

Assembly Hearing Slip

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Date: 11-1-95

Bill No. AB-489

Or Subject _____

(Name) Rep. Bell

(Street Address or Route Number) _____

(City & Zip Code) _____

(Representing) Leg. 29th Dist.

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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(Name) Duwayne Johnson

(Street Address or Route Number) _____

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(Representing) State Rep.

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(Name) NICHOLAS J. NEHER

(Street Address or Route Number) _____

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(Representing) WIS DEPT OF AG

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Or Forward Presentation

Subject Paul Jannerman

(Name) 7010 Memorial Point Road

(Street Address or Route Number) Madison WI 53705

(City & Zip Code) Wisconsin Farm Bureau

(Representing) Speaking *in favor*:

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Or Forward Presentation

Subject Michael R. Vaughan

(Name) P.O. Box 2038

(Street Address or Route Number) MADISON, WI 53701

(City & Zip Code) WISCONSIN BANKERS ASSOCIATION

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Registering *in favor*:

Registering *against*:

Speaking for *information only*:

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Assembly Committee on Agriculture

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2.	Ward, David (Vice-Chair)	✓			
3.	Ainsworth, John	✓			
4.	Zukowski, Robert			Excused	
5.	Otte, Clifford			Excused	
6.	Skindrud, Richard	✓			
7.	Hahn, Eugene	✓			
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November 2, 1995

To: ASSEMBLY AG COMMITTEE

From: Richard Dierauer, President
Mark Kastel, Director of Governmental Affairs

Re: AB 489 FARMLAND PRESERVATION AGREEMENT

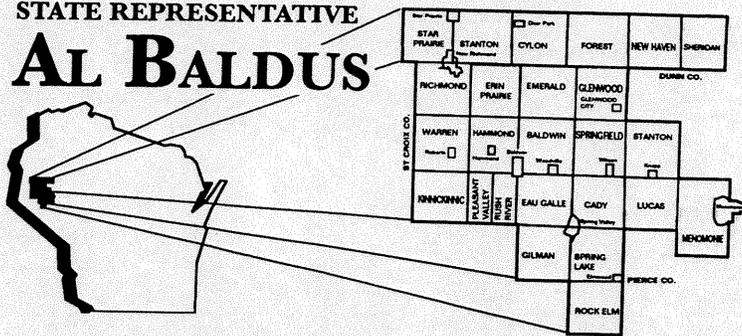
The Wisconsin Farmers Union has consistently taken the strongest possible policy position in support of the widespread adoption of the Farmland Preservation Program. This proposal, sponsored by Representative Baldus, would eliminate an impediment that currently prevents many farmers in the state from taking advantage of farmland preservation.

The added income provided by farmland preservation can make a material difference in whether or not some of our smaller dairy farms will survive. In addition, the program's goal of preserving undeveloped agricultural land benefits our state's residents for generations to come.

We strongly encourage your pro-active support in helping to pass AB 489. If you have questions or if we can assist you in any way, do not hesitate to contact us at our office.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

AL BALDUS



COMMITTEE MEMBER:
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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
INSURANCE, SECURITIES & CORPORATE POLICY
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS
VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Draft Testimony of Representative Al Baldus
Assembly Committee on Agriculture
November 2, 1995

Thank you Chairman Ott and members for allowing me to testify before you today on Assembly Bill 489, relating to requiring that applications for Farmland Preservation agreements be signed by all persons holding a mortgage on the land to be covered by the agreement.

The goal of the Farmland Preservation program is to preserve land presently devoted to agricultural purposes for future generations by encouraging farm owners to enter into the preservation agreements. It's a win/win scenario. The state gives a helping hand in preserving farmland, and farmers are able to conserve farmland, while receiving a tax credit for their efforts. Or, so we thought.

Beginning in 1992, the state has required land owners interested in placing land into the Farmland Preservation program to submit an application that is signed by all persons holding a mortgage on the land covered by the agreement. Applications submitted without the mortgage holder's signature are void. The significance of this is that, one major lending institution for farmers, FmHA, has made a policy decision at the national level not to sign off on the agreements. As a result, farmers financed through FmHA will be precluded from entering into preservation agreement, whether they are new or continuing applicants. At least one of my constituents has been prevented from entering into a new agreement because of this law.

What is the potential impact if the current law is left unchanged? The Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection estimates that FmHA has roughly 8% of the loan volume in the state. This means that, because of current law, 8% of farmers

will be prevented from entering into agreements to preserve their farmland. This creates an inequitable situation because farmers faced with similar situations but different lenders would be treated differently. Over the next five years, almost 200 farmers could be prevented from entering into Farmland Preservation agreements. Is that consistent with the goals of the program?

AB 489 would correct shortcomings in the current law by eliminating the requirement that mortgage holders sign off on the agreement. This would return us to the way the law stood before changes made in 1991. It is my understanding that the changes were made because, at the time, lenders were not even being notified of farmers filing preservation agreements with the state. However, the changes made in 1991 move beyond notification to the point where a lender can arbitrarily block a farmer's participation in the program. If notification is the goal of the program, it could be achieved more equitably through this bill than current law. The state needs to change this law so that the results of the program can be consistent with the goals of preserving farmland.

It's not likely that the state would be able to make FmHA modify its position on signing off. Until we can make the tail wag the dog, AB 489 is the best method of addressing this problem. Again, I thank you for your consideration of this matter, and I urge the committee to recommend AB 489 for passage.