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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

### 2005-06

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## Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation...

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation**

##### **Assembly Bill 448**

Relating to: allowing school buses to tow trailers.

By Representatives Pettis, Musser, Boyle, Townsend, F. Lasee, Ballweg, Mursau, Kreibich, Albers, Pridemore and Ott; cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee, Grothman and Brown.

November 11, 2005 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

February 1, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.  
Absent: (0) None.

##### Appearances For

- Mark Pettis — State Representative, 28th Assembly District

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- None.

##### Registrations Against

- None.

February 15, 2006 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.  
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Kapanke that **Assembly Bill 448** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.  
Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Dan Johnson  
Committee Clerk

**Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on  
Natural Resources and Transportation  
Public Hearing – February 1, 2006**

- Welcome to today's hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.
- Committee Clerk will take Attendance. The roll will be left open for members who have yet to arrive.
- I would like to remind individuals wishing to testify to fill out a hearing slip and give it to the member of the Sergeant's Staff.
- It is my intent to take up the items in the order listed on the hearing notice, and will take up Companion bills at the same time.

Senate Bill 84 (Assembly Bill 120) – Authored by Sen. Olsen and Rep. Petrowski  
Relating to: restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles by persons holding instruction permits or probationary licenses and providing a penalty.

**Summary:** This bill creates an additional restriction that a probationary licensee who is under 18 years of age may not, during the first nine months following issuance of the probationary license, operate a "Class D" vehicle while using a cellular telephone, except to report an emergency. The same exceptions that apply to existing restrictions on the licensee also apply to this new restriction. The bill also stipulates that a person operating a motor vehicle under an instruction permit may not operate the motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone.

**Assembly Action – AB 120:**

- Passed Assembly Committee on Highway Safety on a 7-1 vote.
- Passed the Joint Committee on Finance on a 10-5 vote.
- Passed the Assembly on an 89-6 vote.

**Assembly Action:**

- Passed by the Assembly Committee on Transportation on a 13-0 vote
- Passed by the Assembly on a voice vote.

**Assembly Bill 235 – Authored by Representative Musser and Senator Lassa**

Relating to: designating and marking STH 173 as the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway.

**Summary:** This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the entire route of STH 173 as the "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway" to honor the members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, also known as the "Sky Soldiers," who bravely served their country and brought great credit to this state from 1963 to 1972, including deployment to Vietnam in 1965 as the first major ground combat unit of the U.S. Army to serve there, and who have continued to serve in Europe since the year 2000. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers on STH 173 to identify the highway as the "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway."

**Questions:**

- The fiscal estimate on the bill indicates that the total initial cost to install the designating signs will be \$2,200. Is there a group/groups that are lined up at this point to fund this amount?

**Assembly Action:**

- Passed the Assembly Committee on Transportation on a 14-0 vote
- Passed the Assembly on a voice vote

**Assembly Bill 448 – Authored by Representative Pettis and Senator Lasee**

Relating to: allowing school buses to tow trailers.

**Summary:** Assembly Bill 448, as amended by the Assembly, allows a person to operate a school bus in Wisconsin with a trailer or semitrailer attached if the bus is equipped with side exit or side emergency exit windows suitable to provide an exit for pupils in an emergency.

**Assembly Amendment 1:** Includes the requirement that the buses must have side exits or emergency exit windows.

**Assembly Action:**

- Passed the Assembly Committee on Tourism on a 12-0 vote
- Passed the Assembly on a 66-29 vote