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2009-10

(session year)

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Senate

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Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources

Assembly Bill 8

Relating to: municipal quotas for retail intoxicating liquor licenses.

By Representative Sherman.

June 25, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

July 16, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Joe Hoey, Madison — on behalf of Representative Gary Sherman
- Trevor Flannery, Madison — on behalf on Senator Jauch

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Ed Lump — Wisconsin Restaurant Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

September 3, 2009 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Sullivan, seconded by Senator Hansen that **Assembly Bill 8** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham and Grothman.

Noes: (1) Senator Kedzie.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

Elizabeth Novak
Committee Clerk





WHITE WINTER WINERY, INC.

68323 A Lea Street, Iron River, WI 54847

(715)372-5656 or 800-697-2006

Fax (715)372-5689

goodmead@cheqnet.net

www.whitewinter.com

March 24, 2009

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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I are owners of White Winter Winery, Inc. located in Iron River, Wisconsin. We are also residential neighbors to the golf course. We are writing in support AP-8 in Hughes Township, Bayfield County Wisconsin.

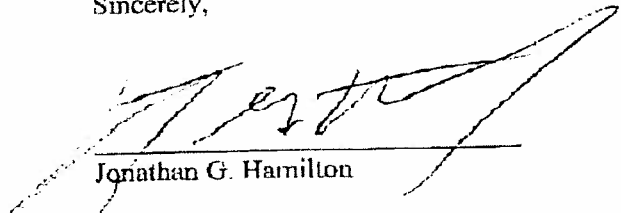
The NPGC has been a huge asset to our community, bringing in many more customers to the nearest Town of Iron River to make purchases and enjoy other amenities. We do not feel it will jeopardize our business in any way. It will only serve to increase the customer base coming into town.

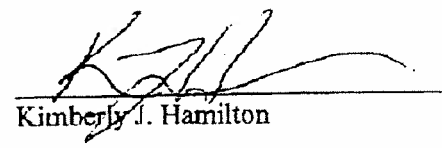
In addition, our residence is just down the road from the golf course and we have no misgivings of the additional license for the establishment. The NPGC is only expanding their offerings to their customers on site during special events and through the normal course of running their primary business, a golf course. This only helps to enhance the experience of their golfing and event oriented customers.

Passage of AP-8 will help the NPGC continue to grow and be a valuable asset to our community. Please do not let the confusion of Ch. 125 stand in the way of passing AP-8. The Landgreen's are always courteous, friendly and open. They have done all they can to establish a business in this far northern township that is successful and has become a destination in our area. Let's not stand in their way.

Again, we whole heartedly support bill AP-8

Sincerely,


Jonathan G. Hamilton


Kimberly J. Hamilton



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Tim Landgreen

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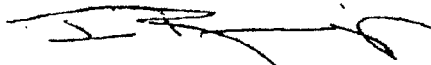
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To who it may concern,
My name is Jean Ronning and I have owned the Neighborly Bar
in Ashland Wisconsin for 25 years, and have been a member of
the tavern league for 25 years also.

I am offering my support for Tim Landgreen and his business
Northern Pines Golf Course, for bill AP8 to acquire a liquor
license. We all work hard in the northern area to keep our
businesses alive and running, and he needs our support.
Any questions, you may reach me at Neighborly Bar, 1301 west
main street, Ashland, Wisconsin. 715-682-9908

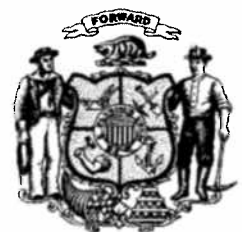
Sincerely,



Jean Ronning



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3 April, 2009

Rep. Sherman:

I take this opportunity to ask for your support of pending Bill AP8.

Being retired military and having played golf for over 50 years world wide, I could count on one hand the number of courses that DON'T have what is known as a 19th hole or watering hole on it. It's a place for us golfers to sit down after a round of golf with a cocktail and probably tell lie about their golf game.

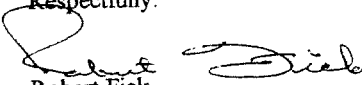
As I'm sure you know, the club house also hosts wedding and special events through the entire year, not only the golf season. The added income would not only help the local economy but also help the Landgreen family in there quest to eek out a living in this bad economy and to make improvements to the golf course.

It's a win-win situation for all, the Landgreen family, our local golf course and our community. As the President says, we all must work together to kick start the economy. This would be a kick start for our own communities economy if Bill AP8 is approved.

As for the Landgreen family, I have only known them to be a caring family whom I'm sure would be very responsible in the control of serving liquor.

Thank you for your service:

Respectfully:


Robert Fick
PO Box 115
Cornucopia, WI 54827

sarge@cheqnet.net

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RE: Bill AP8

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of Merts Bar & Grill liquor license located in Iron River Wisconsin,
and would request you vote in favor of Bill AP8.

Yours truly,



Willard L. Ogren
Owner

715-372-8974

64610 McCarry Lake Rd
Iron River Wis 54847



Date?

Good morning Chair Holperin and Committee members. I am Trevor Flanery; Sen. Jauch regrets that he could not speak in person this morning as he had district commitments to attend, but he has asked me to read this statement in his stead.

To: Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources
Senator Jim Holperin (Chair), Senator Jim Sullivan, Senator Jeffrey Plale, Senator David Hansen, Senator Joseph Leibham, Senator Neal Kedzie, Senator Glenn Grothman

I would like to thank Chairperson Holperin for scheduling this important piece of legislation.

AB 8 is legislation that would allow the Town of Iron River to issue a liquor license to the Northern Pines Golf Club, a 9 hole course located just outside of Iron River in Bayfield County. The facility has been operating for 9 years and the owner Tim Landgreen has 8 seasonal employees to whom he pays out \$4,000 in payroll every two weeks during the summer season, and he contributes more than \$10,000 in sales and property tax benefits to the area per year. As you are aware northern Wisconsin's economy is heavily reliant upon the tourism industry and 25% of Mr. Landgreen's customers are visitors to the area. It is important to note that his business has also dropped 30% due to the economic downturn.

This facility is unique. It offers distinct services to a limited population in Iron River and the owners are well respected by individuals and businesses throughout the Bayfield County area.

Northern Pines has been operating this small seasonal family business for 9 years. In addition to golfing opportunities his facility is an extremely important asset to the region as it also hosts a restaurant suitable for weddings, family, graduation and prom parties. The facility is very valuable because there are no other sizeable meeting facilities within at least 45 miles. Northern Pines is a unique small business that attracts visitors to the Iron River area and does not compete with other business in any way. As you will see from attachments to my testimony other business owners and residents appreciate the facility and encourage support for this legislation.

The golf course and restaurant facility operates from late spring until the end of October and the event space is open after October only by appointment. It is closed by 10 pm most evenings and is only open later than that for special events. Northern Pines currently holds a beer and wine license but has been seeking the liquor license to offer golfers and special event customers a full array of beverages to compliment his services. He does not function as a bar and has no intention of expanding his business if this legislation is adopted. Representative Sherman and I are offering this legislation as a way to improve services to his customers and strengthen the viability of this important small business to Bayfield County.

Because Iron River has reached its quota of liquor licenses, this legislation is the only option to help this business and enhance the economic benefits of this facility to the Bayfield County region. It is notable that Mr. Landgreen has been able to receive such strong support from other restaurant and tavern facilities in the region who are not threatened by his business but who recognize the value of his facility to the local economy. I am impressed with the vocal support from other liquor businesses that see his facility not as competition but as an enhancement to their community.

The legislation received 7-1 support from the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs, and was passed as amended by a voice vote in the Assembly. Representative Sherman worked with the Tavern League to tightly write the Legislation for one business so as not to open the door for statewide expansion of additional liquor licenses. It is worth noting the number of Tavern League members in Bayfield Co. who support this legislation and also note that Mr. Landgreen is a member of the Tavern League. It is also significant that Representative Sherman and I decided to pursue this solution in a transparent fashion rather than clothing the language by adding it to the State Budget. As members know there is plenty of precedence for the Legislature to use the budget to expand liquor licenses, however we are following this procedure because we are supportive of the merits, recognize the value to the community, county and state, and are confident that Senators will also realize that this provision is a win-win for the local and state economy.

Mr. Landgreen is a retired army officer who drives a school bus during the colder months to make ends meet. He was willing to come down to testify, but I requested that rather than making the 11 hour round-trip he stay and focus on his business during this critical part of his short business season. The golf course averages only three months of predictably operational weather during the warmest months of the year when he serves about 800 golfers a week. He is up at 4:30 in the morning to cut grass and tend to other aspects of running the golf course. He is quite willing to make himself available to answer any committee member questions. Representative Sherman and I are also willing to spend time with any member who has questions regarding the bill.

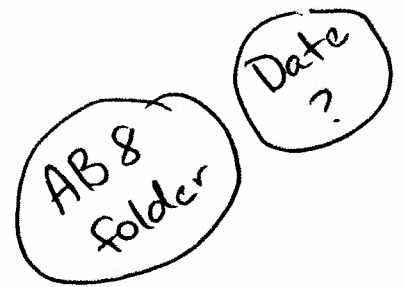
Passage of the bill does no harm. It assists a small business to grow. It is good for Bayfield County and good for Wisconsin. I request that you vote in support of this legislation.

--Senator Jauch

I would now be glad to answer any questions the committee might have.



NORTHERN PINES GOLF COURSE



Good morning,

My name is Tim Landgreen, a retired army officer who also drives school bus and with my family of 4 we own Northern Pines Golf Course. The property that we built the golf course on has been in our family for over 100 years with 95% sweat equity 5% cash in 1998 we built Northern Pines Golf Course and opened in 2001. What I didn't know about building the golf course I read about or asked a subject matter expert.

When we opened in 2001 our clubhouse was a little room in our pole barn. We opened with a prayer and a quote from Field of Dreams, "If you build it they will come.", and they did. As we started our leagues were small but they were loyal and everything we made, we put back in the course. But from day one the question was always the same, when are we going to get a liquor license? I have been working with everybody from the town chairman to the Madison office, trying to figure out a way to acquire a liquor license. In 2005 my family and I built our new clubhouse. With a magnificent view overlooking the valley. Our 40 x 80 rustic half log siding clubhouse and restaurant with a full kitchen, is a huge asset to the community. We have hosted 7 weddings, numerous receptions, anniversary party's, birthdays, and dances. Every one of these events was a huge success. We hold many fundraisers and benefits for the area. We do not push the bar aspect and we close at 10 pm because we are up at 4:30 am every day to cut grass and all the things that are required in running a golf course. We do have a beer and wine license but what we really need is a liquor license to fully satisfy our customers. With the passing of this bill you will help a small business in the north woods flourish.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Landgreen
Northern Pines Golf Course
Iron River, Wisconsin
Township of Hughes
715-372-5260



I Dany / J Baumgartner from Tri-Lake Timbers and
a member of the Tavern League support this bill.
69210 E. Longlake Rd
Iron River, Wi. 54847
715-372-4627

Dany J Baumgartner

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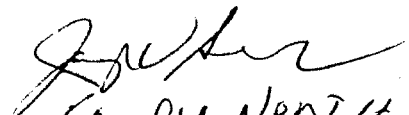
Colleen Richman
Downtown Barnes
3760 Cty Hwy N
Barnes, WI 54837
715-795-2223

As another tavern owner I support
the bill AP8 for Northern Pines Golf
Course to receive a liquor license.

Colleen Richman

I Joe Seaver owner of Road Up North

Suspect TIM LANGREEN BILL AP8.


(Road Up North
715 372 4875)

14060 E Central Ave Brule wis

To whom it may concern,

I fully support Tim Landgreen's efforts to purchase a liquor license. I believe it will be an asset to our area.

Thank-you,

Helen A Hyde

Hydes on Buskey Bay

715-372-4580

65445 Co. Hwy H

IRON RIVER, WI. 54847

Jean Dulli

owner
Koro Bar 'Greek
BIRLE.WI

715-372-4876

HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH TIM GETTING A
LIQUOR LICENSE AT HIS GOLF COURSE IN JON RIVER!

Terry Pajosh - Scenic Drive Resort
12770 Scenic Drive
IRON RIVER, 54847

I support Tim's App. For A License

I, Michelle Drougas, owner of
Pizza Parlor, fully support this
Bill.

Thank you,
Michelle Drougas

Michelle L. Drougas


PO BOX 762

68285 S. Main St.

Fron River, WI 54847

715 372-4005

I, Deanna Daubenspeck do support the AP8 bill to be passed
in favor of Tim Landgreen of Northern Pines Golf Course.


owner

Dee's Twin Cables Cafe
13992 E Hwy 2
PO. Box 128
Brule, WI 54820
(715) 372-5000

I support Tim Lundgren's efforts to
obtain a Liquor License.

Sincerely,

Jim Niemi

Jim Niemi

Northwood Hotel Inc.

7445 S. W. Rd. P

Lake Nebasamon, WI 54549

218-393-601F.

Birchgrove Campground

67335 Orlovski Rd

Iron River WI 54847

715-372-8879

I am in favor of this license

Cecilia R Jackson - Owner

Eric O. Olson

BATTLE ACRE SALOON
IRON RIVER WI
218.3910850

I SUPPORT THIS BILL FULLY

Jeff Miller

Miller's Deep LAKE ROAD

679~~75~~ E. Deep LAKE RD

I support THIS BILL.

Jeff B. Miller

Rori Jenkins - I Support his effort in
trying to get a liquor license -
as long as Tom Supports Tavern League
in future.

69470 E. Long LAKE Rd.
IRON River, WI. 54848
Boogies IRON River Saloon
715 372-5306

I, WILLIAM L. KANGAS, SUPPORT THIS OPTION.

I THINK IT WOULD TRULY HELP OUR AREA TO
HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE AT THIS LOCATION.



WM KANGAS 3-17-09

4720 E. HWY B

IRON RIVER WI 54847

715 372 4373

yes I support this bill
to pass for a liquor license
for the Golf Course

Jabitha Austayson
(Port Bar & Rest)

P.O. Box 52

Port Wing WI

54865

(715) 724-3731

I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS BILL AS IT READS,

 3/17/09

BILL C. PRICE

~~THE OTHER PLACE BROWN-GRELL~~

~~TRAIL RIDER, WI~~

(715) 372-4228

= Cyndi Mendel @ Worley's Food + Spirits

86485 Lenawee Rd

Dubuque, WI 54844

715-774-3338

I Support Tim @ Northern Outfitters
to get a liquor license. We know
him well and he does a great job.

Dear Mr. Sherman,

As patrons of Northern Pine
Golf Course, we support to bill
to grant a liquor license to
Golf Courses. Not all of us like
just beer!

Cheryl & Charles Bierber
69235 E. Long Lake Rd.
Iron River, WI 54847

O'BRIEN'S SPUR C STORE
P.O. BOX 840
IRON RIVER, WI 54847

715-372-4099 ~~EB~~
715-372-4433 ~~Store~~

We have no objections

We are in favor of this bill.
We think that Northern Pines Golf is
in need of a Liquor license to be a complete
Golf Club & reception center.

That his license will not affect other
bars in the area.

Butch + KATHY SHAFFER

P.O. BOX 6

PORT WIND. WI 54845

TEL.

715-774-3719