



DAVID BRANDEMUEHL

State Representative
49th Assembly District

February 2, 1999

Representative Marlin Schneider
204 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Rep. Schneider:

Thank you for the recent letter requesting a public hearing on Assembly Bill 3, relating to mudguards on road tractors, truck tractors, trailers, semitrailers and farm trailers and transporting bulk material on a highway; and Assembly Bill 34, relating to transporting bulk materials on a highway.

Please be assured, I will give Assembly Bills 3 and 34 the same consideration as all other proposals brought before the Assembly Committee on Transportation.

Thank you for contacting me regarding this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

David A. Brandemuehl
State Representative
49th Assembly District

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MARLIN D. SCHNEIDER
State Representative

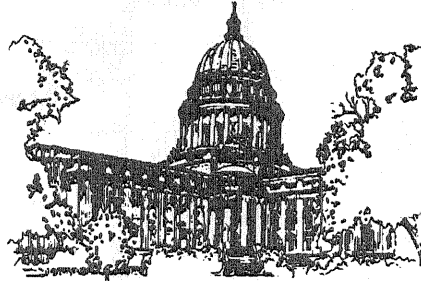
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Representative David Brandemuehl, Chairperson
Committee on Transportation
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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Dear Dave:

The following bills have been referred to your Committee:

Assembly Bill 3 – relating to mudguards on road tractors, truck tractors, trailers, semitrailers and farm trailers and transporting bulk materials on a highway.

Assembly Bill 34 – relating to transporting bulk materials on a highway.

I am respectfully requesting that you hold a public hearing on these bills as soon as possible.

I would appreciate your immediate attention to my request. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

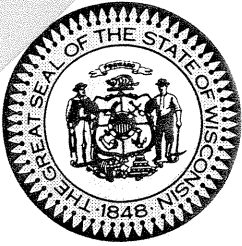
Sincerely,

MARLIN D. SCHNEIDER
Assistant Democratic Leader

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“Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion.” – Edmund Burke Nov. 3, 1774

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DAVID BRANDEMUEHL

State Representative
49th Assembly District

November 18, 1999

Ron Meek
PO Box 765
Pulaski, WI 54162

Dear Mr. Meek:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support of legislation to require tarps on dump trucks. I appreciate hearing from you.

For at least the past eight legislative sessions, bills have been introduced each session dealing with this issue, but none have become law. Last session, as chair of the Assembly Highways and Transportation Committee, I held a hearing on a bill to require trucks carrying loads of bulk material to be covered, but it died in committee for a number of reasons. This session, three bills have already been referred to my committee requiring tarps. Considering the committee's reluctance to pass this legislation and my own reservations, I do not know at this time whether I am going to bring the issue back up again.

The vehicles causing the problems, for the most part, are construction and gravel trucks. It would seem that a law requiring tarps would be very easy to do and would solve all of the problems, but that isn't necessarily the case. Typically, the gravel or rocks that are thrown back fall from the sides of the truck, not the truck box itself, and are the result of improper loading. A cover would not help.

The only way to really address the problem is to ensure that the bulk materials are loaded properly. The trucking industry has been working on this problem and the new truck boxes are now designed to prevent rocks or stones from resting on the sides of the truck box where they might fall off. While I understand the fiscal and safety concerns expressed by the public, I am also concerned about the truck drivers who, if the trucks have manual tarps, may be required to climb up the side of the truck to secure the tarps. This is a very serious safety issue that needs to be addressed before I could support mandating tarps.

Considering these factors, along with the fact that the potential results are questionable, makes it difficult to support legislation requiring tarps for dump trucks at this time. However, I will certainly keep your thoughts and concerns in mind. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

David A. Brandemuehl
State Representative
49th Assembly District

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Committee Memberships:

Transportation (Chair); Education; Highway Safety; Natural Resources; Urban & Local Affairs; Rustic Roads Board; Transportation Projects Commission

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Subject: RE: Asseby bill 3

-----Original Message-----

From: RMeek12208@cs.com [mailto:RMeek12208@cs.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 1999 1:34 PM

To: Rep.Brandemuehl@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: Asseby bill 3

Rep Brandemuehl: I understand that Assembly bill #3 which concerns the covering of loads on trucks which are hauling lose materials like sand and gravel. As this bill was introduced on 1/14/99 I would like to know why the bill is stile sitting in the transportation committee. Except for the fine of \$200 being to low this is a good bill and should be moved on for passage. Thank you Ron Meek P.O. Box 765 Pulaski Wi 54162