

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Environment and Forestry**

##### **Assembly Bill 561**

Relating to: taxes on managed forest lands, eligibility for the managed forest land program, management plans for managed forest land, sale or transfer of managed forest land, productivity of managed forest land, closed managed forest land, forest production areas, natural heritage inventory, wildlife action plans, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Mursau, E. Brooks, Czaja, T. Larson and Swearingen; cosponsored by Senators Tiffany and Moulton.

December 04, 2015 Referred to Committee on Environment and Forestry

December 08, 2015 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (10) Representative Mursau; Representatives Krug, Czaja, Kitchens, Swearingen, Edming, R. Brooks, Allen, Milroy and Stuck.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (3) Representatives Mason, Hebl and Considine.

##### Appearances For

- Jeff Mursau - State Rep. 36th Assembly District
- Nancy Bozek - WI Woodland Owners Association
- James Puchter
- Wayne Reisleger - Windblown Tree Planters

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- James Warren - WI DNR
- Tim Hoven
- Kristin Lambert - WI DNR
- Douglas Duren - Wisconsin Alliance of Woodland Owners
- Paul Heinen - The Nature Conservancy
- Fred Clark
- Richard Wedepohl
- Rudy Nigl
- Vanessa Wishart - Municipal Environmental Group

Registrations For

- John Ovellette - WI Walnut Council
- Lee Lieberstein
- Bob Weiland
- Clyde Samsel
- Joel Kurth
- Stanley Nichols - Driftless Land and Timber Co.
- Loren Hanson
- Lewis Lewellin - Lewellin Wood LLC, Buckley Wood LLC
- Barb Hermans
- Dan O'Mally
- George Meyer - Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Tom Tiffany - State Senator - 12th Senate District
- Jordan Loeb

Registrations Against

- Rick Kalvelage
- Carol Nielsen - Nielsen and Nielsen Forestry, LLC
- John Nielsen - Nielsen and Nielsen Forestry
- Jennifer Giegerich - WI League of Conservation Voters
- Genie Ogden

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 04, 2016

**Executive Session Held**

Present: (13) Representative Mursau; Representatives Krug, Czaja, Kitchens, Swearingen, Edming, R. Brooks, Allen, Mason, Milroy, Hebl, Stuck and Considine.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Czaja, seconded by Representative Edming that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (9) Representative Mursau; Representatives Krug, Czaja, Kitchens, Swearingen, Edming, R. Brooks, Allen and Considine.

Noes: (4) Representatives Mason, Milroy, Hebl and Stuck.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION  
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 4

Moved by Representative Krug, seconded by Representative Czaja  
that **Assembly Bill 561** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Representative Mursau; Representatives  
Krug, Czaja, Kitchens, Swearingen, Edming  
and R. Brooks.

Noes: (6) Representatives Allen, Mason, Milroy, Hebl,  
Stuck and Considine.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 6

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Cory Bruce  
Committee Clerk