

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 82

October 25, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, LA FAVE, BLACK, KREUSER, PLOUFF and POCAN, cosponsored by Senator RISSER. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1	Relating to: recommending the closing of the navy's Project ELF transmitter.
2	Whereas, the end of the Cold War has eliminated whatever justification existed
3	for the operation of the navy's Project ELF transmitter, near Clam Lake in Ashland
4	County; and
5	Whereas, operating Project ELF is redundant to existing communications
6	systems, wasting between \$16 million and \$20 million per year; and
7	Whereas, current efforts to improve the ELF transmitter site are projected to
8	cost \$2 million, further entrenching the existing physical plant near Clam Lake; and
9	Whereas, the environmental and public health concerns raised by Project ELF
10	remain unresolved, with the growing body of scientific evidence, including reports
11	by the Environmental Protection Agency, pointing to adverse effects caused by
12	extremely low frequency electromagnetic fields such as those generated by Project
13	ELF; and
14	Whereas, civilian oversight of the military is a cornerstone of American

15 democracy; and

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1	Whereas, public and editorial comment has overwhelmingly called for Project
2	ELF to be closed; and
3	Whereas, during the 1995 round of base closings, project ELF was one of two
4	bases, out of hundreds considered, that received more congressional and public
5	support for closure than for keeping the base open; and
6	Whereas, the full U.S. senate voted twice in 1995 to cut funding for Project ELF;
7	and
8	Whereas, in the 105th Congress, 8 of 11 members of the Wisconsin
9	congressional delegation introduced legislation to cut funding for Project ELF; and
10	Whereas, U.S. Senators Feingold, Kohl, Wyden and Johnson have introduced
11	Senate Bill 128 to terminate operation of the Extremely Low Frequency
12	Communications System of the navy in 1999; now, therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
14	Wisconsin legislature support the recommendation of this state's congressional
15	delegation that the navy's Project ELF transmitter be closed in 1999; and, be it
16	further
17	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
18	resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation, to President
19	Clinton and to the secretary of the navy.
20	(END)