# **Assembly**

# **Record of Committee Proceedings**

# **Committee on Agriculture**

#### Senate Bill 248

Relating to: designating ginseng as the state herb.

By Senators Petrowski and Cowles; cosponsored by Representatives Spiros, Snyder, Ballweg, E. Brooks, Edming, Kleefisch, Krug, Kulp, Mursau and Sinicki.

June 20, 2017 Referred to Committee on Agriculture

August 22, 2017 **Public Hearing Held** 

Present: (13) Representative Nerison; Representatives Novak, Tauchen, Ripp, Tranel, E. Brooks, Edming, Horlacher, Considine, Kessler, Spreitzer, Fields and Vruwink.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (3) Representatives Kitchens, VanderMeer and

Mursau.

### Appearances For

- Representative John Spiros 86th Assembly District
- Joe Heil Ginseng Growers of Wisconsin
- Aaron Kaiser Ginseng Board of Wisconsin
- Richard Barrett Wausau Convention and Visitors Bureau

### **Appearances Against**

• None.

### **Appearances for Information Only**

• None.

### **Registrations For**

• Senator Jerry Petrowski - 29th Senate District

#### **Registrations Against**

• None.

### Registrations for Information Only

• None.

### September 05, 2017 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (12) Representative Nerison; Representatives Tauchen, Ripp, Kitchens, VanderMeer, Mursau, Horlacher, Considine, Kessler,

Spreitzer, Fields and Vruwink.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (4) Representatives Novak, Tranel, E. Brooks and

Edming.

Moved by Representative Tauchen, seconded by Representative Ripp that **Senate Bill 248** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (12) Representative Nerison; Representatives Tauchen, Ripp, Kitchens, VanderMeer, Mursau, Horlacher, Considine, Kessler, Spreitzer, Fields and Vruwink.

Noes: (0) None.

Reps. E. Brooks, Edming, Novak and Tranel would have voted Aye on passage had they been present.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 12, Noes 0

Sandra Smith-Loomans Committee Clerk