

WISCONSIN STATE  
LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE HEARING  
RECORDS

1999-00

(session year)

Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on  
Campaigns &  
Elections  
(AC-CE)

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Against Proposal*

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# Vote Record

## Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections

Date: 3/17/99  
Moved by: ladwig Seconded by: Sherman  
AB: 0 208 217 Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
AB: \_\_\_\_\_ SB: \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
AJR: \_\_\_\_\_ SJR: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: \_\_\_\_\_ SR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage
- Introduction
- Adoption
- Rejection

- Indefinite Postponement
- Tabling
- Concurrence
- Nonconcurrence
- Confirmation

### Committee Member

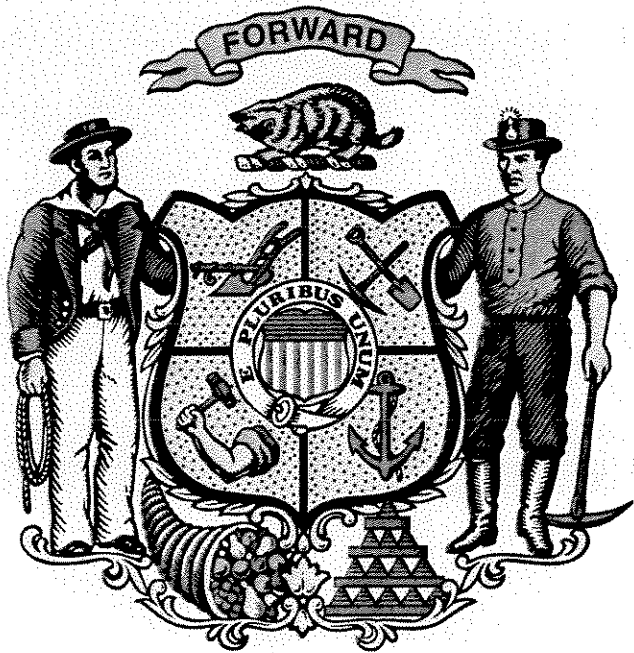
Rep. Stephen Freese, Chair  
Rep. Scott Suder  
Rep. Scott Walker  
Rep. Phil Montgomery  
Rep. Bonnie Ladwig  
Rep. David Travis  
Rep. David Cullen  
Rep. Mark Miller  
Rep. Gary Sherman

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Rep. Scott Suder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rep. Phil Montgomery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Bonnie Ladwig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. David Travis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. David Cullen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Mark Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Gary Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Totals: 5 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



## ***BILL MEMORANDUM***

March 19, 1998

To: Assembly Republican Legislators and Staff

From: Matt Phillips, ARC

Subject: Assembly Bill 84, independent disbursements by former personal campaign committees.

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Under current law, candidates running for statewide or legislative office must create a personal campaign committee at the State Elections Board. In addition to raising and expending money to benefit the candidate who created the committee, the committee may make contributions (subject to statutory limitations) to other candidates. Once a candidate dies or ceases to be a candidate, the committee may continue to make contributions to other candidates (again, subject to statutory limitations). In addition, the personal campaign committee of a person who is deceased or who ceases to be a candidate may file an oath with the State Elections Board declaring its independence from any candidate, allowing that committee to make independent expenditures (which are not subject to statutory limitations).

In the election to replace Sen. John Plewa, who died while in office, Plewa's personal campaign committee filed an oath with the State Elections Board allowing it to make independent expenditures. At the time of his death, Plewa's personal campaign account had approximately \$50,000 in it, most of which was used in the primary election to make independent expenditures in support of now-Senator Rick Grobschmidt. Supporters of Assembly Bill 84 claim that some contributors to Sen. Plewa were upset that the money they contributed to him was used to harm Rep. Potter (who was running against Sen. Grobschmidt in the primary), because they supported Rep. Potter in the primary, not Sen. Grobschmidt.

Assembly Bill 84 specifies that if a personal campaign committee files an oath with the State Elections Board, the committee may not make any independent expenditure using contributions received prior to filing the oath, in an amount that exceeds the maximum contribution amount the committee is allowed to make to the candidate. Any committee violating this would be subject to a \$500 forfeiture. Any committee intentionally violating this provision would be subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000 and not more than three years imprisonment, unless the amount of the violation does not exceed \$100, in which case the committee is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and not more than six months imprisonment.

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Assembly Bill 84 was introduced by Rep. Carpenter on February 12, 1997, and referred to the Assembly Committee on Campaign Finance Reform. A public hearing was held on January 7, 1998. On February 18, 1998, the committee voted 5-2 (Rep. Walker and Cullen voting "no") to recommend AB 84 for passage.

