clerk the day before for any special instructions.

Chairman:  
Agriculture Committee

Member:  
Consumer Affairs  
Government Operations  
Natural Resources



Al Ott

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Assembly Committee on Agriculture  
FROM: Rep. Al Ott, Chair  
RE: February 24, 2000 Public Hearing  
DATE: February 15, 2000

Please note that due to serious committee scheduling conflicts with the Assembly Committee on Transportation (7 members), the February 24 meeting of the Assembly Agriculture Committee has been cancelled.

We will reschedule the hearing as soon as possible. Notices will be sent to all committee members. Please notify the Committee Clerk, Linda Narveson, of any dates that absolutely will not work for you. Thank you.

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Chairman:  
Agriculture Committee

Member:  
Consumer Affairs  
Government Operations  
Natural Resources



**Al Ott**

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

02/08/200 – 11:00 a.m.

Al—

I have had the memo announcing our executive session posted on all the bulletin boards, put on the laptops for the legislators and had a hard copy distributed to their offices.

I had to go ahead with it because we have to have a minimum 2 hour notice period. David wasn't sure about his bill, but Mark said to go ahead and do the memo, so that we would be legal.

You may also want leadership to announce the executive session at the end of the floor session. It's in 225 Northwest.

Linda

Chairman:  
Agriculture Committee

Member:  
Consumer Affairs  
Government Operations  
Natural Resources



**Al Ott**

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members, Assembly Committee on Agriculture  
FROM: Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk  
RE: Fiscal Estimates for LRB3853/4  
Animal Health Laboratory  
DATE: January 28, 2000

Attached please find the fiscal estimates for the Animal Health Laboratory legislation. I did not have them all available when I sent you the final revision of the bill.

Also, please advise me as to whether you can attend our Joint Committee hearing on Monday, February 7 at 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

LN  
Attach. (1)

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 02/07/2000 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 417 North, State Capitol

### Committee Member

### Present

### Absent

### Excused

Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair

Rep. Jerry Petrowski

Rep. Eugene Hahn

Rep. Steve Kestell

Rep. Joan Spillner

Rep. Scott Suder

Rep. John Ainsworth

Rep. Tom Sykora

Rep. Barbara Gronemus

Rep. Julie Lassa

Rep. Joe Plouff

Rep. Marty Reynolds

Rep. John Steinbrink

Rep. Sarah Waukau

Totals:

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Linda Narveson

Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 02/07/2000 Meeting Type: Jt. Committee with Senate  
Location: 417 North, State Capitol Agriculture, Environmental Resources  
and Campaign Finance Reform

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Jerry Petrowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Eugene Hahn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Steve Kestell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Joan Spillner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Scott Suder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Rep. Barbara Gronemus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rep. John Steinbrink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Sarah Waukau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Linda Narveson  
Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 11/18/99 Meeting Type: Jt. Committee with Senate

Location: 417 North State Capitol Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform

### Committee Member

Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair

Rep. Jerry Petrowski

Rep. Eugene Hahn

Rep. Steve Kestell

Rep. Joan Spillner

Rep. Scott Suder

Rep. John Ainsworth

Rep. Tom Sykora

Rep. Barbara Gronemus

Rep. Julie Lassa

Rep. Joe Plouff

Rep. Marty Reynolds

Rep. John Steinbrink

Rep. Sarah Waukau

Present

Absent

Excused

Totals:

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Linda Narveson

Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

*Senate and Assembly*

**JOINT INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources  
and Campaign Finance Reform**

**Assembly Committee on Agriculture**

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The committees will hold a public listening session on the following item at the time specified below:

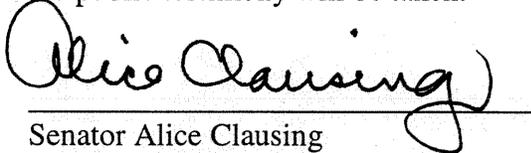
Thursday, November 18, 1999  
12:30 - 3:00 PM  
417 North - Capitol

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Wisconsin Animal Health Laboratory (WAHL) Accreditation**

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will present information on accreditation issues relating to the Wisconsin Animal Health Laboratory.

No public testimony will be taken.



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Senator Alice Clausing  
Chair - Senate Committee



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Representative Al Ott  
Chair - Assembly Committee

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

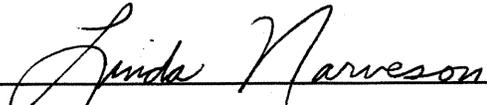
## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 10/21/99 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 417 North, State Capitol, Madison, VT

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Jerry Petrowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Eugene Hahn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

September 30, 1999  
Joint Committee Hearing  
Assembly Committee on Agriculture and the  
Speaker's Task Force on Agricultural Education

*Joining the committee and task force members at the table were Bill Rockwell (technical college), Joyce Christie (DWD), Dick Barrows (UW) and Sharon Wendt (DPI).*

Alton Block (Agriculture Management Group): His specialty is agriculture recruitment. Agriculture education is changing at a fast pace because of new technology and new information. He said that we need to dispel myths about agriculture including that all agriculture students are from farms. He also said that many graduates think they should start at management positions, but need to pay their dues. They also have such a strong desire from ownership that it clouds their judgement. Lastly, he said that we need to recruit more non-farm kids to go into agriculture.

Mike Krutza (Farm Credit Services): He thinks we need to revisit how people learn and tailor agricultural learning at all stages. Farmers need to learn and see what their neighbors are doing. Their needs to be more options for adult learning and experience based examples and knowledge.

Terry Main (Kent Feeds): Need to address the attitude in agriculture and need to promote more of the non-production jobs. There are more graduates than there are jobs and the jobs pay \$25 - 35,000 plus benefits. Students need to know how to use computers and they need to have strong communication skills. FFA is good at teaching this. We need to make funding available for alternative agriculture crops.

Gerald Bosshardt (Alfa Laval): They have forty dealers in Wisconsin. They are looking for professional service employees. They need employees with strong technical backgrounds, in particular dairy technology. They often have to train people because it is hard to find people with this background. They work with colleges and tech schools by offering internships.

Tom Bjelland (CRI): He said that the farm side of agriculture is becoming more focused on human resources. Their organization has a human resource manager that works with the district managers. There needs to be more on-going training.

Jim Wolf (Novartis Seeds): We are losing ag. teachers to private industry and without good teachers, the students will not be inspired to go into agriculture. People do not understand the food system.

Rod Kazmerzak (WI Agribusiness Council): We need more service technicians. The industry needs to do more to clean up their shops – offer more money.

John Drydyk (Boumatic): He is an HR manager. He said we need more people with technical skills and get them into agriculture jobs.

George Roemer (Equity Co-op): He understands that the industry needs employees but doesn't think we should recruit non-farm kids. He said that people need to have animal savvy and this can not be taught in the classroom.

Shelly Mayer (Professional Dairy Producers of WI): She explained that they are a new organization and their big concern is where the labor is coming from.

Doug Nelson (World Dairy Expo): He expressed his concern with the age change for showing livestock in AG rules.

Karen Endres (Alto Dairy): It is hard for them to recruit employees with a strong science background. They need accountants, food science engineers, but they all need to understand dairy.

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 09/30/99 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: Wingva Room - Exhibition Hall - World Dairy Expo - Madison, WI

### Committee Member

Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair

Rep. Jerry Petrowski

Rep. Eugene Hahn

Rep. Steve Kestell

Rep. Joan Spillner

Rep. Scott Suder

Rep. John Ainsworth

Rep. Tom Sykora

Rep. Barbara Gronemus

Rep. Julie Lassa

Rep. Joe Plouff

Rep. Marty Reynolds

Rep. John Steinbrink

Rep. Sarah Waukau

### Present

### Absent

### Excused

Totals:

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*Linda Narveson*

Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 09/09/99 Meeting Type: Public Hearing  
Location: Wis. Milk Marketing Board - Madison, WI

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Linda Narveson  
Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 08/26/99 Meeting Type: Public Hearing  
Location: Plymouth, Wisconsin

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Jerry Petrowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Eugene Hahn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Totals: 9 0 5

Linda Narveson  
Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

**Assembly Agriculture Committee Meeting**

**Monday, July 19, 1999 – 7:30 p.m.. – Green Bay, WI**

**Informational hearing on agriculture industry topics**

**Members present: Rep. Ott, Chair; Rep. Petrowski, Rep. Hahn, Rep. Kestell, Rep. Spillner, Rep. Suder, Rep. Gronemus, Rep. Lassa, Rep. Reynolds, Rep. Waukau**

**Speakers in order of appearance:**

**Neil Mishleau – Wis. Veal Growers' Assoc. – Animal agriculture (veal)**

**C. Ken Werth – Self – Disclosure of country of origin on all food products**

**Bill Hafs – Brown Co. Land Conservation – Impacts of Agriculture on Water Quality in Green Bay Ecosystem**

**Tim Gutsch – Pres., Wis. Nursery Association – Nursery industry issues**

**John Lader – Pres.-elect, Wisconsin Pork Producers Assoc. – Pork industry issues**

**Louis Wysocki – Wysocki Farms – Potato industry**

**Jo Ann Maedke – Self – Sales Tax on Ag Consumables**

**Michael Moore – Wis. Public Service Corp. – Farm Rewiring/Grants and Loans**

**Vince Michalski – Cenex Land O' Lakes – Agric. education, research, stewardship**

**Edward (Jack) Banker – Bankers Scenic-View Farm – Agric. land use, profits, education**

**Randy Tenpas – Wis. Assoc. of Voc. Agric. Instructors – Agric. education**

**Bill Rockwell – Vocational Technical Colleges – Agric. education**

**Vernon Newhouse – Neighborhood Dairy – Dairy industry**

**Norval Dvorak – Food Industry Consultant – Animal agriculture, packing industry**

**John Freitag – Wis. Cattlemen's Assoc. – Cattle and packing industry standards**

**John Crossmock – Grounds Mgmt. Assoc. of Wis. – Deer management, nursery licensure**

**Jim Kazmierczak – Wis. Aerial Applicators Assoc. – Aerial applicators safety program**



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July 16, 1999

Rep. Al Ott  
Wisconsin Assembly  
318-N  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Attn.: Linda

Ref.: Hearing Ideas (July 19)

Dear Rep. Ott:

Please find an updated list of individuals who have expressed interest in making a presentation to the Assembly Agriculture Committee at the hearing in Green Bay on July 19. Any persons selected will need to be confirmed today, if possible.

Topic	Presenter	Affiliation
Wisconsin's Green Industry  (Concerns about deer management, nursery licensure.)	John Crossmock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TruGreen Chemlawn 525 Busse Hwy., P.O. Box 1198 Park Ridge, IL 60068 847-318-9786.	Grounds Management Association of Wisconsin
	Tim Gutsch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1002 Hamilton St. Wausau, WI 54403 715-845-7752	President Wisconsin Nursery Association
Agricultural Education  (Meeting the challenges to fulfill the industry need for a trained workforce in agriculture.)	Randy Tenpas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department Chair Agriculture/Natural Resources Fox Valley Technical College 1825 Bluemound Dr. P.O. Box 2277 Appleton, WI 54913-2277 920-735-5675 Fax: 920-735-2473	Wisconsin Assoc. of Vocational Agriculture Instructors

Assembly Agriculture Committee Hearing List

<p>(Same. Also food safety and quality protection.)</p>	<p>Vernon Newhouse <del>⊗</del>          CEO          Neighborhood Dairy          W9260 Van Estem Rd.          Kaukauna, WI 54130          920-788-1363          Fax: 920-766-5102 (farm office)</p>	<p>Dairy producer.</p>
<p>Agricultural Education          (Continued) (Tentative)          (Technician shortage.)</p>	<p>Vince Michalski <del>⊗</del>          Agronomy Specialist          Cenex LandO'Lakes          2906 Greenbriar Rd.          Green Bay, WI 54311          920-469-7918           also          Jack Banker          farmer</p>	<p>Agronomy industry               Farm Training Students</p>
<p>Wiring Safety Program</p>	<p>Michael R. Moore <del>⊗</del>          Agribusiness Market Leader          Sales &amp; Marketing          Wisconsin Public Service          Corporation          700 N. Adams St.          P.O. Box 19001          Green Bay, WI 54307-9001          920-433-4919          Fax: 920-433-2977</p>	<p>Wisconsin Public Service Corp.</p>
<p>Odor Management/Control in          Animal Agriculture</p>	<p>John Lader <del>⊗</del>          President Elect          Wisconsin Pork Producers          Assoc.          5821 E. LT Townline Rd.          Beloit, WI 53511          608-365-3258          Fax: 608-365-1703)</p>	<p>Pork producer and allied industry          business owner.</p>

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Reinvigorating Animal Agriculture	Norval Dvorak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant to the Food Industry 1116 N. 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Manitowoc, WI 54220 920-682-2654 Fax: 920-682-2294  John Malcheski 6607 Quarry Dr. Pulaski, WI 54162 920-822-3811	Animal agriculture, particularly the packing industry.       Producer
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Food Labeling (Re: Country of Origin.)	<sup>Mishleau</sup> Neil <del>Mischeleau</del> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President Wisconsin Veal Growers Association W 1124 Town Rd. DePere, WI 54115 920-833-6977 Fax: 920-833-6976	Animal Agriculture (veal)
Potato Industry Opportunities and Concerns	Louis Wysocki <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wysocki Farms 6857 Highway 66 Custer, WI 54423-9609 715-592-4113 Fax: 715-592-4109	Potato industry (Louis also serves as Chairman of the Board, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection)
Professional Aerial Applicators Support System  (safety program)	Jim Kazmierczak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaz's Flying Services, Ltd. W9646 Richards Road Lodi, WI 53555 608-643-6784 Fax: 608-635-4686	Wisconsin Aerial Applicators Association

I am confident that these individuals will be prepared to make formal presentations of up to 5-10 minutes in length.

See you Monday Morning at ABS. I am counting on you bringing greetings to the group during the orientation and briefing before we board the buses. Okay?

Sincerely,  
 James L. Gibson

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 07/19/99 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: Green Bay, Wisconsin

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Linda Narveson  
Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

Chairman:  
Agriculture Committee

Member:  
Consumer Affairs  
Government Operations  
Natural Resources



# Al Ott

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

## MEMO

DATE: June 4, 1999  
TO: Members, Assembly Agriculture Committee  
FROM: Al Ott, Chair *AO*  
RE: Wisconsin Agribusiness Council Tour – July 19-20, 1999

A reminder to all Assembly Agriculture Committee members to keep both July 19 and 20 open on your calendars for the Wisconsin Agribusiness Council Tour and an agriculture committee hearing.

The hearing will be held on the evening of July 19 in Green Bay at the Regency where we will be staying. The current plan is to hold the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the legislative issues public forum time slot on the schedule distributed by the Agribusiness Council.

Arrangements are being made for a simple method for filing expenses for this tour and hearing. Additional information will be forthcoming as the plans all come together.

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# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 05/06/99 Meeting Type: Public Hearing  
Location: 417 North, State Capitol

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Linda Narveson  
Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

Monday, April 26, 1999

Received 05/04/99

Rep. Sarah Waukau  
210 North, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53703

Rep. Waukau,

As Assembly Speaker, I am appointing you to the following Assembly Committees:

Assembly Health Committee

Assembly Tourism Committee (replacing Rep. Barbara Gronemus)

\* Assembly Agriculture Committee (replacing Rep. Tom Hebl)

These appointments are effective immediately. If you have any questions, please contact Brett in my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Jensen  
Assembly Speaker

Cc: Assembly Records  
Charlie Sanders  
Rep. Krug

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 03/11/99 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 417 North, State Capitol

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Linda Narveson  
Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Date: 01/20/98 Meeting Type: Agriculture Comm. Hearing  
Location: Green Bay, Wisconsin Public Hearing

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*Linda Narveson*

Linda Narveson, Committee Clerk



**Al Ott**

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

**Agriculture Committee Hearing and Tour**

**Wednesday, January 20, 1999  
Green Bay, Wisconsin**

**Agenda: Important!! Please plan on meeting at Comfort Suites before the day's events begin. Legislators and others will leave together in State vans for Packerland Packing from Comfort Suites no later than 7:40 on Wednesday.**

**8:00-10:45    Tour and Discussion at Packerland Packing  
11:15-12:15    Tour of Maplewood Meats  
12:30-1:30    Lunch at Rock Gardens Supper Club  
1:30-3:30    Hearing at Comfort Suites Inn**

**Invited Guests:**

**Terry Burkhardt – Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
Dr. Dennis Buege – UW Extension Meat Specialist  
John Haen – Haen Meat Packing  
Dr. Robert Limpert – U.S. Department of Agriculture – Circuit Supervisor  
Dick Vathauer – UW Extension Livestock Specialist  
Tod Fleming - Equity Livestock – Director of Cattle Marketing**

- **Overnight accommodations will be provided for Agriculture Committee members on the 19<sup>th</sup> and dinner will be available. Lunch will also be provided on the 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- **We will be staying at the Comfort Suites in Green Bay on the 19<sup>th</sup>. A block of rooms has been reserved under the name of Agriculture Committee.**

**Comfort Suites – Green Bay  
1951 Bond Street  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
1-920-499-7449**

**Informational Hearing with limited public input – Local, State, and Federal Perspectives on Agricultural Issues:**

- 1. Upcoming legislative changes in agriculture**
- 2. Inter-state shipment of meat**
- 3. HAACP – Federal Food Safety**
- 4. Hog kill floor capacity**

Chairman:  
Agriculture Committee



Member:  
Consumer Affairs  
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# Al Ott

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

## MEMO

TO: Sen. Alan Lasee  
Rep. David Hutchison  
Rep. Frank Lasee  
Sen. Robert Cowles  
Rep. Phil Montgomery  
Rep. Lee Meyerhofer  
Sen. Gary Drzewiecki  
Rep. Carol Kelso  
Rep. John Gard  
Rep. John Ryba  
Rep. Luther Olsen

FROM: Rep. Al Ott, Chair   
Assembly Agriculture Committee

DATE: January 15, 1999

RE: Agriculture Tour and Hearing  
Wednesday, January 20, 1999  
Green Bay, WI

The Assembly Agriculture Committee will hold a tour and hearing in Green Bay on Wednesday, January 20. The day's schedule is attached. We would like to invite you to join us for all or any part of the day that would be possible.

Please advise Linda or Andy on my staff if you plan to attend so we can include you on the tour.

ARO:ln  
Enc.



# Al Ott

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

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- 4. Hog kill floor capacity**
- 5. Other issues**

Chairman:  
Agriculture Committee

Member:  
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# Al Ott

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

## Packerland Tour – January 20, 1999

Rep. Alvin Ott

Rep. Jerry Petrowski

Rep. Steve Kestell

Rep. Scott Suder

Rep. Barbara Gronemus

Rep. Tom Hebel (no longer on Ag. Comm.)

Rep. Julie Lassa

Rep. Joe Plouff

Rep. John Steinbrink

Rep. John Gard

Rep. Lee Meyerhofer

Linda Narveson-Ag. Committee Clerk-Ott staff

Andrew Gustafson-Legis. Asst.-Ott staff

Kerry Niemcek-District Director-Sen. Drzewiecki staff

Mark Patronskey-Legislative Council attorney

Chairman:  
Agriculture Committee

Member:  
Consumer Affairs  
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Natural Resources



# Al Ott

State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

**For Immediate Release**

For Further Information Contact:  
Representative Al Ott (3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District)  
1-608-266-5831

January 19, 1999

### **\*\*\*Media Advisory\*\*\***

Madison...Agriculture Committee Chair Al Ott (R-Forest Junction) will lead Assembly Agriculture Committee members and other legislators on informational tours of Green Bay area meat processing facilities and conduct a committee hearing Wednesday. The tours and hearing with invited guests are designed to inform committee members on the concerns of the meat processing industry.

#### **Agriculture Hearing**

Wednesday, January 20, 1999  
*Comfort Suites (West Windsor Room) – 1:30 P.M.*  
1951 Bond Street  
Green Bay, WI 54303

#### **Tours**

Wednesday, January 20, 1999  
*Packerland Packaging - 8:00 A.M.*  
1330 Lime Kiln Road  
Green Bay, WI 54311  
*Maplewood Meats – 11:15 A.M.*  
4663 Milltown Road  
Green Bay, WI 54313

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