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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation...

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(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
(**sb** = Senate Bill) (**sr** = Senate Resolution) (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

Ayes: (4) Senators Kedzie, Stepp (via paper ballot),
Kapanke and Wirch.

Noes: (1) Senator Breske.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Matt Phillips
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Date: 5-4-05

Bill Number: AB2079

Moved by: Kapanke

Seconded by: Breske

Motion: Concurrence

Committee Member

Senator Neal Kedzie, Chair

Senator Cathy Stepp

Senator Dan Kapanke

Senator Roger Breske

Senator Robert Wirch

Aye

No

Absent

Not Voting

Totals: _____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Senator Neal Kedzie, Chair

May 4, 2005

MOTION

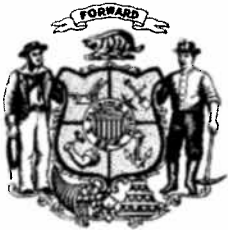
Recommend Assembly Bill 209, relating to: designating and marking a portion of USH 14 as the Ronald Reagan Highway, for concurrence.

Aye _____ No _____

Signature *A. Steyer*



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation April 21, 2005

✓ Assembly Bill 18 – Ainsworth/Olsen

Summary: This bill permits motor trucks having a gross weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds to be equipped with a flashing or rotating amber light that may be operated only when the motor truck is upon a highway having a maximum speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour and is traveling ten or more miles per hour below the speed limit, stopped, or backing up. Current law generally prohibits (with various exceptions such as safety vehicles) any vehicle from displaying any flashing or rotating light.

- ✓ What types of trucks would utilize this provision?
- How often would this be utilized – (we don't want them to become common place, thereby having motorists ignore flashing safety lights)

✓ Assembly Bill 38 – Friske/Olsen

Summary: This bill changes the penalty for persons who violate operating restrictions under a probationary license or an instruction permit. Under this bill, a person holding a probationary license or instruction permit who violates these operating restrictions must forfeit \$50 for a first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for each subsequent offense. In addition, DOT must provide notice of the conviction to any adult sponsor of the person.

- ✓ Have any young adults that have violated the graduated drivers license law been given any jail time as a result of their offense.
- ✓ Are the organizations that supported passage of the graduated driver's license law supportive of this change?

✓ Assembly Bill 169 – Van Roy/Cowles

Summary: (As Amended) Creates an exception to the current law prohibition against operating double-decked buses. Also creates an exception to height restrictions. In order to qualify, the vehicles must have a closed roof and obtain the approval of the officer in charge of maintenance of each highway on the proposed route. The officer may not grant approval unless the vehicle clears all obstruction along the route by at least 6 inches and the operator agrees to accept liability for any damages.

- Under the bill, do local governments have the ability to prevent double-deck buses from operating in their jurisdiction, or must they allow them if they meet the criteria spelled out in the substitute amendment. Would it make sense to allow the governing body of a city, village, town or County to have the ability to make the determination as to whether or not double deck buses are allowed, instead of the officer in charge of maintenance?
- What would be the penalty if a double-deck bus that has the authority to operate on a proposed route veer off of that proposed route? Will drivers be notified that the law requires them to stay on the authorized route? Should we include such a provision in the bill?
- After a route is approved, does the "officer in charge of maintenance" have the authority to rescind that approval if something were to change? Should there be any type of periodic route check to ensure the route still meets the clearance requirements? (i.e. New power lines, trees growing over a roadway, new structure has been built, etc.)
- For State Patrol? Would the state patrol inspect all double deck buses prior to operation? Is there periodic inspection as well, such as once a year or once every few years?

Senate Bill 61 – Breske/Hines

Summary: This bill permits consecutive monthly registration of a motor truck, trailer, or truck tractor used exclusively to transport calcium chloride liquid.

- Can you tell the committee what calcium chloride liquid is used for, and the rationale for allowing them to register monthly?
- How many trucks across the state would this affect? What would the resulting revenue loss to the state be?

Senate Bill 139/Assembly Bill 209 – Harsdorf/Lothian/Suder

Summary: This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the route of USH 14 in this state from the Wisconsin-Illinois border to Madison as the "Ronald Reagan Highway."

- The bill indicates that signs will not be erected until the state has received sufficient funds to cover the cost of erecting and maintaining them. Do you have any idea what this would cost, and if there are individuals out there that are willing to provide these contributions?

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Because all of the Committee members are not present, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to leave the roll open until 5:00 today for the absent members to vote.

Senate Bill 39 (With SSA 1)

Senate Bill 39 is authored by Senator Leibham and Representative Petrowski, and relates to creating a school transportation bio-diesel fuel cost assistance program.

We have a substitute amendment pending that has been drafted by the author of the bill. Legislative Council has prepared a memo on the Amendment which each of you should have received. Leg. Council, would you like to describe the Substitute amendment for the committee please.

- **MOTION TO ADOPT SSA 1 TO SB 39**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

- **MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 39 AS AMENDED**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

Senate Bill 41 (With SA 1)

Senate Bill 41 is authored by Senator Cowles and Representative Ott, and relates to providing a definition of bio-diesel fuel and prohibits the mislabeling of bio-diesel fuel.

There is a simple amendment that has been introduced by the bill's author. The amendment establishes a July 1, 2007, effective date for the bill.

- **MOTION TO ADOPT SA 1 TO SB 41**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

- **MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 41 AS AMENDED**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

Senate Bill 45

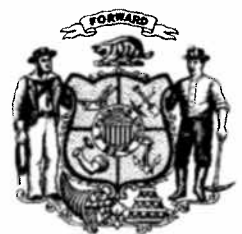
Senate Bill 45, authored by Senator Zien and Representative Suder, increases the maximum permissible overall length of the combination of vehicles from 60 feet to 65 feet if the middle vehicle in the three-vehicle combination is equipped with brakes.

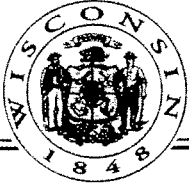
- **MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 45**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

DO NOT GAVEL THE EXEC. SESSION CLOSED!



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





State Senator Sheila Harsdorf

Date: April 21, 2005

To: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

From: Senator Sheila Harsdorf

Re: Support for Senate Bill 139 and Assembly Bill 209, relating to naming a portion of US Highway 14 as the "Ronald Reagan Highway."

Dear Chairman Kedzie and Committee Members:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 139 and Assembly Bill 209. As you know, these bills would honor Ronald Reagan by naming a portion of Highway 14 in Southern Wisconsin the "Ronald Reagan Highway."

Over the past year, Americans have shown a renewed interest in the legacy of our late, great president, Ronald Reagan. His death last year rekindled a lot of the discussion of what made President Reagan great, including his strength in staring down the evils of communism and his resolve in winning the Cold War. As we have seen recently, President Reagan is one of the most revered and respected public figures we have had in America.

Fortunately for us in Wisconsin, we have a geographic tie to President Reagan, which allows us to honor him in the manner he deserves. Highway 14 in Illinois, which leads from Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon, runs to the Wisconsin border, and has been named the "Ronald Reagan Highway." These bills would simply extend that designation into a portion of Southern Wisconsin. The funds to make this change would come from private donations, at no cost to the state.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 139 and Assembly Bill 209. I appreciate your scheduling a hearing on this legislation and it is my hope that these bills can receive quick action by this committee and be brought before the State Senate for a vote.

Sincerely,

Sheila Harsdorf
State Senator
10th Senate District