

February 22, 2000 Judiciary Committee HearingSpecial Testimony RequestsElected Officials

- Sen. Baumgart and his DA (Robert Wells/Sheboygan Co.) want to testify first about his bill SB 213.
- Rep. Ladwig wants to testify next about her bill AB 72.
- Rep. Goetsch wants to testify next about his bills AB 562 and AB 84.

Others

- Sen. Clausing's office contacted us to let us know that Johnnie Smith from the DEA will be testifying on AB 318. He has some time constraints and has to leave by 10:00 am. They wanted to know if you could make arrangements so that he can get his testimony in before he has to leave?

Bills On the Hearing Agenda

Here is the order of bills, the likely witnesses and a brief comment about amendments I know of :

AB 614 (Your bill on piracy and bootlegging of recorded material)

Don Valdez V.P. Anti-piracy Legislation RIAA will probably testify with a multimedia show-and-tell presentation.

I am not aware of any amendments although Sen. Risser is apparently concerned about how the new penalties under the bill will mesh with Truth-In-Sentencing given the fact that we haven't adopted the code reclassification yet.

SB 395 (The DHFS bill on sexually violent persons commitment rules)

Dr. Thomalla (PhD.) is likely to testify for DHFS. I don't know whether Sec. Leean will testify or not. I don't know

There is a substitute amendment (LRB s0315/1) that has been prepared to reflect the agreement between the DHFS and the DOJ. It is ready to be introduced.

AB 174 (Rep. Kreuser's bill to allow of-duty peace officers to carry concealed weapons)

Rep. Kreuser will testify. He may have a local law enforcement official testify on behalf of his drug or gang task force folks.

I am not aware of any amendments.

**AB 562** (Rep. Goetsch's committee bill to establish a Southeast Wisconsin crime abatement task force)

Rep. Goetsch will testify. (See note above)

There are two amendments.

- 1) Reps. Riley and Krug asked us to add the City of Milwaukee Chief of Police as a member of the Task Force. The first amendment (LRB 1379/1) does this.
- 2) The State Bar Criminal Law Section asked us to add to the task force a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Criminal Law Section who lives in the affected area, as well as a member of a local bar association for every county enumerated as part of the task force in the bill (i.e., Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine, Rock and Waukesha). This second amendment has been requested but has not yet been received at the time of this writing.

**SB 533** (The Leg. Council bill on Restorative Justice and faith-based approaches to crime reduction.)

I would expect there will be testimony from several sources. The Interfaith Conference has, for example, expressed support for the restorative justice provisions.

I am not aware of any proposed amendments.

**SB 214** (Sen Burke's bill re: When a victim must be given notice of the right to make a statement at sentencing.)

Jon Reddin, Deputy DA for Milwaukee County and Mike Nieskes, Deputy DA for Racine County will be testifying on SB 214.

I am not aware of any proposed amendments.

**AB 318** (Sen. Clausen's bill on Methamphetamine penalties.)

Johnnie Smith from the DEA will be testifying on AB 318. I am not sure whether DOJ will have anybody testify or not. I expect Sen. Clausen may testify.

I am not aware of any proposed amendments.

**AB 391** (Garnishment technical correction)

Rep. Gunderson's staffer will probably testify.

I am not aware of any proposed amendments.

**SB 213** (Sen. Baumgart's bill on inducing or causing self-mutilation by a child.)

Sen. Baumgart and his DA (Robert Wells/Sheboygan Co.) will testify. (See note above)

I am not aware of any proposed amendments.

**AB 72** (Rep. Ladwig's bill on disclosure of juvenile records by a juvenile or municipal court).

Rep. Ladwig will testify. (See note above.)

The State Bar Children and the Law Section recommends an amendment to Sect. 5 of the bill to specify that a GAL and the attorney of record can view the juvenile's record in cases where a juvenile or municipal court asks another juvenile or municipal court for records for purposes of any other proceeding.

**AB 84** (Rep. Goetsch's bill on factors to be considered when sentencing a person convicted of committing a crime.)

Rep. Goetsch will testify. (See note above.)

In response to a request from the Judicial Conference an amendment has been drafted to delete the material in Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to AB 84 at page 2, line 14. This would delete the factor "(j) The length of pretrial detention of the person, if applicable." I don't know whether this is advisable or not. I always assumed that judges considered time served when sentencing.

**Bills From Previous Hearings On Which We Can Take Executive Action**

**AB 45** (Rep. Kelso's bill to create a Dangerous Weapons in Schools Hotline)

In response to a request from the Atty. Gen./Department of Justice we have drafted an amendment (LRB a1436/1) that basically adds threats to harm persons or damage school property to the list of items that may be reported. Rep. Kelso is o.k. with the bill with the change and so is DOJ.

**AB 111** (Rep. Suder's bill on Embezzlement from Vulnerable (elderly) Adults)

In response to a request from the Elder Advocate in the Department of Justice we have drafted a substitute amendment (LRB s0307/1) that expands the bill to cover all financial crimes (e.g., attempted theft, theft, misappropriation of personal identifying information or documents, forgery, fraudulent writings, fraudulent destruction of certain writings.) against all elderly people regardless of capacity, place of residence or

participation in programs. It also makes the definition of "vulnerable adult" identical to the definition of that term used elsewhere in the statutes (e.g., Chapters 55, 813 and 940) and includes all Powers of Attorney, whether durable or non-durable.

Rep. Suder the author of the bill doesn't object to the substance of the substitute amendment but argues that adopting the amendment will kill the bill procedurally. He thinks the bill won't be able to go through both houses before the end of March.

**SB 106 (Sen. Wirch's CASA bill)**

Sen. Wirch's office has worked with Legal Aid of Milwaukee to craft a compromise that everybody seems to be happy with. A substitute amendment (LRB s270/3) reflects the compromise.)

**SB 110 (Sen. Moen's bill on Prisoner's Throwing Bodily Substances)**

There are two simple amendments.

The first one (LRB a1180/1) is at the request of the State Hygiene Lab and expands the list of bodily substances covered by the bill.

The second one (LRB a1298/1) reduces the maximum penalty under the bill from 5 years to 2 years, consecutive to the current sentence.

**SB 284 (Your court reporter's bill)**

No amendments as far as I know. We had voted on this at the last exec. session but haven't yet reported the bill out of committee.

In deference to you as chair, Sen. Huelsman will let the bill come out of committee and maybe try to amend it on the floor.

I hope this is helpful.