

# Vote Record

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

Date: 01-21-00  
Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
AB: \_\_\_\_\_  
AB: \_\_\_\_\_ SB: \_\_\_\_\_  
AJR: \_\_\_\_\_ SJR: 24  
A: \_\_\_\_\_ SR: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

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BILL NO. STR-24  
OF  
SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Russ Decker  
(NAME)  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
29 Sen Dis  
(City and Zip Code)  
(Representing)

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OF  
SUBJECT Charter mtr Clause

James Buchan  
(NAME)  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
501 S. Wash  
(City and Zip Code)  
Madison WI  
(Representing)  
WMC

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Harry Mallet  
(NAME)  
(Street Address or Route Number)  
4821 69th St  
(City and Zip Code)  
Kenosha WI  
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BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OF

SUBJECT TAX - RET.

John Pagan  
(NAME)

4506 29 Ave  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Kenosha WI 53140  
(City and Zip Code)

Self  
(Representing)

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OF

SUBJECT Uniformity clause

Guida Jacobson  
(NAME)

4814-45 Ave  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Kenosha WI 53144  
(City and Zip Code)

Self  
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OF

SUBJECT Prop 1a  
Removal of Judicial

(NAME)

9002 - Sen. Rd. #30  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Kenosha, WI  
(City and Zip Code)

53143  
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BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
OR

SUBJECT Property Tax

Relief

Mike Higgins  
(NAME)

1010 56th ST  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Kenosha  
(City and Zip Code)

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BILL NO. MJR 24?  
OR

SUBJECT Taxes

Charles Powell  
(NAME)

8003 Bawn 5th Rd  
(Street Address or Route Number)

PL. Pr. 53158  
(City and Zip Code) was. APT. A-500c,

Self - Kenosha Lindard Assoc.  
(Representing)

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OR

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

NOBMAN BUCHHAZ  
(NAME)

3707-19th AVE  
(Street Address or Route Number)

Kenosha  
(City and Zip Code)

Wis 53140  
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OF 24  
SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME) Judy Jensen  
10402 3rd Avenue  
(Street Address or Route Number) 53128  
Pleasant Prairie  
(City and Zip Code) WFL-C10  
(Representing) \_\_\_\_\_

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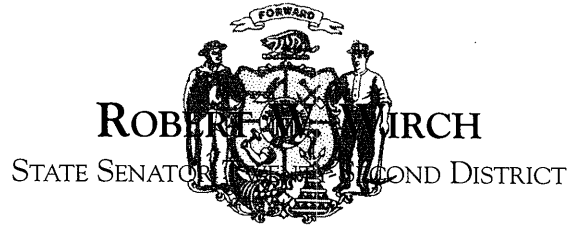
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OF \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBJECT Uniform Taxation  
Clause

(NAME) Michael Theo  
4801 Forest Lawn Rd  
(Street Address or Route Number) MADISON, WI 53704  
(City and Zip Code) WI. REALTORS ASSOC.  
(Representing) \_\_\_\_\_

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To: Members, Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations  
From: Senator Robert Wirch, Chairman  
Date: January 24, 2000  
Re: Paper Ballot – Senate Joint Resolution 24

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Moved by Senator Wirch, that Senate Joint Resolution 24 be recommended for adoption.

Aye   X   No           

Signature:   Dana Zorn



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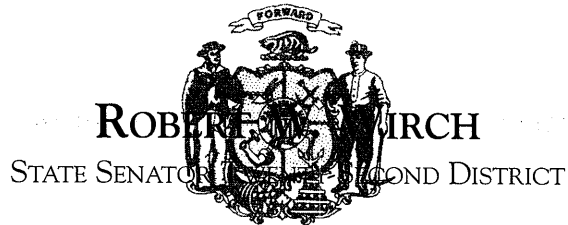
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Aye   X  

No           

Signature: *Robert Wirch*  
1-24-2000



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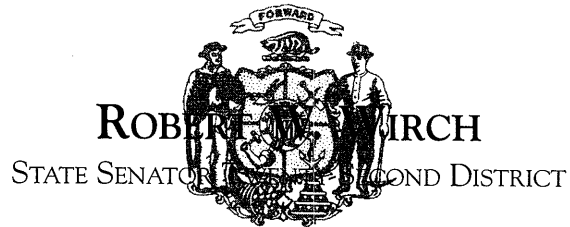
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Aye  \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: *Amy Dziwinski*





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Aye \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

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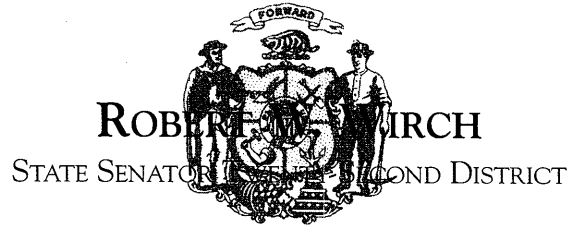
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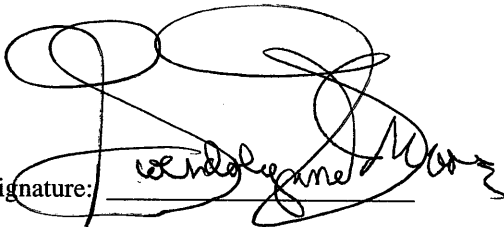
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Aye   X   No           

Signature: 



**Wisconsin  
Manufacturers  
& Commerce**

**Wisconsin Manufacturers'  
Association · 1911**

**Wisconsin Council  
of Safety · 1923**

**Wisconsin State Chamber  
of Commerce · 1929**

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**TO: Senate Economic Development, Housing, and  
Government Operations Committee**

**FROM: James A. Buchen  
Vice President, Government Relations**

**DATE: January 21, 2000**

**RE: SJR 24 Constitutional Amendment  
Regarding Uniformity Clause**

**Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce is opposed to Senate Joint Resolution 24**, which would amend the Wisconsin Constitution's uniformity clause and allow for discriminatory property taxation. While the intended purpose of this constitutional amendment is to provide property tax relief, the actual impact is likely to increase taxes in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, Wisconsin is already one of the highest taxing states in the nation. According to the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, we currently rank third in the United States in overall taxation, sixth in income taxation, seventh in property taxation, and fifteenth in corporate income taxation.

The primary reason that Wisconsin is a high taxing state is spending growth at the local government and school district level, combined with attempts by the state to relieve the property tax burden by increasing local aids. As a result, 61% of all state spending involves aids to local governments and school districts. Despite a dramatic increase in state aid, in the name of property tax relief, we still have the seventh highest property taxes in the nation.

A recent study by the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance found that only \$.40 of every dollar spent on property tax relief actually goes to reduce taxes. The remaining \$.60 of every dollar is consumed in increased spending. As a result, past attempts to relieve property taxes by increasing aids and credits have only served to drive up the overall tax rate in Wisconsin.

**With that by way of background, we oppose SJR 24 for the following reasons:**

**Will lead to higher taxes in Wisconsin.**

History has shown that the only way to control property taxes is to limit local government and school district spending. Additional aids and credits, as contemplated by SJR 24, will only lead to increased spending and taxes.

**Will lead to special interest property tax relief.**

SJR 24 would allow the legislature to discriminate in the distribution of property tax relief on the basis of property value,

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Regarding SJR 24  
January 21, 2000

personal income, property location, type of property, etc. As a result, while some property taxpayers may see relief, others will see substantially higher taxes. The constitution currently guarantees every property taxpayer the right to share uniformly in property tax relief, and that is the way it should remain.

**Voters see potential for mischief.**

An almost identical constitutional amendment was overwhelmingly rejected by the voters in 1989 and 1992. The potential for such a constitutional amendment to allow mischief in the delivery of special interest property tax relief is well understood by Wisconsin taxpayers.

When Wisconsin was established in 1848, our political leaders understood that discriminatory property taxation and property tax relief was inherently unfair and inappropriate. We have benefited from their wisdom and foresight for more than 150 years. SJR 24 would eliminate this important taxpayer protection, and further undermine public confidence in our tax system and government in general. **We urge you to reject SJR 24.**