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2007-08

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Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Commerce, Utilities and Rail
(SC-CUR)**

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

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

- Niha Plaushin, Madison — Wisconsin Public Power, Inc.
- Jim Rosenberg, Wausau — Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 18, 2007

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

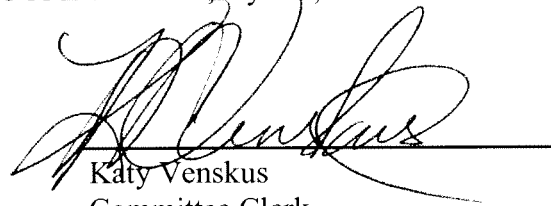
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Cowles that
Azar, Lauren be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0



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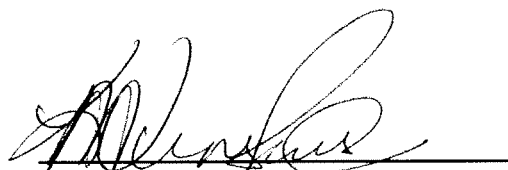
Clearinghouse Rule 06-120

Relating to construction, use and maintenance of public buildings and places of employment and affecting small businesses.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.

June 14, 2007 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

August 13, 2007 No action taken.

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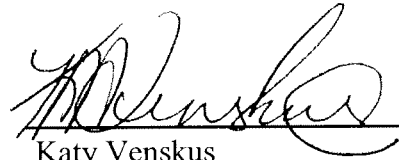
Clearinghouse Rule 07-020

Relating to the construction, installation, and placing in operation of natural gas facilities.

Submitted by Public Service Commission.

June 19, 2007 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

August 18, 2007 No action taken.

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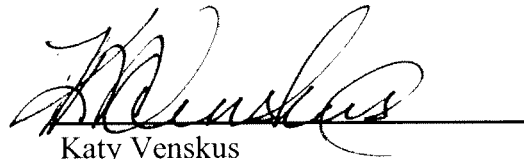
Clearinghouse Rule 07-063

Relating to implementing a film production accreditation program, and affecting small business.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.

August 22, 2007 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

September 22, 2007 No action taken.

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- None.

Registrations For

- David Krahn, Waukesha — Waukesha County
- Mickey Beil, Madison — Dane County
- Diane Craney, Madison — WEAC
- Mark Wadium, Appleton — Outagamie County
- Andrea Kaminski, Madison — League of Women Voters WI
- Jennifer Gonda, Milwaukee — City of Milwaukee
- Morna Foy, Madison — Wisconsin Technical College System
- Paul Gabriel, Madison — WI Technical College District Board
- John Forester, Madison — School Administrators Alliance
- Joanne Ricca, Milwaukee — WI State AFL-CIO
- Ed Huck, Madison — WI Alliance of Cities
- Sherrie Gates-Hendrix, Madison — WI DOR
- Brad Boycks, Madison — WI Builders Association
- Jolene Plautz, Madison — WI Assessors
- Jolene Plautz, Madison — WI Towns Associations
- Scott Spector, Madison — AFT-Wisconsin

Registrations Against

- Carl Glowcheski, Wisconsin Rapids — Stora Enzo

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

May 10, 2007

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirsch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Harsdorf that
Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be
recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirsch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE
SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7,
Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Breske that
Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

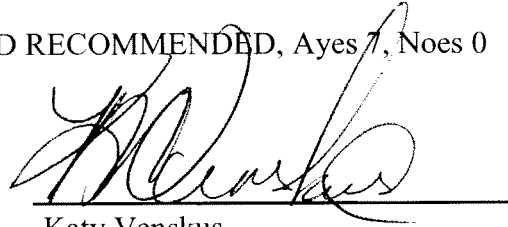
ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Breske that
Senate Bill 122 be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

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Senate Bill 152

Relating to: rail security and providing a penalty.

By Senators Hansen, Wirch, Schultz, Breske, Plale and Lassa; cosponsored by Representatives Molepske, Hahn, Sheridan, Sinicki, Bies, Travis, Boyle, Turner, Lothian and Gronemus.

April 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

August 23, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Dave Hansen, Green Bay — 30th Senate District
- Mike Koziara, Holmen — BMWED/ IBT
- Tim Deneen, Madison — United Transportation Union
- Jeff Thompson, Stevens Point — United Transportation Union
- Paul Aird, Fond Du Lac — Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

Appearances Against

- Sam Gratz, Madison — MNSF, CN , CP, UP Railroads
- Bill Gardner, Madison — WI & Southern Railroad

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Jeff Wiswell, Madison — WI Sheriff's and Deputy Sheriff's Association
- Joanne Ricca, Milwaukee — WI State AFL-CIO
- Don Garner-Gehrhardt, Green Bay — Teamsters Joint Council 39
- Louis Molepske, Madison — Representative, 71st Assembly District

Registrations Against

- Ken Lucht, Madison — WI & Southern Railroad

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

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Record of Committee Proceedings

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Senate Bill 167

Relating to: a state electrical wiring code; regulation of electricians, electrical contractors, and electrical inspectors; inspections of electrical wiring; regulation of electrical wiring; regulation of heating and air conditioning contractors by a county with a population of 500,000 or more; and granting rule-making authority.

By Senators Decker, Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, Grothman, Hansen, Olsen, Lassa, Sullivan, Breske, Roessler, Cowles, Kreitlow, Erpenbach, Plale, Miller and Vinehout; cosponsored by Representatives A. Ott, Tauchen, Hahn, Kestell, Van Roy, Nerison, Gunderson, Mursau, Nygren, Moulton, Petersen, Gottlieb, Hubler, Sheridan, Berceau, Nelson, Travis, Pope-Roberts, Richards, Mason, Boyle, Turner, Hintz, Jorgensen, Zepnick, Gronemus, Shilling, Sinicki, Hixson, Molepske, Schneider, Smith, Kreuser, Hraychuck and Parisi.

April 26, 2007 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

September 27, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Al Ott, Forest Junction — Representative, 3rd Assembly District
- Pat Walsh, Madison — Senator Decker
- Bob DuPont, Madison — WI Department of Commerce
- Steve Baas, Milwaukee — Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce
- Darren Reman, Indianapolis — CEDIA
- Christopher Jarosch, Woodville — WETC
- David Helgeson, Baldwin — WETC
- Forrest Ceel, Waukesha — IBEW Local 2150
- David Hoopman, Madison — Wisconsin Federation of Co-Operatives
- Bob Stevenson, Appleton — Town and Country Electric
- John Mielke, Madison — ABC of Wisconsin
- Ron Klossner, Green Bay — Stiegler Electric
- David Boetcher, Waunakee — IBEW
- Bill Skewes, Madison — Wisconsin Utilities Association

- Brian Mitchell, Oconomowoc — Mechanical Contractors' Association

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- John Flanner, Brookfield — Flanner's Home Entertainment
- Chris McCanles, Wauwatosa — Terra Nova, Inc.

Registrations For

- Bill Jordahl, Madison — Alliant Energy
- Phil Uekert, Madison — WI Public Service Corporation
- John Sumi, Madison — Madison Gas and Electric
- Mary Reid, Madison — WE Energies
- Rebecca Larson, Madison — Xcel Energy
- Jeff Graff, Madison — AVI Midwest
- Rich Heckner, Oregon — Rural Energy Management Council
- David Hansen, Beaver Dam — US Dept. of Agriculture
- Scott Meske, Madison — MEUW
- Jim Boullion, Madison — ABC of Wisconsin
- John Nikolai, Marshfield
- Dan Thompson, Madison — League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- Brad Boycks, Madison — WI Builders' Association
- Mark Hoffman — IBEW

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

October 25, 2007

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Amendment 3** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 3 RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Wirch that **Senate Bill 167** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0


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Senate Bill 220

Relating to: determining the value of billboards for personal property tax purposes.

By Senators Plale, Breske, Hansen, Lazich and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, Albers, Ballweg, Bies, Fields, Gronemus, Hixson, Honadel, Musser, Montgomery, Nass, Newcomer, A. Ott, Petrowski, Sheridan, Townsend and Vos.

June 25, 2007 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

August 2, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Michael Bruhn, Madison — Office of Rep. Scott Gunderson
- Brad Yarmark, Milton — Lamar Outdoor Advertising
- Keith Carson, La Crosse — Collins Outdoor Advertising, Inc.
- Jason Saari, Madison — Adams Outdoor Advertising, Inc.
- Chris Eichenberger, Madison — Adams Outdoor Advertising
- Janet Swandby, Madison — Outdoor Advertising Association of WI
- Jeff Plale, South Milwaukee — 7th Senate District

Appearances Against

- Mike Kurth, Madison — WI Association of Assessing Officers
- Charles Weeth, La Crosse — Citizens for A Scenic WI

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Shawn Murphy, Janesville — Babcock Signs
- Kathi Kilgore, Madison — Outdoor Advertising Association of WI
- Roger Breske, Eland — Senator, 12th Senate District
- Jim Weyerhausen, DePere — Next Media Group
- Dan Pomeroy, Mukwonago — Clear Channel Outdoor

Registrations Against

- Ed Huck, Madison — WI Alliance of Cities
- Curt Wytinski, Madison — League of WI Municipalities
- Jennifer Gonda, Milwaukee — City of Milwaukee

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

August 23, 2007

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

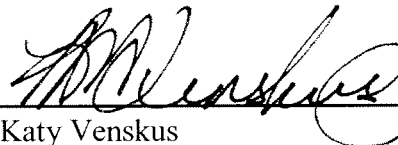
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Wirch that **Senate Bill 220** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0



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Senate Bill 223

Relating to: expanding the area in which a tax incremental district's project costs may be expended.

By Senators Plale, Darling, Cowles, Grothman, Roessler and Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Newcomer, Fields, Hahn, Hintz, Jeskewitz, Montgomery, Moulton, Nygren, Sheridan, Staskunas, Strachota, Townsend, Ballweg and Zepnick.

July 02, 2007 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

August 23, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Jason Johns, Madison — Alliance of Cities
- Dave Hansen, Green Bay — 30th Senate District

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Amy Boyer, Madison — WI Economic Development Association
- Brad Boycks, Madison — WI Builders Association
- Curt Wytinski, Madison — League of WI Municipalities
- Scott Newcomer, Madison — REpresentative, 33rd Assembly District
- Greg Hubbard, Madison — RW Baird & Company

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

September 27, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Breske that
Senate Amendment 1 be recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Cowles that **Senate
Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

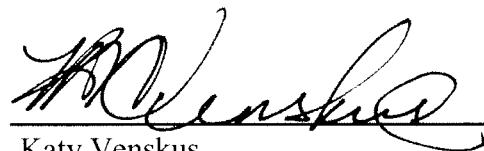
ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Senator Wirch that **Senate
Bill 223** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0



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Record of Committee Proceedings

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Senate Bill 228

Relating to: the regulation of construction contractors and subcontractors, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Wirch, Hansen, Lehman, Decker, Cowles, Schultz, Harsdorf, Sullivan, Olsen, Lassa and Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representatives Kaufert, Mason, Steinbrink, Kreuser, Boyle, Hahn, Montgomery, Jeskewitz, Sheridan, Jorgensen, Bies, Albers, A. Ott, Petrowski, Townsend and Musser.

July 09, 2007 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

August 2, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
 Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Brad Statz, Cross Plains — Statz& Harrop
- Bradley Hasheider, Sauk City — Hasheider Roofing and Siding
- James Steele, Monona — Steele Construction Corporation
- Ron Hanko, McFarland — Northern WI Regional Council of Carpenters
- Eric Strom, Greendale — Carpenter's Local 344
- Arcadio Perez, West Bend — Carpenters' Local 2283
- Mark Reihl, Madison — WI State Council of Carpenters
- Jeff Beiriger, Milwaukee — WI Roofing and Contractors' Association
- Bob Wirch, Pleasant Prairie — Senator, 22nd Senate District

Appearances Against

- John Mielke, Madison — ABC of Wisconsin
- Ross Kinzler, Madison — WI Housing Alliance
- Brad Boycks, Madison — WI Builders Association

Appearances for Information Only

- Thomas Walker, Madison — WI Transportation Builders Association

Registrations For

- Eric Englund, Madison — WI Insurance Alliance
- Joanne Ricca, Milwaukee — WI State AFL-CIO
- John Merritt, Evansville — Carpenter's Local 314
- Mike Carey, Madison
- Rich Fistler, Burlington — Carpenter's Local 314
- Matthew Parks, Janesville
- Patrick Smith, St. Germain — Northern WI Regional Council of Carpenters
- Debra Miller, Madison — WI Department of Commerce
- Dean Kaufert, Neenah — 55th Assembly District

Registrations Against

- Amy Bliss, Madison — WI Housing Alliance

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

October 25, 2007

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Plale, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (7) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen, Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 2 TO SENATE
SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7,
Noes 0

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Harsdorf that
Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be
recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (3) Senators Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Noes: (4) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch and Hansen.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE
SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes
3, Noes 4

Moved by Senator Harsdorf, seconded by Senator Kedzie that
Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be
recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (3) Senators Cowles, Harsdorf and Kedzie.
Noes: (4) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch and Hansen.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 2 TO SENATE
SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes
3, Noes 4

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Cowles that
Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be recommended for adoption.

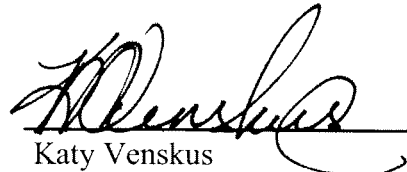
Ayes: (6) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles and Harsdorf.
Noes: (1) Senator Kedzie.

ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

Moved by Senator Wirch, seconded by Senator Cowles that **Senate
Bill 228** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (6) Senators Plale, Breske, Wirch, Hansen,
Cowles and Harsdorf.
Noes: (1) Senator Kedzie.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1



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Committee Clerk