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From: Kostelic, Jeff
Sent: Friday, May 28, 1999 4:32 PM
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Subject: Assembly Joint Resolution 58



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Resolution 58.d...

Attached, please find language for a substitute amendment to Assembly Joint Resolution 58. The Assembly is scheduled to address this issue on Tuesday, June 1st. I apologize for the timing of this request

Thank you for your assistance with this draft. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this language.

Jeff Kostelic 266-8580

Assembly Joint Resolution 58 Substitute Amendment

Relating to: requesting Congress to prohibit the use of MTBE - Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether - as an oxygenate additive in reformulated gasoline.

Whereas, the federal Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 require the use of reformulated gasoline with oxygen additives in areas of the United States that have substantial ozone pollution; and

Whereas, the state of California will phase out the use of MTBE over the next three years in response to concerns from environmental groups and oil refineries relating to water contamination; and

Whereas, under the federal amendments, 6 ozone nonattainment counties in Wisconsin (Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine, Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties) were required to implement use of reformulated gasoline as of January 1, 1995; and

Whereas, industry studies indicated that reformulated gasoline reduces the rate at which pollutants evaporate into the air, producing 15% to 17% less pollution than non-reformulated gasoline; and

Whereas, Environmental Protection Agency rules require reformulated gasoline to contain lower levels of benzene and other aromatic hydrocarbons than conventional gasoline; and

Whereas, the use of reformulated gasoline in conjunction with modern automotive technology has resulted in significant reductions in benzene and volatile organic compounds and minor reductions in nitrogen oxides; and

Whereas, a recent report from the National Research Council questioned the effectiveness of oxygenates in reducing ozone and reaffirmed the role reformulated gasoline plays in reducing the emissions that cause smog; and

Needed Tues (6/1) at 8:30 a.m.

LRB:SOFF/RA:jlg

To 1999 **Assembly Joint Resolution 58**

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Whereas, a recent report from the National Research Council questioned the effectiveness of oxygenates in reducing ozone and reaffirmed the role reformulated gasoline plays in reducing the emissions that cause smog; and

Whereas, discontinuation of reformulated gasoline in the ~~six~~ nonattainment counties would complicate state efforts to reduce ozone pollution and would likely force industrial sources to reduce emissions; and

Whereas, Wisconsin has a proud tradition of sound environmental policies and is committed to a clean environment and a strong economy; now, therefore, be it

⁽³⁾ Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature recognize that air quality standards and improvements to vehicles over the last few decades have helped reduce emissions that create near-ground ozone; and, be it further

⁽⁶⁾ Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature recognize that the use of clean burning fuels will reduce ground level ozone concentrations in the ~~the~~ nonattainment counties; and, be it further

⁽³⁾ Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request the Congress of the United States to prohibit the use of MTBE as an oxygenate additive in reformulated gasoline; and, be it further

⁽³⁾ Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request the Congress of the United States to conduct a thorough review of the recent National Research Council report and current EPA rules relating to reformulated gasoline; and, be it further

⁽³⁾ Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request the Congress of the United States and the EPA to recommend improvements to make reformulated gasoline safer and cleaner; and, be it further

⁽⁵⁾ Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the president of the U.S. senate and the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and to each of the members of the congressional delegation from Wisconsin.

(END)