

☞ **05hr_SC-VHSMASBGR_sjr0021_pt01**



(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

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

2005-06

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Veterans, Homeland Security,
Military Affairs, Small Business and Government
Reform (SC-VHSMASBGR)**

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
- Executive Sessions ... **ES**
- Public Hearings ... **PH**

INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
(**sb** = Senate Bill) (**sr** = Senate Resolution) (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

NO

RECORD OF **C**OMMITTEE **P**ROCEEDINGS

AVAILABLE FOR THIS SJR

SENATE HEARING SLIP
(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: 8/24/05

BILL NO. _____
OR
SUBJECT SJR 21

JOLENE PLAUTZ

~~JOLENE PLAUTZ~~
(NAME)

4741 Hayes Rd # 14
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison WI 53204
(City and Zip Code)

WI TOWNS ASSC
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information only; Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger PROMPTLY.

Senate Sergeant-At-Arms
State Capitol - B35 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

SENATE HEARING SLIP
(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: 8/24/05

BILL NO. SJR 21
OR
SUBJECT PROTECTING

Sequestered Funds

Jeff Smith
(NAME)

7320 Old Sawk Rd
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison WI 53717
(City and Zip Code)

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information only; Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger PROMPTLY.

Senate Sergeant-At-Arms
State Capitol - B35 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

SENATE HEARING SLIP
(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: 8/24/05

BILL NO. SJR 21
OR
SUBJECT _____

Jeff Nagig (NAN-E-AH)

111360 Hwy 127
(Street Address or Route Number)

Portage WI 53901
(City and Zip Code)

Wisconsin Veterinary Assn
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information only; Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger PROMPTLY.

Senate Sergeant-At-Arms
State Capitol - B35 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

SENATE HEARING SLIP

(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: 8-24-05

BILL NO. Joint Res 21

OR
SUBJECT Joint Res 21

REP J. A. HINKS
(NAME)

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code)

(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information
only; Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger PROMPTLY.

Senate Sergeant-At-Arms
State Capitol - B35 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

SENATE HEARING SLIP

(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: 8-24-05

BILL NO. SJR 21

OR
SUBJECT Changing Funds

Rep. Burske
(NAME)

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code)

(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information
only; Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger PROMPTLY.

Senate Sergeant-At-Arms
State Capitol - B35 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

SENATE HEARING SLIP

(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: 8/24/05

BILL NO. SJR 21

OR
SUBJECT _____

George Meyer
(NAME)

201 Randolph Dr
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, WI
(City and Zip Code)

Wisc. Wildlife Federation
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information
only; Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger PROMPTLY.

Senate Sergeant-At-Arms
State Capitol - B35 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

BILL NO. SJR 21
OF _____
SUBJECT _____

Michael Welsh
(NAME)
44 E. MIFFLIN, SUITE 600
(Street Address or Route Number)
MADISON, WI 53703
(City and Zip Code)
WISCONSIN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information
only; Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger PROMPTLY.
Senate Sergeant-At-Arms
State Capitol - B35 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

BILL NO. SJR 21
OF _____
SUBJECT _____

BRANDON SCHOLZ
(NAME)
ONE SOUTH DAWKNEY ST #504
(Street Address or Route Number)
MADISON, WI 53703
(City and Zip Code)
WISCONSIN GROCERS ASSOCIATION
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:
but not speaking:

Registering Against:
but not speaking:

Speaking for information
only; Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger PROMPTLY.
Senate Sergeant-At-Arms
State Capitol - B35 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21 (LRB -1009)

To create section 11 of article VIII of the constitution; relating to: the creation of state funds and accounts and prohibiting the state from changing the purpose of any state fund or program revenue appropriation account (first consideration).

2005

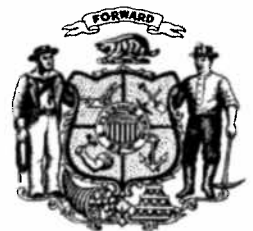
- 04-05. S. Introduced by Senators **Breske, Harsdorf and Grothman**; cosponsored by Representatives **Hines, Hahn, Musser, Kreibich, Ainsworth, Bies, Gunderson, Jeskewitz, Ballweg, Wood, F. Lasee and Pridemore**.
- 04-05. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform 144
- 08-17. S. Representative Strachota added as a cosponsor 325
- 08-24. S. Public hearing held.
- 09-15. S. Senate amendment 1 offered by Senator Breske (**LRB a0960**) 351
- 10-25. S. Senator Leibham added as a coauthor 404
- 11-07. S. Executive action taken.
- 11-08. S. Report adoption of Senate Amendment 1 recommended by committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform, Ayes 4, Noes 1 438
- 11-08. S. Report adoption as amended recommended by committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform, Ayes 4, Noes 1 438
- 11-08. S. Available for scheduling.

2006

- 05-11. S. Failed to adopt pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1 853



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



- ▶ Home
- ▶ Lobbying in Wisconsin
- ▶ Organizations employing lobbyists
- ▶ Lobbyists



as of Tuesday, August 23, 2005

2005-2006 legislative session

Legislative bills and resolutions

(search for another legislative bill or resolution at the bottom of this page)

- Text, Sponsors and Analysis
- Status and Fiscal Estimate
- Lobbying Effort on this item

Senate Joint Resolution 21

the creation of state funds and accounts and prohibiting the state from changing the purpose of any state fund or program revenue appropriation account (first consideration).

Organization	Date Notified	Position	Comments						
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Profile</td> <td>Interests</td> </tr> <tr> <td>•</td> <td>•</td> </tr> <tr> <td>•</td> <td>•</td> </tr> </table>	Profile	Interests	•	•	•	•	5/16/2005	↑	
Profile	Interests								
•	•								
•	•								
Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians	5/4/2005	?							
Wisconsin State Employees Union									

Place pointer on icon to display comments, click icon to display prior comments

Select a legislative proposal and click "go"

House

- Assembly
- Senate

Proposal Type

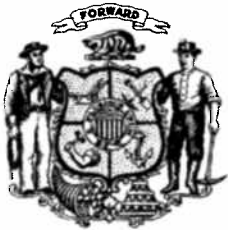
- Bill
- Joint Resolution
- Resolution

Proposal Number

21 (enter proposal number)



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

August 24, 2005

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Endorses Constitutional Amendment Protecting Segregated Conservation Accounts

Prescott—Today the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation endorsed Senate Joint Resolution 21 proposing a state Constitutional Amendment protecting state segregated fund accounts such as the state forestry account and the hunting and fishing stamp accounts from having their funds used for purposes other than the designated forestry or fish and wildlife purposes. The bill authored by Senator Roger Breske (Eland) and Representative Doc Hines (Oxford), was heard today before the Senate Government Reform Committee chaired by Senator Ron Brown (Eau Claire).

“In the last few years, scores of millions of dollars from the state forestry fund has been spent for purposes other than the management of state forests”, stated Ralph Fritsch (Kaukauna) chair of the Wildlife Federation’s Wildlife Committee. “Proper management of Wisconsin’s forests is critical for the successful management of fish and wildlife in this state and is also critically important to the strength of Wisconsin’s economy. We need to keep Wisconsin’s forests healthy and strong in order to provide abundant opportunities for our children grandchildren to hunt, fish and trap in the state.

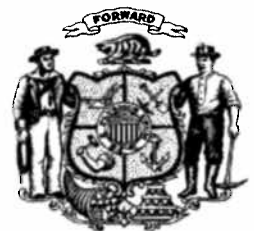
“The Wildlife Federation is truly grateful the Joint Finance Committee restored the \$1.35 million dollars that was proposed to be taken from the Great Lakes Salmon and Trout Stamp Account, the Wild Turkey Stamp Account and the Waterfowl Stamp Account,” stated George Meyer, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. “But this constitutional amendment will guarantee the sportsmen and women of the state that these stamp funds along with the Inland Trout Stamp Account and the Pheasant Stamp Account funds will be permanently protected for the fish and wildlife habitat and stocking purposes for which they were created.”

The proposed constitutional amendment will also be backup protection for the state Fish and Wildlife Account that contains the funds from the sale of state hunting and fishing licenses. The Federal Pittman-Robertson Act and Wallop-Breaux Act prohibit state governments from using state hunting and fishing license dollars for any purposes other than fish and wildlife management, conservation law enforcement and direct support services for those activities. The US Fish and Wildlife Service routinely audits the state and fish and wildlife account to assure the funds are not being diverted for inappropriate purposes. Wisconsin has always successfully passed the US Fish and Wildlife Service audits. The proposed constitutional amendment would provide protection to the funds in the Fish and Wildlife Account if the federal law protection is ever repealed.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is the state's largest conservation organization with one hundred and nine hunting, fishing and trapping groups as affiliates. The Federation is dedicated to conservation education and the advancement of sound conservation policies. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. Any questions related to this press release may be directed to George Meyer at (608)516-5545.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

August 24, 2005

Chairman Brown and Members of the Government Reform Committee:

My name is George Meyer and I am the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. The Federation is the largest conservation organization in the state, comprised of one hundred and nine hunting, fishing and trapping groups that have over 80,000 members located throughout the State of Wisconsin.

The Federation greatly appreciates the opportunity that you are providing to testify here today in support of Senate Joint Resolution 21 relating to the protection of funds in state segregated and program revenue accounts.

Hunters, anglers and trappers are deeply committed to the protection of the state's land, air and water resources. In any given year they voluntarily pay license and stamp fees to the State of Wisconsin in order that they can exercise their right to hunt, fish and trap. In most cases they are glad to do so, knowing that the money they are paying will be used to support conservation in the state, thereby protecting and managing fish and wildlife habitat for themselves but more importantly for their children and grandchildren.

It is for this reason that the Federation supports Senate Joint Resolution 21. Sportsmen and women are willing to pay these fees and Wisconsin citizens are willing to pay the small Forestry Mill Tax if they know that the resulting money is spent for the management of Wisconsin's forests, fish and wildlife, conservation law enforcement and the direct support services for this management. When these segregated monies are diverted to other purposes, it is a breach of trust with Wisconsin citizens and lowers the credibility of sportsmen and women in state government and the management of their natural resources.

In recent years, there have been several examples of this type. Over several biennia, the Legislature has diverted scores of millions of dollars from the State's Forestry Account for purposes other than the management of Wisconsin's forests. In the recent state budget development process, the Joint Finance Committee diverted \$1.35 million dollars from the stated purposes of the Wild Turkey Stamp Account, the Great Lakes Salmon and Trout Account and the Waterfowl Stamp Account. As a result of the overwhelming concern raised by sportsmen and women through out the state, the Joint Finance Committee restored the funds to the proper accounts. We gratefully appreciate that they did so, but clearly the earlier actions of the Committee has raised concerns of hunters, anglers and trappers about the long-term protection of those accounts for the purposes for which the money was paid, protection of wildlife habitat and the stocking of Great Lakes salmon and trout.

There is far less concern for the need of this Constitutional Amendment in order to protect the hunting, fishing and trapping license dollars that are placed into the Fish and Wildlife Account. While there are statements made at times about those funds being used for other than fish and wildlife purposes, in fact those hunting and fishing license dollars have been well protected from any diversion because of federal statutes.

The Federal Pittman-Robertson Act and the Wallop-Breaux Act prohibit states from diverting funds from state fish and wildlife accounts for purposes other than the management of fish and wildlife, fish and wildlife law enforcement and support services directly related to those purposes. The US Fish and Wildlife Service periodically audits those accounts to assure their protection. Wisconsin has always passed those audits. Federal law requires that if monies are diverted, an offending state would have to repay scores of federal dollars that they received from those federal aid programs.

While there is no immediate need for a Constitutional Amendment to protect the Fish and Wildlife Account, such an amendment would protect the account if the federal laws were ever repealed.

There is one point of potential conflict between the proposed Constitutional Amendment and the federal laws that we cited. Paragraph 3 of Section 1 of the amendment provides that if an account is abolished by the Legislature, the unencumbered monies in the account are transferred to the general fund of the state. If this occurred with the funds in the Fish and Wildlife Account, the state would be in violation of the Federal Acts that I cited earlier. However, this conflict would be avoided if prior to any theoretical abolishment of the Fish and Wildlife Account, any remaining balances would be spent down to zero and used for fish and wildlife management.

Chairman Brown and members of the Committee, once again the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation thanks you for the opportunity to testify here today in support of Senate Joint Resolution. I would be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

Submitted by
George Meyer
Executive Director
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation





J.A. HINES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE · 42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform

**Testimony in support of SJR 21
August 24, 2005**

Good Morning Chairman Brown and Committee Members, I want to thank you for holding this hearing on Senate Joint Resolution 21. Senator Breske did an excellent job of explaining the specifics of the legislation so I won't go over it again. However, I do want to reiterate that this shouldn't be a Republican or Democrat issue. It is about doing what is right with the dollars the taxpayers of this state entrust with us. It is about accountability and responsibility.

As elected officials, we often talk about the great things we are providing to our constituents with their tax dollars. However, too often we use those dollars for things that the taxpayers didn't intend or even want. This amendment will hold state government accountable to its promises to the people who pay user fees and expect the services they are paying for to be there for them.

As we've hit hard economic times, more and more budgets have been balanced on raiding funds. The perfect example of this is when we used the \$1.3 billion tobacco settlement to fill our budget shortfall in 2002. That settlement had been intended for addressing tobacco related health care costs. Those dollars should have been used to address the continual shortfalls in our MA budget since 2002. Instead they were just wasted away in one budget. The current shortfalls in MA have just led to raids on other funds to make up the difference. Where does it end?

We cannot continue to budget this way. It is neither responsible nor fair to the people of Wisconsin. They elected us to make the tough decisions and we need to learn to do that instead of passing the buck to the next legislature or future generations.

This is legislation the people want. They are sick of legislators raising fees and then making cuts to the programs those fees support. They are fed up with governments' inability to make the difficult cuts and instead raiding program dollars and other segregated funds.

I appreciate your consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 21 and urge you to support it. Thank you again for your time.







"Dedicated to the Conservation of
Wisconsin's Waterfowl and Wetland Resources"

WISCONSIN WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION, INC.
614 W. Capitol Drive
Hartland, WI 53029
(262) 369-6309
(262) 369-7813 (Fax)
www.wisducks.org

~~8-24-2005~~

Chairman Brown and Members of the Government Reform Committee:

I am Jeff Nania, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association. We are a 7,000 member conservation organization with thirty active chapters throughout Wisconsin.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Joint Resolution 21, relating to the protection of our segregated and program funds.

Hunting, fishing and trapping is a long standing Wisconsin tradition. These activities provide countless hours of enjoyment for citizens of this state, providing healthy, safe family oriented activities.

Also hunting, fishing and trapping is big business for Wisconsin, the most conservative estimates put the annual statewide economic impact at over four *billion* dollars.

In recent months it has become apparent that some in Wisconsin government in charge of our natural resources have come to take the contributions of sportsmen and women for granted, treating them as if they are some sort of entitlement, money that can be diverted and used for other than it intended purposes.

It became readily apparent during the WDNR fee increase hearings that fee payers have become very, very skeptical regarding the spending prioritization of our segregated funds. Recent challenges to our habitat stamp accounts have intensified this feeling.

Hunters, anglers and trappers have a long standing partnership with the State of Wisconsin, generously providing financial support of our natural resources. As in any *successful* partnership trust is essential. That is why the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association is pleased to support Senate Joint Resolution 21. Providing constitutional protection for these funds. On behalf of all of our members and everybody that hunts, fishes and traps in Wisconsin thank you for listening and providing substantive response to our concerns.

Sincerely,


Jeff Nania
Executive Director