

# Vote Record

## Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations

Date: 5-18-99  
Moved by: ATR 15 Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
AB: \_\_\_\_\_ 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

Sen. Robert Wirch, Chair  
Sen. Gwendolynne Moore  
Sen. Richard Grobschmidt  
Sen. Gary Drzewiecki  
Sen. David Zien

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Totals: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

**SENATE HEARING SLIP**

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DATE: 4-14-99

BILL NO. AJR15

OR

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Janine Stippich  
(NAME)

113 West  
(Street Address or Route Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and Zip Code)

Rep. Bonnie Ludwig  
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

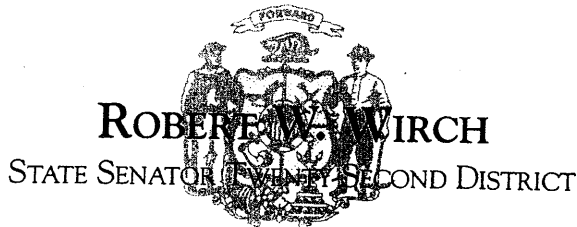
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but not speaking:

Registering Against:   
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Speaking for information only; Neither for nor against:

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AJR 15

To: Members, Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations  
From: Senate Robert Wirch, Chairman  
Date: May 3, 1999  
Re: Paper Ballots

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PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Assembly Bill 156**, relating to candidacy of independent candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor.

Aye  No

Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Senate Bill 93**, relating to disclosure of certain activity for the purpose of influencing elections and providing penalties.

Aye  No

Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Senate Bill 64**, relating to the amount of funding that a local governmental unit may receive under the safe drinking water loan program.

Aye  No

Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Senate Bill 48**, relating to the itemized deductions credit.

Aye  No   
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Assistant Majority Leader

**ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 15  
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION  
TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE BONNIE LADWIG  
APRIL 14, 1999**

Dear Chairman Wirch and Members of the Committee:

On February 5, 1997 Wisconsin was the 21<sup>st</sup> state to file a lawsuit against the tobacco industry. States had been pursuing settlements mainly to gain money lost to taxpayers for providing health care services to Medicaid recipients with tobacco-related illnesses. Wisconsin also pursued damages for violating the state's anti trust, consumer protection and public nuisance laws.

On December 4, 1998, Wisconsin along with 45 other states finalized a settlement with the tobacco industry. This settlement will bring Wisconsin approximately \$150,000,000 per year indefinitely unless certain reduction factors are triggered. Those factors include a reduction in the sale of tobacco products and Medicaid recovery claims by the federal government.

In order to eliminate the recovery of Medicaid dollars by the federal government, AJR 15 requests Congress to enact legislation that would specify that no portion of the money received by the states be withheld, offset or claimed by the federal government.

Because of the uncertainty of recoupment by the federal government, states which have received settlements must proceed cautiously with the distribution of their money. They may not be dealing with the actual settlement amount if the feds take a portion of it. It is important that we let our congressional delegation know that this money rightfully belongs to the citizens of Wisconsin. I would greatly urge your support of AJR 15.

AJR 15 has bi-partisan support and was adopted by the Assembly on January 28, 1999.