

BRIAN BURKE

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Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
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From: Senator Brian Burke

Date: October 9, 2001

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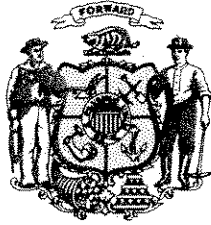
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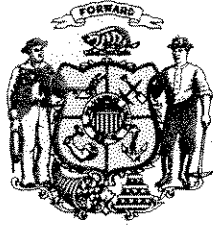
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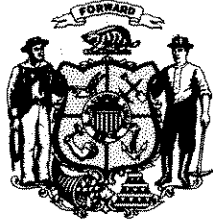
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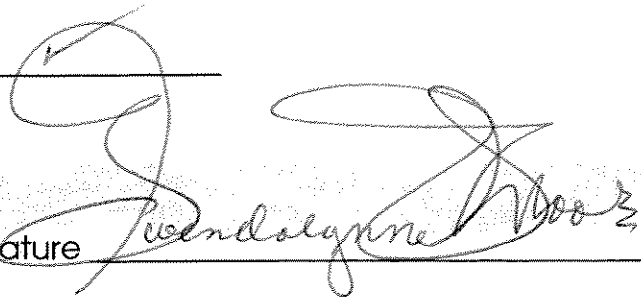
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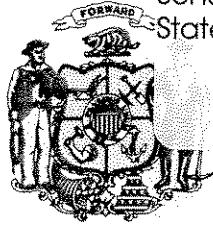
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Senator Moore
State Capitol, 409 South

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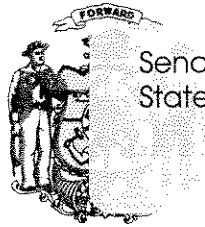
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State Capitol, 415 South

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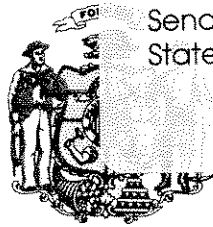
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Kim Plach



Senator Decker
State Capitol, 323 South

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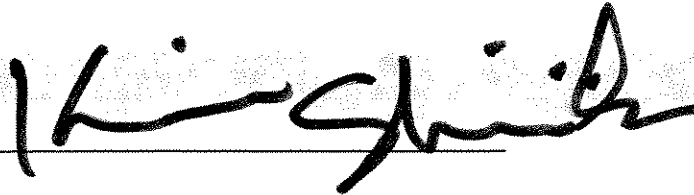
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Senator Darling
State Capitol, Room 127 South

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Signature Albert Darling



Senator Rosenzweig
State Capitol, 126 South

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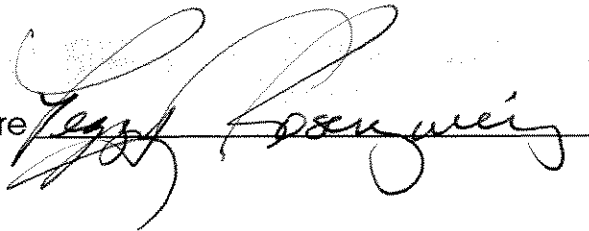
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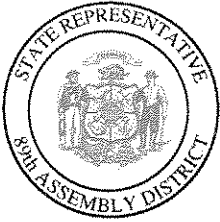
YES



NO

Signature

Robert W. Welch



John Gard

Assembly Chairman, Joint Committee on Finance

October 10, 2001

Senator Brian Burke
State Capital, 317 East
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Burke:

I am concerned with your increased willingness to circumvent the Joint Finance Committee process by directing the Senate Finance Committee to approve spending proposals with a paper ballot.

If it is true, as I have often heard you say, "the Joint Finance Committee is the last bastion of compromise," than you have let down your guard and threatened the integrity of the committee.

Time after time the Joint Finance Committee has answered the statutory requirement to approve all spending requests with a bi-partisan solution. It has been a signal to the houses that the bill is ready for floor action.

Your recent decision to forego such review signals a breakdown in the process and will only serve to slow the very negotiations you wish to expedite.

At a time when our economy is slowing and the fight for State resources is great, you are setting an extremely reckless and unwise precedent. I would encourage you to rethink this strategy and converse with those who have put you in this predicament before making this procedure the norm.

After all is said and done in the Senate, I want to assure you Senate Bill 128 and others like it will return to the Joint Finance Committee for proper consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John G. Gard".

John Gard

State Representative