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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2003-04
(session year)

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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Forestry

Assembly Bill 235

Relating to: failure to pay owners of raw forest products and providing a penalyy.

By Representatives Pettis, Krawczyk, Lassa, Musser, Gunderson, Albers and Ainsworth; cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee, Breske, and Roessler.

March 31, 2003 Referred to Committee on Forestry.

May 13, 2003 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (6) Representatives Friske, Ainsworth, Seratti, M. Williams, Hubler and Boyle.

Absent: (0)

Appearances For

- State Representative Mark Pettis (28th)
- Allan Waelchli, Shawano
- David Tatar, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- Rick Bucklew, Department of Natural Resources

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None

Registrations For

- Colette Mathews – Wisconsin County Forests Association
- Eugene Roark, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

Registrations Against

- None.

May 13, 2003 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (6) Representatives Friske, Ainsworth, Seratti, M. Williams, Hubler and Boyle.

Absent: (0)

Moved by Representative Hubler, seconded by Representative Seratti that **Assembly Bill 235** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Friske, Ainsworth, Seratti, M. Williams, Hubler and Boyle.
Noes: (0) None.
Absent: (0)

ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 0

Tim Gary
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Forestry

Date: 5-13-03

Moved by: Hubler Seconded by: Seratti

AB 235 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____

AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____

AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

A/S Amdt _____

A/S Amdt _____ to A/S Amdt _____

A/S Sub Amdt _____

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Be recommended for:

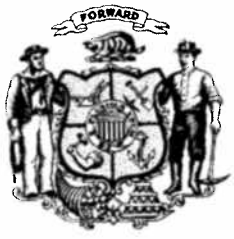
☑ Passage ☐ Adoption ☐ Confirmation ☐ Concurrence ☐ Indefinite Postponement

☐ Introduction ☐ Rejection ☐ Tabling ☐ Nonconcurrence

Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
Representative Donald Friske	☑	☐	☐	☐
Representative John Ainsworth	☑	☐	☐	☐
Representative Lorraine Seratti	☑	☐	☐	☐
Representative Mary Williams	☑	☐	☐	☐
Representative Mary Hubler	☑	☐	☐	☐
Representative Frank Boyle	☑	☐	☐	☐
Totals:	6	0	___	___

☑ Motion Carried ☐ Motion Failed

WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE


FORWARD

Testimony on Assembly Bill 235
State Representative Mark Pettis
May 13, 2003
Assembly Committee on Forestry

Good Morning. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on Assembly Bill 235.

The purpose of this legislation is to protect forest landowners from loggers who fail to compensate for timber cut from lands with the owners' consent. Presently, landowners' only option in this situation is to handle the non-payment through civil action. Civil litigation can be very costly and often does not recover all of the actual losses.

This legislation would classify this action by unscrupulous loggers as theft that would fall under the same penalties that are provided for timber theft without the owners' consent. Basically, this bill changes the penalty from civil to criminal.

In the last three years in Burnett County (population 13,000) there are seven known cases of this type of timber theft. Many of the victims are elderly people on fixed income using the money gained from cut timber to pay their taxes. There are many more cases out there, and this legislation would help to ease the burden created by a dishonest logger.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.