

WISCONSIN STATE  
LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE HEARING  
RECORDS

**2003-04**

(session year)

**Assembly**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on  
Public Health  
(AC-PH)**

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Name:

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## Vote Record Committee on Public Health

Date: 10/8/03

Moved by: Schneider

Seconded by: Wasserman

AB 108 SB \_\_\_\_\_ Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR \_\_\_\_\_ SJR \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:  
 Passage     Adoption     Confirmation     Concurrence     Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction     Rejection     Tabling     Nonconcurrency

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Representative J.A. Hines, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative DuWayne Johnsrud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Gregg Underheim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Stephen Freese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Terri McCormick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Sheldon Wasserman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Johnnie Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Marlin Schneider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



Wisconsin Speaker Pro Tempore  
**Representative Stephen J. Freese**

October 7, 2003

J.A. Hines, Chairman  
Assembly Committee on Public Health  
Room 10W, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Chairman Hines:

Since I am unable to be present for the October 8<sup>th</sup> executive session of the Assembly Committee on Public Health, I would like to submit my voting intentions for the committee record.

Let it be known for the record that I would have voted "aye" on passage of Assembly Bill 108, Assembly Bill 332, Assembly Bill 351 and Assembly Bill 441.

Sincerely,

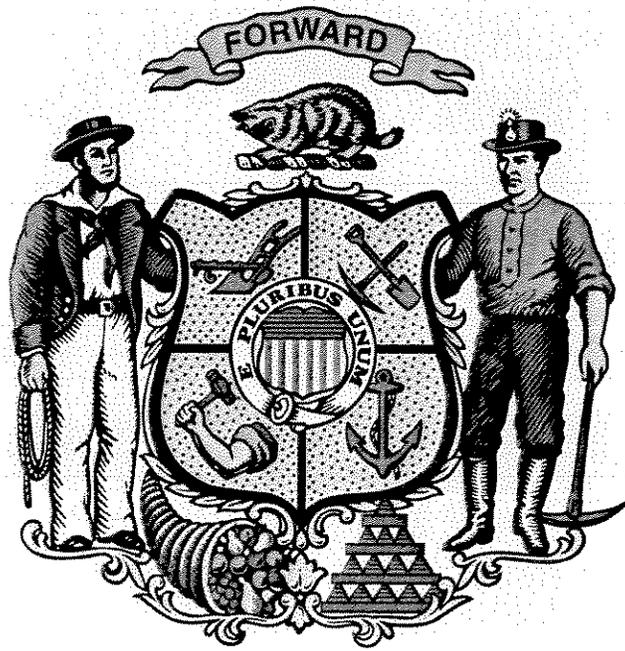
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Freese".

Stephen J. Freese  
State Representative

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# J.A. HINES

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

## Assembly Committee on Public Health

Testimony of Rep. J.A. Hines

Assembly Bill 108

1. Public health – no cure for the infection once symptoms occur in animals or man
2. Dogs and cats are treated the same if bites occur i.e. observation and quarantine by law.
3. Under current law, cats that are imported into the state must be vaccinated.
4. Many cities have local ordinances requiring rabies vaccination of cats. This would simplify if we have a statewide requirement.
5. The intent of this bill is not to force anyone into vaccinating his or her cats; no penalty would be imposed unless a bite occurred. The same as dogs.
6. Responsible pet owners already vaccinate a large percentage of their cats. Most people are law-abiding citizens and would vaccinate if this were the law.
7. Other animals i.e. horses and cattle can be and are vaccinated if owners feel there is a threat to them, but because these are not carnivores the chance of them spreading the disease is much less. Cats and dogs do and can bite. This is the main way the disease is spread.
8. Laws that pertain to diseases that spread from animals to man are written in conjunction with the Veterinary Practice Act or Department of Agriculture.
9. Efforts are underway to prevent the spread of rabies in the raccoon that is occurring in the eastern part of this country.
10. Criticism of the need to vaccinate because of low numbers of cases is poor reasoning. No one would consider repealing the dog rabies vaccinating because of low incidence of rabies in dogs.
11. The cost of preventative treatment in humans after exposure, bite of an infected or unknown animal, can run into the thousands of dollars.
12. Using the argument that the reason for this is solely to the benefit veterinarians is like saying the reason to vaccinate children against polio is to benefit doctors.

