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**SUBMITTAL
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and **sign** on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 2/10/99

To: Representative Freese

Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-2171

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction _____
in the **Senate** ____ or the **Assembly** (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached _____
A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction _____
If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

Marc E. Shovers, Senior Legislative Attorney
Telephone: (608) 266-0129

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BILL REQUEST FORM

To: Marc Shover

Use of this form is optional. It is often helpful to talk directly with the LRB attorney who will draft the bill.
 Use this form only for **BILL** drafts. Attach more pages if necessary.

Date of request: <i>2/9/99</i>	Legislator or agency requesting this draft: <i>Freese</i>
Name/phone number of person submitting request: <i>Terri 6-7502</i>	
Persons to contact for questions about this draft (names and phone numbers please):	
Describe the problem, including any helpful examples. How do you want to solve the problem?	
If you know of any statute sections that might be affected, please list them or provide a marked (not re-typed) copy.	

Please attach a copy of any correspondence or material that may help us. You may also attach a marked (not re-typed) copy of any LRB draft, or provide its number (e.g., 1997 LRB-2345/1 or 1995 AB-67):

Requests are confidential unless stated otherwise.

May we tell others that we are working on this for you? YES NO

If yes, anyone who asks? YES NO

Any legislator? YES NO ONLY the following persons:

Do you consider this urgent? YES NO If yes, please indicate why:

Deadline for the St. Pivan Day is March 5

Is this request of higher priority than other pending request(s) you have made?

YES NO If yes, please sign your name here:

FEB 5 1999
Stephen J. Freese, Assembly Speaker
Pro Tempore

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SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN CORNISH SOCIETY Feb. 5, 1999

Rep. Steve Freese
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, Wi. 53707

Dear Rep. Freese,

~~On behalf of the Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society, and those of Cornish descent all over Wisconsin, I would like to propose~~ a Resolution of Recognition to the Cornish population of Wisconsin and to St. Piran, the Patron Saint of tin miners, whose day of celebration is March 5.

The Cornish were the first major foreign immigrant group to come to Wisconsin, starting as early as 1827. They came to mine the lead of the Southwestern part of the State. With inborn abilities gained through generations of deep, hard-rock mining, their skills brought prosperity to the new Territory.

Unlike other early mining groups, the Cornish brought their families with them. They built churches and schools, formed neighborhoods and villages, producing the stability necessary for a successful society.

The Federal Census of 1850, lists the total population of the tri-county lead region (Grant, Iowa and LaFayette counties) as 37,000. Six thousand of whom were Cornish. There was also a sizable group of Cornish that settled around Palmyra, in Southeastern Wisconsin. These people were, for the most part, farmers.

The Cornish who settled in Wisconsin were an important factor in the Civil War, in that they were strongly opposed to slavery. They were not afraid to stand for their principles. One of the first companies formed in Wisconsin, Co. I, was formed in Mineral Point, about 1/3 were Cornish. It was known as the Miner's Guard. Another Mineral Point contingent, Co. E of the 11th Regiment, was known as the Farmer's Guard.

*Promoting the Cornish Heritage of Southwest Wisconsin
Through cooperation with Cornish folk the world over.*

February 4, 1999

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Evidence of Cornish influence is abundant as one strolls the narrow streets of Mineral Point, Linden, Shullsburg or Platteville, with their many houses and buildings bearing mute testimony as to the skills of Cornish stone masons. Pendarvis Historic Site in Mineral Point is a complex of restored Cornish miners homes, giving today's visitor a glimpse of their way of life. Traditional Cornish foods such as pasty, saffron buns and tea biscuits are main stays on restaurant menus, in bakeries and in many homes. Many of the old names are still extant. In thumbing through the phone books and walking the cemeteries of Cornwall, one wonders if they have left home.

A Mid-West Cornish Festival is held in Mineral Point each year the last weekend of September featuring Cornish food, music, dance and guests from Cornwall. This Festival regularly draws visitors from 6 to 8 states other than Wisconsin, as well as Canada. Countless others visit the area each year in search of their Cornish roots.

Of approximately 14 American Bards of the Cornish Gorsedd*, three live in Mineral Point area, one in Milwaukee, and one, currently living in Massachusetts, is a native of Racine.

I think it fitting to recognize this modest, industrious group of people, who, leaving all they had ever known to seek a better life for themselves and their children, and so immeasurably enriched the State of Wisconsin, by declaring March 5, as St. Piran's Day.

Respectfully,



Marion P. Howard, Pres.
SW Wisconsin Cornish Society
Bardic title, "Eos an Howlsedhas"
Nightingale of the West

*The Gorsedd is a society that gives recognition to individuals for their work for Cornwall through study and promotion of Cornish music, history, language, writing and other services.



1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

Today
By 2:30

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Relating to: Celebrating March 5, 1999, as St. Piran's Day.

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~~Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:~~

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Whereas, March 5 is St. Piran's Day, a day honoring the patron saint of tin miners; and

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Whereas, many of the tin miners who came to the Wisconsin Territory, starting in 1827, came from Cornwall, England; and

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Whereas, the Cornish were the first major foreign immigrant group to come to Wisconsin; and

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Whereas, the Cornish settled largely in the southwestern part of the state, in what is now Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties, to mine lead, using generations of experience in deep, hard-rock mining to bring prosperity to the new Territory; and

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Whereas, a sizeable number of Cornish also settled in and around Palmyra, in southeastern Wisconsin, to farm; and

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Whereas, the Cornish, who were strongly opposed to slavery, played an important role in the Civil War by constituting a significant part of 2 companies that

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1 were formed in Mineral Point, Co. I, known as the Miner's Guard, and Co. E, known
2 as the Farmer's Guard; and

3 Whereas, the traditional Cornish miners' way of life can be experienced today
4 at the Pendarvis ~~Historic Site~~ in Mineral Point; and

5 Whereas, the considerable skills of Cornish stone masons is still in abundant
6 evidence to all who stroll through the lovely streets of Mineral Point, Linden,
7 Shullsburg or Platteville; and *to admire the many homes and buildings built by the*
Cornish

8 Whereas, a ~~Midwest~~ Cornish Festival is held in Mineral Point each year,
9 during the last weekend in September, featuring Cornish food, music, dance and
10 guests from Cornwall; and

11 Whereas, of approximately 14 American Bards of the Cornish Gordsedd, 3 live
12 in Mineral Point, one in Milwaukee and one, now living in Massachusetts, is a native
13 of Racine; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature salute all of the persons of Cornish descent for their
16 tremendous contributions to this state, express appreciation for those persons who
17 have kept alive Cornish culture, tradition, history and food and join all Wisconsinites
18 who cherish their Cornish heritage in celebrating St. Piran's Day on March 5, 1999.

19 (END)