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From: Jim and Susan Young [young@merr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2001 6:24 PM
To: Brian Burke; Pedro A. Colón
Cc: Dave Hansen; Jim Baumgart; Russ Decker; Sheila Harsdorf; Alan Lasee
Subject: SB 48

2/23/01

To: Representative Pedro Colón and Senator Brian Burke

From: Wisconsin Green Party

Re: Support of LRB 0168/1 relating to an optional holiday honoring Cesar E. Chavez

Dear Rep. Colón and Sen. Burke,

On Feb. 11, 2001, the Wisconsin Green Party passed a motion in support of the creation of an optional holiday for state employees in honor of the birthday of the late, great labor activist Cesar E. Chavez through LRB 0168/1. We are glad to see this effort moving forward in both the Assembly and the Senate (now SB 48). The Wisconsin Green Party recognizes the important role that Mr. Chavez and the United Farm Workers have played in establishing better working conditions for farm workers in Wisconsin and throughout the United States. We encourage you and your colleagues do everything in your power to make this day of honor and respect a reality in the form of a holiday for state workers in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Green Party is encouraged by your call for action on this matter and we're happy to add our collective voice of support for SB 48 at next Wednesday's hearing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Young

Coordinating Council Member

Wisconsin Green Party

CC: Senate Committee on Labor and Agriculture

2/26/01



February 26, 2000

Honorable Dave Hansen
State Senator for the 30th District
State Capitol
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

VIA FAX AND MAIL

RE: Cesar A. Chavez's Holiday

Dear Senator Hansen:

On behalf of all the members of the ACLU in Wisconsin, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 48 which will create an optional holiday for state employees to observe the birthday of a great American, Cesar A. Chavez.

Each year 6,000 to 8,000 migrants travel to Wisconsin to work in the agricultural, food processing, meat packing, Christmas tree and printing industry. In most cases these migrants are of Mexican descent. These individuals supplement Wisconsin's workforce, as well as stimulate our local communities' economies in the form spending their hard earned monies on food, gas, housing and other necessities.

During his lifetime, Cesar Chavez fought for the civil rights of these and all farm workers in this great nation of ours. As a labor leader, he was the moral conscience of our nation with regards to the improvements in the standard of living, health benefits, housing rights, education and other benefits often ignored by the local land owners and great agricultural conglomerates. As a farm worker, he understood the daily struggles our migrant workers' experience. Cesar spread to all of us a message of humanity and dignity on behalf of all migrant workers who labor under the oppressing sun in the fields, and in our factories, and whose contribution to our local and national economy is well documented and known.


Many times in our lives we look for heroes. We often forget that many of our heroes do not always fit our conception of how a hero is supposed to look. We expect role models to have both the physical size and charisma to be able to perform deeds that are beyond our human capabilities. Cesar Chavez, although small in stature, performed deeds that can be seen daily in the faces of our workers. His heroism is an inspiration to all of us who advocate on behalf of people who cannot speak for themselves. Cesar showed us how

Honorable Dave Hansen
February 26, 2001
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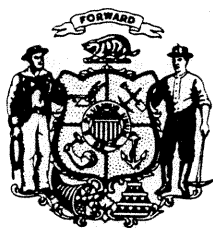
to be a leader by being determined and zealous in our convictions of liberty, equality and justice. Cesar fervently represented these ideals; the same ideals of our organization and of this nation as a whole. To observe a day in his remembrance, will be a small token to honor such a great American.

In closing, our organization supports SB 48 and I urge you to adopt it.

Respectfully,


Christopher Ahmuty
Executive Director

CA/mdm



BRIAN BURKE

WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Finance

TESTIMONY OF SENATOR BRIAN BURKE
ON SENATE BILL 48
BEFORE THE SENATE LABOR AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 28, 2001

Thank you Chairman Hansen and committee members for scheduling a hearing on Senate Bill 48 so promptly.

Senate Bill 48 seeks to create an optional state holiday in recognition of the life and work of Cesar E. Chavez, the most notable leader of the farm workers rights movement.

I first heard Cesar speak when I was a student at Georgetown Law School in 1979, almost two decades after he founded the United Farm Workers in the vineyards of California. It was clear from his speech, just as it was when I finally met him in 1989, that his commitment to the struggle for justice never wavered, even after many hard years of living that struggle. Despite his fame and successes, he insisted always on living a simple life, just the same as the families in the fields he represented.

In choosing to share the plight of the workers in the field, and by engaging in many fasts to dramatize this plight, Cesar made a powerful statement and achieved a higher authority. There is nothing small in this accomplishment. Just as there is nothing small about the gesture you can make today by showing support for this bill.

Since Senate Bill 48 was drafted as an optional state holiday, it will not cost that state additional funding, nor will state offices be completely closed. This bill will allow individuals to take off March 31st as a paid holiday in lieu of another state holiday. All state offices must remain open and operational with at least minimal staffing on this day.

In the end, the greatness of Cesar Chavez was best demonstrated not by his fame, not by all his accomplishments, but by his simplest acts. Of all the honors and awards that I have received during my tenure in the legislature, the one I hold in highest regard is the Cesar Chavez Humanitarian Award presented to me in 1994 at Mexican Fiesta. This award reminds me that in matters of conscience, there are no small acts.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 48.



Pedro Colón

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 48
Assembly Committee on Government Operations
Wednesday, February 28, 2001
State Capitol - Room 330 SW
By
Representative Pedro A. Colón**

Good morning Chair Hansen and committee members, thank you for allowing me to testify today in support of Senate Bill 48. Senate Bill 48 seeks to create an optional state holiday in recognition of the life and work of Cesar E. Chavez, the most notable leader of the farm workers rights movement.

In order to justify the need for this official recognition it is necessary that we understand who Cesar E. Chavez was and why his legacy is noteworthy and important. The history of Cesar Chavez is not only important to Latinos but to all of Wisconsin's hardworking men, women and families.

Born in 1927 near Yuma, Arizona, Cesar Estrada Chavez was the second of six children. His grandfather, for whom he was named, settled the Gila Valley in the 1880's after escaping slavery on a Mexican ranch. The Chavez homestead grew to over 100 acres and 14 children. Chavez's father, Librado, began his family in 1924 when he married Juana Estrada. Librado and his family lived in an apartment above the store he owned and operated. In addition, Chavez's father continued to work on the family farm. The Great Depression changed all of that and set in motion a series of events that would become the legacy of Cesar E. Chavez. One that is synonymous with farm workers rights and migrant labor advocacy.

The Great Depression took away the family business in the early 1930's and the Chavez's family moved back to the family farm. But by 1937 a severe drought forced the family to give up the farm and a year later the Chavez family moved to California to search for work and eventually joined the migrant community traveling from farm to farm harvesting fruits and vegetables.

Due to the nature of this work, the family was constantly moving and Chavez attended more than 30 schools. By the eighth grade, Chavez left school to work full time in the vineyards in order to allow his family to rent a small cottage. Then in 1944, Chavez left to serve in the Navy during World War II. He returned after two years, continued to work in the fields and in 1948 wed Helen Fabela. Later that year he participated in a protest of low wages and squalid working conditions. This would be his first foray into the labor movement. Here he began what would become his life's work – fighting for change and workers rights in the fields on which he toiled.

He and his wife began teaching workers to read and write and assisted then in gaining citizenship. Chavez became more involved in social movements and became an active voice in

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bettering the lives of farm and migrant workers. By 1952 Chavez became involved with a group called the Community Service Organization (CSO). He traveled the state of California urging Latinos to vote and fought for worker's rights. Chavez was named director of the CSO in 1958.

Four years later, Chavez would leave the CSO to form the National Farm Worker's Union (NFWU) which later became the United Farm Workers of America (UFWA). He organized large scale boycotts of both grapes and lettuce in the 1970's and, in 1988, was joined by religious and political leaders, celebrities, and other activists in a fast that protested the conditions in which migrant workers were forced to live and work.

When he died in 1993, he had never earned more than \$5000 in a year but he had bettered the lives of thousands of farm workers. In 1994, President Clinton posthumously awarded Chavez the Medal of Freedom. Former Texas Governor George W. Bush signed a law recognizing March 31st as Cesar E. Chavez Day in 1999 and just last year California Governor Gray Davis signed a similar bill into law.

The legacy of Cesar E. Chavez lives on today and through his tireless efforts on behalf of migrant workers, they see vastly improved wages and working conditions. My legislation would help Wisconsin become the third state in the nation to bestow this honor upon Cesar E. Chavez and officially recognize March 31st as Cesar E. Chavez Day.

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Cesar E. Chavez has done more for migrant workers than any single individual and it is time that Wisconsin, with its large migrant labor population, recognizes the achievements of this great man.

I thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to appear before this committee in support of Senate Bill 48. I would be happy to answer questions that members of the committee may have.

February 26, 2000

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On behalf of all the members of the ACLU in Wisconsin, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 48 which will create an optional holiday for state employees to observe the birthday of a great American, Cesar A. Chavez.

Each year 6,000 to 8,000 migrants travel to Wisconsin to work in the agricultural, food processing, meat packing, Christmas tree and printing industry. In most cases these migrants are of Mexican descent. These individuals supplement Wisconsin's workforce, as well as stimulate our local communities' economies in the form spending their hard earned monies on food, gas, housing and other necessities.

During his lifetime, Cesar Chavez fought for the civil rights of these and all farm workers in this great nation of ours. As a labor leader, he was the moral conscience of our nation with regards to the improvements in the standard of living, health benefits, housing rights, education and other benefits often ignored by the local land owners and great agricultural conglomerates. As a farm worker, he understood the daily struggles our migrant workers' experience. Cesar spread to all of us a message of humanity and dignity on behalf of all migrant workers who labor under the oppressing sun in the fields, and in our factories, and whose contribution to our local and national economy is well documented and known.

Many times in our lives we look for heroes. We often forget that many of our heroes do not always fit our conception of how a hero is supposed to look. We expect role models to have both the physical size and charisma to be able to perform deeds that are

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beyond our human capabilities. Cesar Chavez, although small in stature, performed deeds that can be seen daily in the faces of our workers. His heroism is an inspiration to all of us who advocate on behalf of people who cannot speak for themselves. Cesar showed us how to be a leader by being determined and zealous in our convictions of liberty, equality and justice. Cesar fervently represented these ideals; the same ideals of our organization and of this nation as a whole. To observe a day in his remembrance, will be a small token to honor such a great American.

In closing, our organization supports SB 48 and I urge you to adopt it.

Respectfully,

Christopher Ahmuty
Executive Director
ACLU

CA/mdm

Janssen, Andy

From: Jim and Susan Young [young@merr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2001 6:24 PM
To: Brian Burke; Pedro A. Colón
Cc: Dave Hansen; Jim Baumgart; Russ Decker; Sheila Harsdorf; Alan Lasee
Subject: SB 48

2/23/01

To: Representative Pedro Colón and Senator Brian Burke

From: Wisconsin Green Party

Re: Support of LRB 0168/1 relating to an optional holiday honoring Cesar E. Chavez

Dear Rep. Colón and Sen. Burke,

On Feb. 11, 2001, the Wisconsin Green Party passed a motion in support of the creation of an optional holiday for state employees in honor of the birthday of the late, great labor activist Cesar E. Chavez through LRB 0168/1. We are glad to see this effort moving forward in both the Assembly and the Senate (now SB 48). The Wisconsin Green Party recognizes the important role that Mr. Chavez and the United Farm Workers have played in establishing better working conditions for farm workers in Wisconsin and throughout the United States. We encourage you and your colleagues do everything in your power to make this day of honor and respect a reality in the form of a holiday for state workers in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Green Party is encouraged by your call for action on this matter and we're happy to add our collective voice of support for SB 48 at next Wednesday's hearing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Young

Coordinating Council Member

Wisconsin Green Party

CC: Senate Committee on Labor and Agriculture

02/27/2001

Janssen, Andy

From: ernesto gonzalez [ergonz@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2001 12:30 AM
To: andy.janssen@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: CESAR CHAVEZ HOLIDAY

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER MY VOTE AS TOWARD CREATING A HOLIDAY IN THE NAME OF CESAR CHAVEZ.

HE WAS A GREAT LEADER AND MADE MANY CHANGES FOR THE FARMWORKER AND SET AN EXAMPLE OF NON-VIOLENCE IN TIMES OF GREAT CHANGE AND RESISTANCE, THAT I BELIEVE HE STANDS AMONG THE HISPANICS AND MANY NON-HISPANIS AS A MODEL OF PURSUING CHANGE WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

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Janssen, Andy

From: Donna L. Vukelich [dlvukelich@students.wisc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2001 9:22 PM
To: andy.janssen@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Cesar Chavez optional holiday

Hello,

We are unable to attend the hearing on February 28, but wish to express our strong support for making Cesar Chavez' birthday an optional holiday for state employees.

His life and work were, and continue to be, an inspiration to many of us.

Sincerely,

Donna Vukelich and Claudio Selva
945-D Eagle Heights
Madison, WI 53705

Janssen, Andy

From: Pryz1@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2001 1:39 AM
To: sen.harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: rep.colon@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Senate Bill 48

Dear Sen. Decker,

I urge your support for Senate Bill 48 to create an optional state holiday in honor of Cesar E. Chavez, the deceased former president of the United Farm Workers Union.

Mr. Chavez's concerns for the health and safety of farm workers during the 1960s and 1970s contributed to the present day removal of dangerous pesticides and chemicals used in farming and agriculture. Their union's diligence, including nation-wide boycotts, was responsible for preventing thousands of injuries and yes, even death, to migrant workers in California and serious illnesses to consumers of contaminated produce.

He raised the consciousness of millions of people who took for granted the hardships and illnesses farm workers faced every day providing the fruits and vegetables we eat and need for our health and well being.

We owe him our deep respect for his courageous efforts and dignity. The passage of Senate Bill 48 would be a significant tribute.

Sincerely,

Daniel Pryzbyla
1527 N. 37th st.
Milwaukee, WI 53208

I have come here this morning to ask that you honor Cesar E. Chavez by marking his birthday, March 31st as an optional state holiday. In order to really understand the magnitude of a man like Cesar, you must first understand his people.

I am not speaking about Mexican American's although Cesar was very proud to be Mexican-American and as a Mexican American, I am proud to be included in a race with such a remarkable person. No, when you speak of Cesar's people, you must speak of the migrant and seasonal farmworker's of all races, ages, and religions for whom Cesar fought so hard and eventually gave his life.

Migrant farmworker's handle the most precious commodity that we have besides our children, our food. In this age of high technology, there are still fruits and vegetables that cannot be picked by a machine; strawberries, tomatoes, mushrooms, to name just a few. Very gentle, very skilled hands must pick them. Those hands belong to hardworking people who labor under oppressive conditions. While laboring in the fields, farm workers are usually provided with poor drinking water and unhealthy sanitation facilities if any exist at all. They work exposed to dangerous and even deadly pesticides that are sprayed on the crops that they pick. Most farm workers must constantly migrate from job to job and work long hours in fields, often in back-breaking positions, in the dust, heat, and cold. Despite recent social reforms brought about greatly by Cesar and the UFW, living and working conditions for many migratory farm workers have not changed much since the 1930s. Today, the average life expectancy of a migrant worker is only 49 years old. Cesar once said, *"Farm workers are involved in the planting, cultivation and harvesting of the greatest abundance of food known in this society. They bring so much food to feed you, me, and the whole country and enough food to export to other places. The ironic thing and the tragic thing is that after they make this tremendous contribution, they don't have any money or any food left for themselves"*.

On April 23, 1993, Cesar Chavez died shortly after his 66th birthday leaving the world a better place for thousands of farm worker families. His life, his work and his words continue to touch us however Cesar's mission is far from accomplished. I urge you today to please pass Senate Bill 48 and make Wisconsin the 4th state in the United States to honor Cesar Chavez with an optional state holiday. Let March 31st be not only a day when we pay homage to a great American but also a day of education for our children and ourselves. Let us use this day to develop the conscience that Cesar stirred not long ago, let us use this day to begin to ask ourselves, "where does our food come from?"

Thank you very much. *in the agricultural state of WI.*



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Readers of the Bible are often comforted by its message of hope, but are also agitated by its mandate for action. Cesar Chavez was such a person. A child of a dispossessed Mexican farm family, his awareness of the inherent dignity of the worker and the gross injustices perpetuated in the name of profit by California farm owners prompted him to form the United Farm Worker in 1962.

In 1965 Chavez gained national attention by orchestrating a nationwide grape boycott. The boycott was part of his spirituality of action, which included nonviolent activity, fasting, and prayer. Farm worker rallies are still remembered as times when Cesar would counsel that winning would not be possible through violence, but fasting and prayer would produce victory.

At this time in the history of our country we are desperately in need of role model heroes. We must honor people of inner spiritual strength, not thoes whose prower depends on wealth or military might. We need heroes who are dedicated to serving the community not simply to their own self intrest.

Cesar Chaves was dedicated to the cause of justice, and in recogniton of his service to our country, I ask that the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee support the passage of Wisconsin Assembly Bill 623 relating to the creation of an optional holiday to observe the birthday of Cesar E. Chavez.

Senate 48

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March 31

CESAR CHAVEZ COMMENTS
February 28, 2001

Mr. Chairman : Members of the Committee

GOOD MORNING... AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE ADVOCATES FOR THE CESAR CHAVEZ STATE HOLIDAY.

MY NAME IS LUPE MARTINEZ. I AM THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF UMOS. ; Member of the Governor's Migrant Council

UMOS , HEADQUARTERED IN MILWAUKEE, IS A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SERVING MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARM WORKERS, HISPANICS AND THOSE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED. Statewide

MY COMMENTS TODAY CAN BE SUMMED UP IN TWO WORDS...."IT'S TIME"

Lupe Martinez
President & Chief Executive Officer

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**IT'S TIME TO PAY TRIBUTE TO CESAR
CHAVEZ.**

[SIGHT PAUSE]

**IN THE WORDS OF CESAR CHAVEZ AND I
QUOTE..."HOWEVER IMPORTANT THE
STRUGGLE IS.....AND HOWEVER MUCH
MISERY AND POVERTY AND
DEGRADATION EXIST, WE KNOW THAT IT
CANNOT BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN
ONE HUMAN LIFE.**

**I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK
THAT YOU RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ONE
HUMAN LIFE.....THE LIFE OF CESAR
CHAVEZ.....A LEADER, A MOTIVATOR, AN
ADVOCATE FOR THE POOR, A FRIEND.**

**I HAD THE DISTINCT HONOR OF
KNOWING AND STANDING SIDE BY SIDE
WITH CESAR CHAVEZ DURING THE
CALIFORNIA GRAPE BOYCOTT THAT
BEGAN IN 1965.**

I REMEMBER HIM SAYING IN ONE OF HIS SPEECHES....."IT IS POSSIBLE TO BECOME DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE INJUSTICE WE SEE EVERYWHERE...BUT GOD DID NOT PROMISE US THAT THE WORLD WOULD BE HUMANE AND JUST."

"GOD GAVE US THE GIFT OF LIFE, AND HE ALLOWS US TO CHOOSE THE WAY WE USE OUR LIMITED TIME ON EARTH."

"IT IS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY."

YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THE MILLIONS OF LATINOS WHO LIVE IN THIS GREAT COUNTRY... AND THE THOUSANDS WHO LIVE IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN BY MAKING CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY A STATEWIDE HOLIDAY.

IT'S TIME.

**IT'S TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE
ACHIEVEMENTS AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LATINOS..... AND
THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT
HAVE BE HELPED MAKE THIS COUNTRY
WHAT IT IS TODAY.**

**FROM ENTERTAINMENT TO EDUCATION,
ART TO ACTING, TELEVISION TO
THEATER, CULTURE TO COMICS, FOOD
TO FARMING.**

IT'S TIME.

**IT'S TIME TO HONOR A MAN WHO GAVE
SO MUCH OF HIMSELF, YET RECEIVED
LITTLE IN RETURN.**

**WHEN CESAR CHAVEZ PASSED AWAY, HE
WAS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
FARMWORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO.**

exceed
~~HIS PAY DIDN'T TOP \$5,000 A YEAR.~~

“WHEN WE ARE REALLY HONEST WITH OURSELVES WE MUST ADMIT THAT OUR LIVES ARE ALL THAT REALLY BELONG TO US.... SO...IT IS HOW WE USE OUR LIVES THAT DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF MEN AND WOMEN WE ARE.”

“IT IS MY DEEPEST BELIEF THAT ONLY BY GIVING OUR LIVES...DO WE FIND LIFE.”

THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF CESAR CHAVEZ. THAT WAS THE LIFE HE LIVED. THAT WAS HIS MISSION.

YOUR MISSION IS TO CONSIDER MAKING HIS BIRTHDAY A STATE WIDE HOLIDAY.

WE WHO ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY STRONGLY URGE YOU TO DO SO.

AS I CLOSE, I WANT TO QUOTE CESAR CHAVEZ ONE LAST TIME.....AND IT GOES

LIKE THIS.....“THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE AND BE OF SERVICE, HAVE VERY LITTLE DIFFICULTY WITH OTHER PEOPLE...FOR THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE ALL ABOUT.”

“PEOPLE CAN’T HELP BUT WANT TO BE NEAR THEM.....THEY WANT TO HELP THEM.....THEY WANT TO WORK WITH THEM..

AND ACCORDING TO CESAR CHAVEZ, THAT’S WHAT LOVE IS ALL ABOUT.

IT STARTS WITH YOUR HEART AND RADIATES OUT.”

I APPEAL TO YOUR HEARTS TODAY TO HONOR A GREAT HUMANITARIAN...CESAR CHAVEZ.

THE TIME COULDN’T BE BETTER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. *Mr. Chairman*

*Members of the Labor Committee
of Agriculture*

Ellinger, Lisa

From: Pryz1@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2001 1:33 AM
To: sen.hansen@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: sen.decker@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Senate Bill 48

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**Committee on Labor and Agriculture
Senator Dave Hansen, Chair**

PAPER BALLOT

Date: February 28, 2001

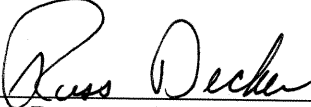
Bill: Senate Bill 48 -- Relating to: creating an optional holiday for state employees to observe the birthday of Cesar E. Chavez.

Motion: Passage

Moved by: Hansen

Seconded by: Baumgart

Aye: **No:**



Senator Russ Decker

Please return to Senator Hansen's office (by messenger) by **4 pm TODAY (2/28/01)**.

Thank you. Please call the Committee Clerk, Lisa Ellinger, at 266-5670 if you have any questions.

Vote Record

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