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Patrick Walsh
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Sen. Decker
(Representing)

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Name Speaker Decker

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Organization You Represent _____

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DATE: March 13, 2002

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OR
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(NAME) Tom Deneen

(Street Address or Route Number) 7 N. Pinkney St

(City and Zip Code) Madison WI 53703

(Representing) United Transportation Union

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(NAME) Tom Dwyer II

(Street Address or Route Number) 7 N. Pinkney

(City and Zip Code) Madison 53703

(Representing) United Transportation Union

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March 16, 2002

To: Members,
Senate Insurance, Tourism, and Transportation Committee

Subject: Senate Bill 457

The Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association (WMCA) is a statewide organization with over 1,300 members. Our members are businesses that operate commercial motor vehicles such as trucks and buses.

The WMCA has mixed feelings about Senate Bill 457. The bill will increase the maximum overall length of a two-vehicle combination from 65 to 70 feet for routes under the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin DOT (Federal highways and the State Trunk Highway System), but keep the 65 foot maximum for all other roads.

Background on Vehicle Size Laws

Truck vehicle size is governed in Wisconsin based on two different systems:

- On the Designated Highway System (Interstates, State Trunk Highways and local roads that have been designated by the Wisconsin DOT Secretary) there is no overall length limitation on the combination, but there are restrictions on the length of a single unit (40 feet) or on the length of a trailer (53 feet).
- All other highways and streets have a 65 feet overall length restriction and trailers may not exceed 48 feet in length.

The Positives of SB 457

The WMCA supports the additional length on the State Trunk Highway routes that are not on the designated system. There are many examples of trucking companies that own 48' trailers where the overall length is between 65 and 70 feet. This provision would allow those units to operate on these highways without the need to request the state DOT to incorporate these routes as part of the designated highway system. That will eliminate the need for a number of administrative proceedings, saving the DOT and the industry considerable time and money.

Other States

There are currently thirty other states that allow 70 or more feet for an overall length off the designated highways system. Twenty-five of these states (including Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, and Ohio) have no overall length limitation on the combination but limit the length of the trailers that are used. Five states (including Minnesota) allow 75 feet or longer on the combination.

Weight Not Changed

It is important to keep in mind that Senate Bill 457 would not alter the state's weight limitations. Vehicles in Wisconsin can haul a maximum of 80,000 pounds, regardless of whether the vehicle is operating on or off the designated highway system. SB 457 does **not** alter the 80,000 pound maximum.

Concerns

SB 457 also raises concerns among the members of the WMCA. If approved in its present form, the bill would mean that there would be three (currently only 2) different length restrictions in the state as outlined below:

<u>Highways</u>	<u>Length Restriction</u>
Designated Highways	No Overall length Restriction
State Highways –not designated	70 feet overall length
Local Roads – not designated	65 feet overall length

Having a third category will be confusing, particularly for out-of-state truckers utilizing Wisconsin's highways and local roads.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views on Senate Bill 457.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Howells
President