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Committee on  
Agriculture and  
Insurance  
(SC-AI)

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## Vote Record Committee on Agriculture and Insurance

Date: 3-6-06

Moved by: Olsen

Seconded by: Brown

AB 218

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Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

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Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage       Adoption       Confirmation       Concurrence       Indefinite Postponement
- Introduction       Rejection       Tabling       Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

Senator Dan Kapanke, Chair

Aye      No      Absent      Not Voting

Senator Neal Kedzie

Senator Ronald Brown

Senator Luther Olsen

Senator Jon Erpenbach

Senator David Hansen

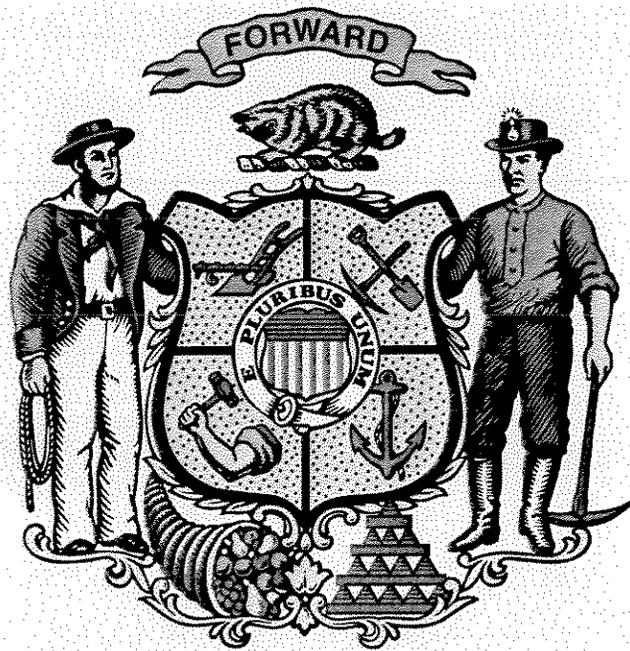
Senator Mark Miller

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Totals:

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



**Perlich, John H.**

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**From:** Kelly McDowell [kelly@martinschreiber.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 2:18 PM  
**To:** Perlich, John H.  
**Subject:** RE: phone message

Leslie Grendahl and I had stopped by your office last month to ask that Assembly Bill 218 (castration of cats and dogs) be scheduled. Would it be possible to add it to your February 16<sup>th</sup> agenda?

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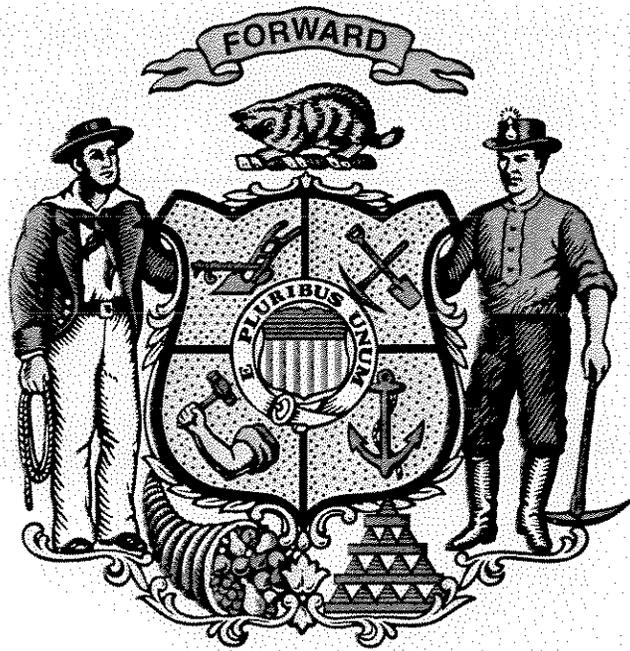
**From:** Perlich, John H. [mailto:John.Perlich@legis.state.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2006 2:19 PM  
**To:** kelly@martinschreiber.com  
**Subject:** Re: phone message

Kelly,  
The Agr and Ins hearing for tomorrow has been rescheduled for Feb. 16th. If you still have questions please call.

John

**John H. Perlich**

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## **Senate Committee on Agriculture and Insurance**

### **Testimony In support of Assembly Bill 218 March 1, 2006**

Thank you Chairperson Kapanke, and members of the committee for allowing me to speak. My name is Tom Gilligan. I am president-elect of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. In addition to my service to the WVMA, I am also the owner of North Lake Veterinary Clinic, a companion animal practice in Waukesha County.

The WVMA represents approximately 90 percent of Wisconsin's licensed veterinarians. We ask for your support of Assembly Bill 218 which would require a person to obtain a veterinary license before castrating a dog or a cat. While we are disappointed an amendment was added to exclude horses from the list, my association feels supporting the bill in its weakened state is still better than no bill at all.

Only veterinarians are authorized, by law, to provide anesthesia to animals. Allowing lay people to castrate dogs and cats without anesthesia would increase animal suffering. All veterinarians take an oath to uphold the "relief of animal suffering" and would consider the risk of excessive pain during this procedure by lay people to be cruel and unnecessary.

The American Animal Hospital Association guidelines clearly state that pain management is a necessary component of all surgical procedures.

Medically, there is also a concern of exsanguinations, also known as bleeding out, or severe swelling caused by hemorrhaging. This could result in the death of the dog or cat if the blood vessels are not properly tied off prior to being excised.

For these reasons, the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association asks you to support AB 218.

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