

Assembly Hearing Slip

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Date: Jan. 5, 2000

Bill No. Senate Bill 5

Subject: _____

(Name) Allison Kujawa

(Street Address or Route Number) 100 River Place Suite 101

(City & Zip Code) Menomonee, WI 53716

(Representing) Wisconsin Counties Assoc.

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: 1-5-2000

Bill No. SB 5

Subject: Snow Plow

(Name) Robert Haass

(Street Address or Route Number) Box 696

(City & Zip Code) Appleton, WI 54911

(Representing) NW WI H

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Speaking against:

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Subject: Samplem

(Name) Rep. John Ainsworth

(Street Address or Route Number) 6th Assembly Dist

(City & Zip Code) _____

(Representing) _____

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Or Subject

Senator Page Breske

(Name) 185 Capitol Bldg

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(Representing)

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Or Subject

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(Name) 2030 Excelsior Ave

(Street Address or Route Number) Madison, WI 53717

(City & Zip Code) KKR Wisconsin

(Representing)

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Date: 1/5/00

Bill No. SB15

Or Subject Following Snowplows

Pick Stadium

(Name) 107686 GP Rd MMN

(Street Address or Route Number) SHAWAN, WI 54166

(City & Zip Code) WIS Toward Assoc

(Representing)

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Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

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Date: 1/5/90

Bill No. SB 5

Or
Subject: _____

(Name) Dennis Boyer

(Street Address or Route Number) 8033 Chestnut Dr.

(City & Zip Code) Madison WI 53717

(Representing) AFSCME

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Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:
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Highway Department

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December 6, 1999

Representative Jeff Stone
PO Box 8953
Madison WI 53708

RE: SENATE BILL #5 and ASSEMBLY BILL #35

Representative Stone:

This letter is in regard to the above referenced Bills, pertaining to following distance behind County and State Snowplow Vehicles. I was wondering if you would consider differentiating County and State Snowplows by placing amber and blue rotating lights on roofs, similar to what the State Patrol does with red and blue lights. This is a concern to us because we have many non-municipal vehicles with amber roof lights, exactly like our County lights, and it's nearly impossible for the motoring public to differentiate what type of plow vehicle they are following. We think that having amber and blue lights, at least on State Highway Plow Vehicles, would aid the motoring public in distinguishing them from privately owned plow vehicles.

Sincerely,

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



Jack D. Yates, Patrol Superintendent

JDY/blj

Cc Senator Robert Welch
Representative Joan Wade-Spillner

CITY OF MILWAUKEE *Interdepartmental Correspondence*

FEB 3 1999

January 29, 1999

TO: Laurie Kuiper
Legislative Fiscal Manager, Intergovernmental Relations Division
Department of Administration

FROM: James C. Kaminski *[Signature]*
Commissioner of Public Works

SUBJ: Senate Bill 5 and Assembly Bill 35 Relating to: Snowplows

Unlike other emergency vehicles such as police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances that travel faster than posted speed limits while responding to a call or alarm, snow plows travel at considerably lower speeds in urban areas. Although Assembly Bill 35 contains an exception to allow a person to pass a snowplow that is removing or treating snow or ice, Senate Bill 5 does not. This omission could needlessly snarl heavy traffic on multi-lane city streets with speed limits in excess of 35 mph.

It is recommended that a passing provision be added to Senate Bill 5.

Because of the limited effect of these bills in the City of Milwaukee any enforcement revenues would be minimal.

CC: M. Schifalacqua
D. Lorbeske
W. Kappel

City Position on AB 35

Support

*Patrick C. [Signature]
Director, Intergovernmental Relations*

Prentiss, Mike

From: Meg Scott [mscott@chorus.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 29, 2000 10:48 AM
To: Stone, Rep. Jeff; Townsend, Rep. John; Brandemuehl, Rep. David; Urban, Rep. Frank; Hasenohrl, Rep. Don; Ryba, Rep. John; Young, Rep. Leon
Cc: Bloomfield, Sandra; Lyons, Bob (Council 40); Neuenfeldt, Phil; Sharp, Scott; Jensen, Rep. Scott; Krug, Rep. Shirley; Freese, Rep. Steve; Vrakas, Rep. Daniel
Subject: SB 5/Snowplow Following Distance

Date: February 29, 2000
To: Representative Jeff Stone, Chairperson, Assembly Highway Safety Committee
Representative John Townsend, Committee Member
Representative David Brandemuehl, Committee Member
Representative Frank Urban, Committee Member
Representative Don Hasenohrl, Committee Member
Representative John Ryba, Committee Member
Representative Leon, Young, Committee Member

From: **Dennis Boyer**
AFSCME Lobbyist
8033 Excelsior Drive
Suite A
Madison, WI 53717
608/836-6666
dennisb@midplains.net
Re: SB 5/Snowplow Following Distance

We appreciate your willingness to revisit this issue and elevate it above the conflicts that trouble the Legislature.

There's nothing our Street and Highway Workers appreciate more than the "high road" on transportation safety.

We remain committed to working with the Wisconsin Counties Association and Highway Commissioners to resolve liability issues connected to snow and ice removal. It is our assessment that the liability issue will be difficult to politically resolve in the short time left in this session. We therefore request that the bill not be complicated with a liability amendment.

It is our understanding that an amendment on the lights issue may be brought forth. That is entirely appropriate and has our support.

We are grateful for your patience and dedication on this issue. Please report SB 5 out favorably in a manner which will put a following distance in place for the next winter driving season. Many Thanks!

DB:ms

cc: Sandra Bloomfield, Executive Director Council 11
Bob Lyons, Executive Director Council 40
Phil Neuenfeldt, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO
Scott Sharp, Treasurer, Council 40
Representative Scott Jensen
Representative Shirley Krug
Representative Steve Freese
Representative Daniel Vrakas

SCOTT SUDER

State Representative - 69th Assembly District



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January 19, 2000

The Honorable Jeff Stone
Chairman, State Assembly Highways and Safety Committee
306 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chairman Stone:

I am writing as a member of the State Assembly Highways and Safety Committee to respectfully request your consideration to take positive executive action on Senate Bill 5, relating to the following of snowplows. This bipartisan piece of legislation is important in assuring the safety of Wisconsin highway motorists.

My support for the Assembly companion bill to SB 5 remains strong. However, due to Senate inaction on this legislation, I believe we must look beyond the politics of the situation between the two houses and work to ensure highway safety in the Assembly by assuring this legislation continues to move forward.

Once again, I urge you to consider adding Senate Bill 5 to the next Assembly Highway and Safety Committee notice, in order to take executive action on this bill. Thank you in advance for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott".

Scott E. Suder
State Representative
69th Assembly District

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Boyer".

amt/SES

cc: Dennis Boyer, Government Relations Council, AFSCME

Assembly Committee Assignments:

Waste-Cutters Task Force, Chairman • Campaigns and Elections, Vice Chairman • Corrections and the Courts, Vice Chairman • Transportation
Agriculture • Judiciary and Personal Privacy • American Legislative Exchange Council Criminal Justice Task Force

Prentiss, Mike

From: Dennis Boyer [dennisb@chorus.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2000 10:46 AM
To: Rep.Stone@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: SB 5/Snowplow Following Distance

Chairman Stone and Committee Members:

We at AFSCME hope that some resolution can be reached on this issue before the Legislature adjourns the current session.

It was our impression that your committee listened closely and with sensitivity to the points made by snowplow operators and the sponsor, Rep. Ainsworth, at the original hearing on the Assembly Bill. We were appreciative of your expedited handling of the matter.

Now it appears that the Senate version of this legislation is in a posture to gain your approval and that the Assembly bill is the subject of questions in the Senate Committee regarding its liability provisions. Since our members have worked closely with Senate sponsor Sen. Plache, we wish to communicate our support for SB 5.

We would also support an amendment dealing with the light issue, consistent with the Assembly bill.

It is our hope that somehow the technical issues relating to the liability issues can somehow be resolved and addressed, if not in the bill at hand then in some other vehicle. WCA is correct in identifying the liability issue as a key part of public sector ice and snow removal operational and funding matters.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Dennis Boyer
AFSCME Lobbyist



KIMBERLY M. PLACHE
STATE SENATOR

January 5, 2000

TO Assembly Committee on Highway Safety
FROM Senator Kim Plache
RE Snowplow Safety Legislation -- Senate Bill 5

Thank you for holding a public hearing on Senate Bill 5.

As we well know in Wisconsin, winter travel on the highways can be quite hazardous. Following too closely to a snowplow, which is engaged in plowing a road, adds an unnecessary danger for the vehicle behind the snowplow.

Under current law, with certain exceptions, no person may drive a motor vehicle closer than 500 feet behind an authorized emergency vehicle, including a police car, fire truck or ambulance, that is responding to a call or alarm. A person violating this prohibition may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 or more than \$40 for a first conviction, and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for a second or subsequent conviction within one year of the first conviction.

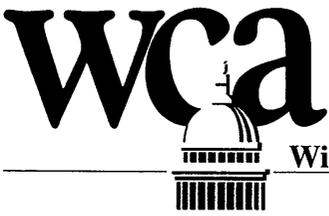
There is currently no similar prohibition applicable to following behind snowplows.

Senate Bill 5 would prohibit driving a motor vehicle closer than 200 feet behind an official snowplow engaged in snowplow activities.

A person violating the provisions of Senate Bill 5 would be subject to the same forfeitures under the law relating to following too closely to an authorized emergency vehicle.

The Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections considered both Senate Bill 5 and Assembly 35. The senate committee voted unanimously to report out the simpler SB 5. The full Senate passed SB 5 on a voice vote. It is my position that SB 5 is a snowplow bill and not a liability bill and should remain as such.

I ask that you vote to recommend SB 5 for passage by the full State Assembly.



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Highway Safety

FROM: Allison Kujawa, ^{AK} Legislative Associate

DATE: January 5, 2000

SUBJECT: Support for Senate Bill 5

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) strongly supports Senate Bill 5 (SB 5). SB 5 will provide for safer roads during Wisconsin's winters. Currently, there is no law that requires drivers to travel a safe distance behind a snowplow. Requiring that no person can follow closer than 200 feet behind a snowplow that is in the act of plowing, will help avoid potential accidents that result when drivers follow too closely behind a snowplow and lose visibility in the cloud of spray that a snowplow kicks up.

WCA would also request the Assembly Committee on Highway Safety consider adding language to SB 5 that would exempt local governments from liability due to their snow removal activities. The Assembly companion bill, Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 35 (AASAAB35), has already been amended to include the liability language. This language will ensure that counties will be able to use tax dollars for snow and ice removal rather than costly lawsuits.

SB 5 will allow counties to continue to do the difficult job of snow removal in adverse conditions during Wisconsin's winters without the concern that many drivers are following behind them at a dangerously close distance.

County highway departments have the very difficult task of maintaining safe roads during Wisconsin's winters. SB 5 will provide counties and other municipalities with the proper latitude to effectively carry out this public service, as well as providing standards that will result in safer roads. For these reasons WCA respectfully requests your positive action on SB 5.

Thank you for considering our comments.