

Committee Name:

**Assembly Committee – Rural Affairs and Forestry
(AC–RAF)**

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry

Date: Feb 28, 2002 Meeting Type: Executive Session
Location: 225 Northwest - State Capitol

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Rep. Donald Friske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Stephen Freese	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rep. Marlin Schneider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Kristina Boardman
Kristina Boardman, Committee Clerk

Vote Record

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Date: 2/28/02 Moved by: Hubler Seconded by: Friske
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- Passage *- as amended*
 - Introduction
 - Adoption
 - Rejection
 - Indefinite Postponement
 - Tabling
 - Concurrence
 - Nonconcurrence
 - Confirmation

Committee Member

- Rep. John Ainsworth, Chair
- Rep. Donald Friske
- Rep. Stephen Freese
- Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz
- Rep. Tom Sykora
- Rep. Barbara Gronemus
- Rep. Mary Hubler
- Rep. Marlin Schneider

	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
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MEMORANDUM

To: Mary Gibson-Glass

From: Chairperson John Ainsworth, Rural Affairs and Forestry

Date: February 14, 2002

Re: Assembly Substitute Amendment LRBs0327/1

Thank you for all of your work in drafting LRBs0327/1 on such short notice.

At the committee meeting yesterday, committee members decided that they would like to make a few modifications to the substitute amendment. Basically, committee members would like the legislative member appointing authority to remain with the legislature, rather than the Governor's office. In doing so, committee members felt it was more appropriate to name the council the "Council on Forestry". To accomplish these goals, we would like to have a "slash two" of the substitute amendment drafted with the following changes:

- Strike page 1 - lines 7-10 of the substitute amendment and substitute the language found on page 2 - lines 5-8 of the original bill. This change would keep appointing authority in the legislature.
- Rename the council the "Council on Forestry" rather than the "Governor's Council on Forestry" as named in the substitute amendment. (This would involve about seven reference changes throughout the draft.)
- Strike page 3 - lines 5-9 of the substitute amendment and substitute the language found on page 3 - lines 3-4 of the original bill.

If you have any additional questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact Kristina Boardman at 266-3097 or David Lovell at 266-1537. Thank you again for all of your efforts.

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 788

February 7, 2002 - Introduced by Representatives GARD, AINSWORTH, FRISKE, SERATTI, KRAWCZYK, HINES, KAUFERT, MUSSER, MCCORMICK, OTT and ALBERS, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, WELCH and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 23.09 (3) (b); and *to create* 15.347 (18) and 26.02 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** creating a council on forestry.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a 15-member council on forestry in the department of natural resources (DNR). Members of the council include: the chief state forester or his or her designee; four legislative members, one from each party and one from each house; and ten members who represent various forestry interests. These interests include ownership of private forest land, county forests, the paper and pulp industry, the lumber industry, the conservation of forest resources, and increasing the public's knowledge of forestry issues. These ten members are appointed by the governor, subject to senate confirmation. The council is authorized to advise the governor, legislature, DNR, and other state agencies on various topics as they affect forests located in this state. These topics include forest protection, reforestation and forestry genetics, urban forests, forestry research, and the marketing and use of forest products. The bill also requires that the council prepare a biennial report on the status of the state's forest resources and forest industry.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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1 SECTION 1. 15.347 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

2 15.347 (18) COUNCIL ON FORESTRY. (a) There is created in the department of
3 natural resources a council of forestry consisting of:

- 4 1. The chief state forester or his or her designee.
- 5 2. One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- 6 3. One member of the senate, appointed by the senate minority leader.
- 7 4. One member of the assembly, appointed by the speaker of the assembly.
- 8 5. One member of the assembly, appointed by the assembly minority leader.
- 9 6. One member who represents the interests of owners of private forest land
10 that is used to produce timber for industrial use.
- 11 7. One member who represents the interests of owners of private forest land
12 that is not used to produce timber for industrial use.
- 13 8. One member who represents the interests of counties that have county
14 forests within their boundaries.
- 15 9. One member who represents the interests of the paper and pulp industry.
- 16 10. One member who represents the interests of the lumber industry.
- 17 11. One member who represents the interests of nonprofit conservation
18 organizations whose purposes include the conservation and use of forest resources.
- 19 12. One member who is a forester who engages in the practice of providing
20 consultation services on forestry issues.
- 21 13. One member who represents the interests of schools of forestry within the
22 state that have curricula in the management of forest resources that are accredited
23 by the Society of American Foresters.
- 24 14. One member who represents the interests of persons who engage in
25 programs to increase the public's knowledge and awareness of forestry issues.

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1 15. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of
2 labor unions that are affiliated with the forestry industry.

3 (b) Each member specified in par. (a) 2. to 5. shall be appointed in the same
4 manner as members of standing committees are appointed.

5 (c) Each member specified in par. (a) 6. to 15. shall be nominated by the
6 governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve a 5-year
7 term.

8 (d) The governor shall annually appoint a chairperson for the council from
9 among its members before the first meeting of each year, and the chairperson, at the
10 first meeting of each year, shall annually appoint the vice chairperson and secretary
11 from among the council's members. Any of these appointees may be appointed for
12 successive terms.

13 (e) The council shall meet 4 times each year and shall also meet on the call of
14 the chairperson of the council or on the call of a majority of its members.
15 Notwithstanding s. 15.09 (3), the council shall meet at such locations within this
16 state as may be designated by the chairperson of the council or by a majority of its
17 members.

18 **SECTION 2.** 23.09 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 23.09 (3) (b) If the department and the board of regents of the University of
20 Wisconsin System enter into an agreement to create a faculty position at the
21 University of Wisconsin–Madison for a forest landscape ecologist, the department
22 and the University of Wisconsin–Madison shall develop an annual work plan for the
23 ecologist. In developing the annual work plan, the department shall consult with the
24 ~~governor's council on forestry created by executive order under s. 14.019.~~

25 **SECTION 3.** 26.02 of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 788**SECTION 3**

1 **26.02 Council on forestry. (1) DUTIES.** The council on forestry shall advise
2 the governor, the legislature, the department of natural resources, the department
3 of commerce, and other state agencies, as determined to be appropriate by the
4 council, on all of the following topics as they affect forests located in this state:

5 (a) The protection of forests from fire, insects, and disease.

6 (b) The practice of sustainable forestry, as defined in s. 28.04 (1) (e).

7 (c) Reforestation and forestry genetics.

8 (d) Management and protection of urban forests.

9 (e) Increasing the public's knowledge and awareness of forestry issues.

10 (f) Forestry research.

11 (g) Increasing the economic development of the forestry industry and
12 employment in the forestry industry.

13 (h) Marketing and use of forest products.

14 (i) Legislation that impacts on the management of forest lands in this state.

15 (j) Staffing and funding needs for forestry programs conducted by the state.

16 **(2) REPORT.** (a) The council on forestry shall prepare a biennial report on the
17 status of the state's forest resources and forestry industry. The report shall include
18 a summary of each of the following:

19 1. The magnitude, nature, and extent of the forest resources in this state.

20 2. The current use in this state for forest products and the benefits that these
21 forest products provide to the state.

22 3. The projected future demand for forest products and the projected benefits
23 that these forest products will provide to the state in the future

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1 5. The success of existing incentives that are offered to stimulate the
2 development of forest resources.

3 6. The possible economic opportunities in this state that may result if improved
4 forest-product marketing, and increased business dealing in or use of forest
5 products, occurs in this state.

6 7. Recommendations for increasing the economic development of the forestry
7 industry and employment in the forestry industry.

8 8. The effect of state and local governmental laws and policy on forestry
9 management and the location of markets for forest products.

10 9. Recommendations as to staffing and funding needs for forestry programs
11 and other conservation programs related to forestry that are conducted by the state
12 to support and enhance the development of forest resources.

13 10. Recommendations as to the need to increase the public's knowledge and
14 awareness of forestry issues.

15 (b) The council on forestry shall submit the report under this subsection no
16 later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year for distribution to the appropriate
17 standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3). The first report shall be
18 submitted no later than June 1, 2005. Each report shall cover the 24-month period
19 ending on the December 31 immediately preceding the date of the report.

20 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

21 (1) Notwithstanding the length of term specified in section 15.347 (18) (c) of the
22 statutes, as created in this act, of the members first appointed to the council on
23 forestry under section 15.347 (18) (a) 6. to 15. of the statutes, as created by this act,
24 the governor shall designate 3 members to serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2005,

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SECTION 4

1 2 members to serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2006, 3 members to serve for terms
2 expiring on July 1, 2007, and 2 members to serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2008.

3 (END)

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRBs0327/1dn
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February 13, 2002

Under this substitute amendment:

1. The council continues to be attached to DNR.
2. The nonlegislative appointees continue to be subject to senate confirmation.
3. The governor appoints all of the members, except for the chief forester, but is given no discretion in the appointment of the legislative members since, for each legislative position, only one legislative member is recommended.

Mary Gibson-Glass
Senior Legislative Attorney
Phone: (608) 267-3215



ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT ,
TO 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 788

1 AN ACT to amend 23.09 (3) (b); and to create 15.347 (18) and 26.02 of the
2 statutes; relating to: creating a governor's council on forestry.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 SECTION 1. 15.347 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

4 15.347 (18) GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FORESTRY. (a) There is created in the
5 department of natural resources a governor's council of forestry consisting of:

- 6 1. The chief state forester or his or her designee.
- 7 2. One member of the senate, recommended by the president of the senate.
- 8 3. One member of the senate, recommended by the senate minority leader.
- 9 4. One member of the assembly, recommended by the speaker of the assembly.
- 10 5. One member of the assembly, recommended by the assembly minority leader.

1 6. One member who represents the interests of a forest products company that
2 owns and manages large tracts of private forest land that supply raw materials to
3 the forest products industry.

4 7. One member who represents the interests of owners of nonindustrial, private
5 forest land who manage the land to produce ecological, economic, and social benefits.

6 8. One member who represents the interests of counties that have county
7 forests within their boundaries.

8 9. One member who represents the interests of the paper and pulp industry.

9 10. One member who represents the interests of the lumber industry.

10 11. One member who represents the interests of nonprofit conservation
11 organizations whose purposes include the conservation and use of forest resources.

12 12. One member who is a forester who engages in the practice of providing
13 consultation services on forestry issues.

14 13. One member who represents the interests of schools of forestry within the
15 state that have curricula in the management of forest resources that are accredited
16 by the Society of American Foresters.

17 14. One member who represents the interests of persons who engage in the
18 practice of conservation education.

19 15. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of
20 labor unions that are affiliated with the forestry industry.

21 16. One member who represents the interests of persons who are engaged in
22 the practice of urban and community forestry.

23 17. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of
24 the Society of American Foresters.

1 18. One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of
2 an organization of timber producers.

3 19. One person who represents the interests of persons who are engaged in an
4 industry that uses secondary wood. ^{→ wood by-products}

5 (b) Each member recommended in par. (a) 2. to 5. shall be appointed by the
6 governor. Each member appointed under this paragraph shall be appointed to serve
7 a 5-year term, except as provided in par. (bn).

8 (bn) A member appointed under par. (b) who ceases to hold office as a member
9 of the legislature shall vacate his or her office as a member of the council.

10 (c) Each member recommended in par. (a) 6. to 19. shall be nominated by the
11 governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, to serve a 5-year
12 term.

13 (d) The governor shall annually appoint a chairperson for the council from
14 among its members before the first meeting of each year, and the chairperson, at the
15 first meeting of each year, shall annually appoint the vice chairperson and secretary
16 from among the council's members. Any of these appointees may be appointed for
17 successive terms.

18 (e) The council shall meet 4 times each year and shall also meet on the call of
19 the chairperson of the council or on the call of a majority of its members.
20 Notwithstanding s. 15.09 (3), the council shall meet at such locations within this
21 state as may be designated by the chairperson of the council or by a majority of its
22 members.

23 SECTION 2. 23.09 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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25 Wisconsin System enter into an agreement to create a faculty position at the

1 University of Wisconsin–Madison for a forest landscape ecologist, the department
2 and the University of Wisconsin–Madison shall develop an annual work plan for the
3 ecologist. In developing the annual work plan, the department shall consult with the
4 governor's council on forestry ~~created by executive order under s. 14.019.~~

5 **SECTION 3.** 26.02 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **26.02 Governor's council on forestry. (1) DUTIES.** The governor's council
7 on forestry shall advise the governor, the legislature, the department of natural
8 resources, the department of commerce, and other state agencies, as determined to
9 be appropriate by the council, on all of the following topics as they affect forests
10 located in this state:

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- 12 (b) The practice of sustainable forestry, as defined in s. 28.04 (1) (e).
- 13 (c) Reforestation and forestry genetics.
- 14 (d) Management and protection of urban forests.
- 15 (e) Increasing the public's knowledge and awareness of forestry issues.
- 16 (f) Forestry research.
- 17 (g) Increasing the economic development of the forestry industry and
18 employment in the forestry industry.
- 19 (h) Marketing and use of forest products.
- 20 (i) Legislation that impacts on the management of forest lands in this state.
- 21 (j) Staffing and funding needs for forestry programs conducted by the state.
- 22 **(2) REPORT.** (a) The governor's council on forestry shall prepare a biennial
23 report on the status of the state's forest resources and forestry industry. The report
24 shall include a summary of each of the following:

- 25 1. The magnitude, nature, and extent of the forest resources in this state.

1 2. The current use in this state for forest products and the benefits that these
2 forest products provide to the state.

3 3. The projected future demand for forest products and the projected benefits
4 that these forest products will provide to the state in the future.

5 4. The types of owners and forms of ownership that apply to forests in this state,
6 including the reasons why persons own forest land.

7 5. The success of existing incentives that are offered to stimulate the
8 development of forest resources.

9 6. The possible economic opportunities in this state that may result if improved
10 forest-product marketing, and increased business dealing in or use of forest
11 products, occurs in this state.

12 7. Recommendations for increasing the economic development of the forestry
13 industry and employment in the forestry industry.

14 8. The effect of state and local governmental laws and policy on forestry
15 management and the location of markets for forest products.

16 9. Recommendations as to staffing and funding needs for forestry programs
17 and other conservation programs related to forestry that are conducted by the state
18 to support and enhance the development of forest resources.

19 10. Recommendations as to the need to increase the public's knowledge and
20 awareness of forestry issues.

21 (b) The ~~governor's~~ council on forestry shall submit the report under this
22 subsection no later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year for distribution to the
23 governor and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s.
24 13.172 (3). The first report shall be submitted no later than June 1, 2005. Each

1 report shall cover the 24-month period ending on the December 31 immediately
2 preceding the date of the report.

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5 (c) of the statutes, as created in this act, of the members first appointed to the
6 ~~governor's~~ council on forestry under section 15.347 (18) (a) 6. to 19. of the statutes,
7 as created by this act, the governor shall designate 4 members to serve for terms
8 expiring on July 1, 2005, 3 members to serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2006, 4
9 members to serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2007, and 3 members to serve for
10 terms expiring on July 1, 2008.

11 (END)

February 20, 2002

Miles K. Benson
2511 Lovewood Drive
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for taking the time to communicate your thoughts on Assembly Bill 788, relating to creating a council on forestry. Knowing that you are a member of the Governor's Council on Forestry, I appreciate the perspective you have to share.

Other persons in the forestry community have also brought up the concerns you presented in your correspondence. Pursuant to these contacts, a substitute amendment has been drafted that hopefully addresses the majority of these suggestions. Assembly Substitute Amendment LRBs0327/2 has been enclosed for your reference and use. The Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry is expected to vote on this amendment on February 28, 2002.

First of all, in the draft you will notice that the council has been expanded by four members to a 19-member council. The new membership standards include the following:

- One member who represents the interests of persons who are engaged in the practice of urban and community forestry.
- One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of the Society of American Foresters.
- One member who represents the interests of persons who are members of an organization of timber producers.
- One person who represents the interests of persons who are engaged in an industry that uses secondary wood.

Second of all, membership standards for #6, #7, and #14 have been amended to be more specific. These membership standards have been amended as follows:

- #6 – One member who represents the interests of a forest products company that owns and manages large tracts of private forest land that supply raw materials to the forest products industry.
- #7 – One member who represents the interests of owners of nonindustrial, private forest land who manage the land to produce ecological, economic, and social benefits.

- #14 – One member who represents the interests of persons who engage in the practice of conservation education.

Hopefully the changes made by this substitute amendment address the majority of the concerns you had with the original draft of Assembly Bill 788. Should you have any additional suggestions regarding this legislation, please feel free to contact me (hopefully, prior to the executive session on February 28th).

Thank you again for taking the time to offer your perspective.

Sincerely,

JOHN AINSWORTH
State Representative
6th Assembly District

JA/khb

Miles K. Benson
2511 Lovewood Dr.
Wisconsin Rapids WI.
54494

Mr. John H Ainsworth
State Capitol 309 North
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Representative Ainsworth,

I am a current member of the Governor's Council on Forestry. I am a professional forester with 36 years of forestry practice in Wisconsin. I began in forest genetics research and moved through various types of forestry work finishing my career as the Director of the Timberlands Division for Consolidated Papers, Inc. I have also been active on the national level in forestry. I am in favor of the 2001 bill to create the Council on Forestry and commend you and your colleagues for the foresight to address it. However, I have some suggestions that I believe would improve the end result.

The legislation is a positive for the state and the states forests, but, some adjustments are necessary to make it as good or better than the current Council. First the proposed council has fewer numbers than the current council and results in a couple of areas of expertise being omitted The representation of the forest expertise on the current council is what makes it work well.

The secondary forest products industry is not represented. People like Leon Church and Nick Moncel have filled that role on the current council. The survey of manufacturers done in the state in 1996 revealed that the "Forest Products" category with a value shipment of 19.9 billion dollars was second only to the "Food and Kindred Products" category who had a value shipment of 20.4 billion dollars. The secondary forest products industry is a significant part of the "Forest Products" category. They should be represented on the council for good two way communications.

? There are no loggers represented in the proposed council. People like Jerry Schwartz, a past legislator. Gene Schmidt, from the County Forest Association, have been essential in addressing the issues covered in the past. I firmly believe that the people whose job it is to harvest trees in an efficient and environmentally sensitive manner should be represented.

The makeup of the council is a bit confusing. Without clarification there is room to miss the point of the council which, as I see it, is to provide a broad overview advisory to the government positions listed in 26.02. Forestry is complex and provides a variety of services to the people of this state. Unfortunately, there is a tendency to pigeon hole certain interests in a way that suggests they have sole rights to a given area. But that is not true. We all benefit from the forests the wood products for shelter and furnishings, food, water, good air, aesthetics, recreation and other amenities. Pigeonholing certain interests often does what I call "Love the forest to death," or, as some say for the special interests zeal for single benefits, "Kill the goose that lays the golden egg (benefits)." The categories of membership tend to present that assumption. It does not well recognize that most of those membership categories have multiple and common interests in the forests.

Looking at the member makeup. The first five listed are a necessity. Number six could be a private individual, or it could represent a corporation such as a paper mill, lumber mill or a chip mill.

It could even be an NGO that happens to also harvest trees What is the real intention here?

Number 7 - represents the interest of owners of private forest land that is not used to produce timber for industrial uses. Over the length of a particular stand's life, that owner is difficult to place. Most are faced with some sort of harvest at some point of the forest's life. Many, if not most, people own forest land for primary reasons other than forest product production. To assume that because they harvest trees they don't have passionate interests in the other values is absurd. This category needs better definition or replacement with one of the above mentioned omission.

Number 8 should be the Wisconsin County Forest Association. All the forest counties belong and it serves well as their voice.

The rest through 13 seem clear enough.

Number 14 needs some clarification. "public knowledge and awareness of forestry issues" seems ripe for mischief. Does that mean any organization bent on misinforming the public has a legitimate position on the council? Of course the approval process may take care of this, but I'm still cautious. Too much damage has been done to good forestry programs in general with misinformation and supposed problems.

Number 15 - someone "who represents the interests of persons who are members of labor unions that are affiliated with the forestry industry" seems like a good way to keep them in the loop.

I wonder about Section 2. From my experience with the universities, this seems like an add on to try to get something done that isn't being done with some other means. First it says "If.." Then it seems to point to one faculty position. To what purpose? Isn't the annual work plan more a charge for the WDNR?

Under the duties, item 2. However this is done, I would hope that each annual report would not be intended to be as comprehensive as the others. It may come to fruition in time, but, the forest inventory is just beginning to be a continuous one and many bugs will have to be worked out to accomplish this. It seems more prudent that the report would be an up-date for some periods and a comprehensive one for others. If this doesn't occur, a lot of energy will be spent for little benefit. Even in this day of computers, I still hold to that statement.

Lastly, again I would ~~again~~ recommend that the number be expanded to allow representation of a fuller forestry field. also, that the council be encouraged to invite a broad range of interests to attend and address the council. This has been an important part of the current council.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these suggestions.

Sincerely,



Miles K. Benson

March 5, 2002

Miles K. Benson
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Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for your kind reply regarding the substitute amendment to Assembly Bill 788 – relating to the creation of a council on forestry. I appreciate your continued input on this important topic.

Please be advised that the term limits described for the **14** members in the substitute amendment relate to the 14 members appointed by the Governor. The remaining five members are the chief state forester and the four legislative members. The term limit for the chief state forester would correspond to time in this position, while legislative membership would correspond to both term in office and any changes in legislative leadership.

I hope that this information addresses your concerns regarding Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to A.B. 788. Please be advised that this legislation is scheduled for an Assembly vote on Wednesday, March 6, 2002.

Sincerely,

JOHN AINSWORTH
State Representative
6th Assembly District

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From: Miles [mkjdbens@wctc.net]
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2002 9:02 PM
To: Honorable John Ainsworth
Subject: Amendment LRBs 0327/2

Dear Rep. Ainsworth:

Thank you for your letter of February 20 regarding creating the council on forestry and especially for your efforts in initiating the bill. I was glad to see that you got my letter. It points out the wisdom of hard copy to back up the e-mail.

Unfortunately I was out of state from the day before your hearing until March 1 and was unable to get your correspondence prior to the vote on the amendment. I appreciate the work put into the amendment and am pleased with the amendments that have been made. They offer better clarity and also a better representation of the spectrum of the persons qualified to speak to forestry issues.

One correction that I noticed in the amended version sent to me. In the last paragraph there is mention of terms for only 14 members. The term assignments should account for the added membership.

Your interest in providing for good council for the management of the states forests is appreciated.

Miles K. Benson