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WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE • ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

TO: Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Stephen Freese  
State Representative Marc Duff  
State Representative Sheryl Albers

FROM: Representative Shirley Krug

RE: **Recommendation for Change to the Assembly Rules**

DATE: December 14, 1998

Dear Colleagues:

Although I missed your proposed deadline of last Friday for submission of proposed changes to the Assembly Rules, I hope you will still give favorable consideration to this request to change the rules on how members are recognized or addressed during debate. In Chapter 7: General Rules of Debate, Assembly Rule 56. **Recognition** (1) ... *A member may be recognized or addressed only by the number of the member's district.*

In order to provide a better descriptive reference, use of the member's geographic area would be a beneficial addition. This would allow reference to the member's city, county, or other general geographic location. This proposed change would make references more understandable to the general public as well as easier for Assembly members. New language would be "...number or geographic description of the member's district." For example, one could recognize the lady from Milwaukee or the gentleman from the Coulee Valley.

As you know, this rule is routinely violated by all the members as they attempt to squint up at the board to identify a member's district number. But, I think the best rationale is that it facilitates the public's understanding of who is being addressed when we broadcast our verbal proceedings over the NET, which we'll be doing soon.

Please let me know if you intend to include this change.