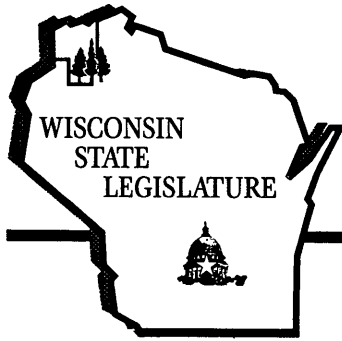


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State Representative Frank Boyle

73rd Assembly District

July 26, 1999

Rep. Scott Walker, Chair
Comm. on Corrections & the Courts
308 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Representative Walker:

On April 22 of this year, Assembly Bill 295, relating to the transfer of prisoners out-of-state, was referred to the Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts. To date a hearing has not been scheduled. I am respectfully requesting that you hold a public hearing on AB 295 as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you or your committee clerk at your earliest convenience to work out an amenable date for the hearing.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your prompt attention to my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Boyle".

Frank Boyle
73rd Assembly District

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Scott Walker

Wauwatosa's Representative in the Wisconsin State Assembly

August 10, 1999

Rep. Frank Boyle
State Capitol
Room 221 North
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Rep. Boyle,

Thank you for your letter requesting a public hearing for Assembly Bill 295, which would effectively end the transfer of Wisconsin inmates to out-of-state prisons. As chair of the Assembly Committee on Corrections and Courts, I feel such action is unfeasible at this time.

As you know, lack of space within the Wisconsin prison system currently necessitates out-of-state prison transfers. Simply returning all inmates to the state would result in massive overcrowding – thereby endangering the safety of prisoners and prison staff alike. Thus your bill stands to create many more problems than it solves.

Additionally, the biennial budget may actually increase the number of contract beds in out-of-state facilities. If so, your bill would appear to defy the will of the legislature.

If you sincerely wish to return Wisconsin inmates to this state, I urge you to support Assembly Bill 176, which would allow the Department of Corrections to contract with private prisons in the state. This measure provides a socially and economically sound alternative to out-of-state transfers.

Once again, thank you for letter. Please let me know if you wish to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
State Representative
14th Assembly District

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