

SENATE HEARING SLIP

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DATE: 3/8/00

BILL NO. SB369

OF
SUBJECT _____

Debbie Sybell
(NAME)

Senator Burk's Office
(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code)

(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information
only; Neither for nor against:

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RITCH WILLIAMS
(NAME)

216 N. CAPITOL
(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code)

REP. DAVID COHEN
(Representing)

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Kathy Andersen
(NAME)
330 E. Lakeside St
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53715
(City and Zip Code)
gms
(Representing)

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Julie Braun
(NAME)
123 W. Washington
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison
(City and Zip Code)
Wisconsin Crime Victims Council
(Representing)

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STATE SENATOR DALE SCHULTZ
Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism,
Transportation & Corrections
Hamilton Building
Room No. 303
Via Inter-Departmental Mail

MEMORANDUM

March 16, 2000

TO: Committee on Insurance, Tourism
Transportation & Corrections
FR: Roger Breske, Chair
RE: Paper Ballot

Attached, please find a seven (7) page paper ballot. I have also attached extra copies of the related amendments. ***Please complete and return this ballot before 5PM on Friday.*** As always, please give me a call at 6-2509 in the event that you have any concerns.

As I indicated in my message yesterday, I am also tentatively scheduling a public hearing for 10AM on Wednesday, March 22, 2000 in room 201SE.

Thank you for your assistance

Laurel
State Patrol
7-4495

PAPER BALLOT
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Registrations against

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Aye
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Aye
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Aye
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Aye
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Appearances for Information Only

- Carson Frazier, WisDOT

Registrations for

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- Aye**
- No**

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February 3, 2000

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Aye
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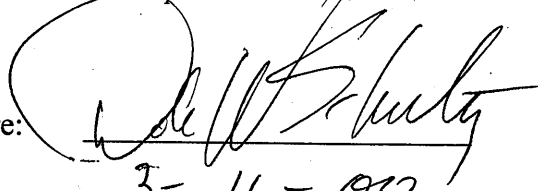
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Signature:



Date:

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Registrations against

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Aye
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Aye
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- None.

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Registrations for

- None.

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Signature:

R. J. Schmidt

Date:

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Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Carson Frazier, WisDOT

Registrations for

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Registrations against

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MOTION: *By Senator Roger Breske for passage.*

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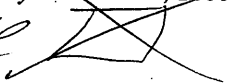
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Aye 

Signature:



Date:

3/16/00

PAPER BALLOT
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Registrations against

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MOTION: *By Senator Roger Breske for introduction and adoption of Senate Amendment 1 (LRBa1629/1).*

Aye
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MOTION: *By Senator Roger Breske for passage as amended.*

Aye
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Appearances against

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Appearances for Information Only

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Registrations for

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Relating to: maximum gross vehicle weight of motor trucks transporting exclusively milk.

By Senator Breske; cosponsored by Representative Brandemuehl.

March 14, 2000 Referred to committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections.

March 15, 2000 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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MOTION: *By Senator Roger Breske for introduction and adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 (LRBs0419/1).*

Aye
 No

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MOTION: *By Senator Roger Breske for passage as amended.*

Aye
 No

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By Senators Breske, Grobschmidt, Schultz and Clausing; cosponsored by Representatives Waukau, Ryba, Musser, Meyerhofer, Plouff, Kestell, Gunderson, Plale, Hasenohrl, Seratti, Vrakas and Pettis.

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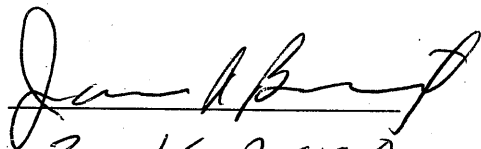
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COMMITTEE MEETING/AGENDA

THE CAPITOL – ROOM 411 SOUTH

March 8, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER

"The hour of 9AM having arrived, I will call this meeting of the Senate Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections Committee to order. The clerk will take the role."

I do not plan to hold an Executive Session today.

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Relating to: assuring financial responsibility for the operation of motor vehicles, granting rule-making authority and providing a penalty.

By Senators Moen, Decker, Erpenbach, Jauch, Burke, Grobschmidt, Robson, Roessler and Rosenzweig; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, Cullen, Krug, Turner, Ziegelbauer, J. Lehman, Ryba, Kreuser, Boyle, Plale, Plouff, Brandemuehl, Lassa, Steinbrink and Black.

II. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

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BRIAN BURKE

WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Finance

Testimony of Senator Brian Burke

Senate Bill 369

Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation & Corrections

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**TO: Senator Roger Breske, Chair
Senate Insurance, Tourism, Transportation
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**FROM: Kathy Andersen, Associate Director
Public Affairs**

DATE: March 8, 2000

RE: Support for SB 369

The State Medical Society urges the committee's support for SB 369, which would prohibit insurers from denying coverage to victims of domestic abuse or determining rates based on a person's past history as a victim of domestic abuse. Domestic violence continues to be a major medical and public health epidemic. Violence is the leading cause of injuries for women.

Because of the many efforts the medical community has made, women are now reporting more instances of abuse to their physicians. Physicians are better trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of this violence, and are better documenting this abuse in patient files. While we appear to have made progress in encouraging victims to report incidents of domestic violence, progress in this area may be significantly slowed once women learn that insurance companies are denying health insurance coverage to battered victims. This practice creates two perverse incentives. Victims may not report violent abuse to law enforcement and to their physicians, and physicians may not record such critical information.

Physicians vigorously oppose the denial of insurance coverage to victims of domestic violence and abuse and we ask that you prohibit this discrimination in the state of Wisconsin.