

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

##### **Senate Bill 53**

Relating to: regulating the negotiation and collection of demand drafts.

By Senators Schultz, Erpenbach, Kedzie, Robson, S. Fitzgerald, M. Meyer, Roessler, Kanavas, Stepp and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Jeskewitz, Montgomery, Richards, Kerkman, Friske, Musser, Van Roy, Krawczyk, Ladwig, Stone, Albers, Freese, Bies, Kestell, Townsend, J. Wood, Balow, Hines, Seratti, Lassa, Shilling, Hundertmark, Huber, Towns, Wieckert and McCormick.

February 26, 2003      Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

April 22, 2003      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)      Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson and Hansen.

Absent:    (0)      None.

##### Appearances For

- Daryll Lund, Community Bankers, Madison, WI 53719
- Mr. Richard McGuigan, Community Bankers of WI, New Glarus
- Ms. Mary Schnell, CBW/WACHA, Brookfield
- Sen. Dale Schultz, 17th State Senate District, Madison
- Rep. Suzanne Jeskewitz, WI State Legislature, Madison

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Ms. Ginger Larson, DFI Office of Credit Unions, Madison
- Mr John Engel, WI Credit Union League, Pewaukee
- Mr. Michael Mach, WI Dept. Financial Inst., Madison
- Jodi Bloch, Wisconsin Bankers Assn, Madison
- Ms. Ruthann Nelson, WI Federation of Cooperatives, Madison
- Ms. Keeley Moll, WIDATCP, Madison

Registrations Against

- None.

April 22, 2003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson and Hansen.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Brown that **Senate Bill 53** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson and Hansen.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

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Committee Clerk

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

##### **Senate Bill 108**

Relating to: the requirement that operators of fish farms provide evidence of fish health and granting rule-making authority.

By Senators Harsdorf, Schultz, Breske, Zien, A. Lasee, Kedzie, Stepp and Jauch; cosponsored by Representatives Ott, Gronemus, Hahn, Hines, Kerkman, Freese, Bies, Seratti, Pettis, Petrowski, Gunderson, Albers and Kreibich.

April 09, 2003      Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

April 22, 2003      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)      Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson and Hansen.

Absent:    (0)      None.

##### Appearances For

- Mr. David Gollon, WI Aquaculture Assn., Dodgeville
- Dr. Myron Kibus, WI DATCP, Madison

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Rep. Al Ott, 3rd Assembly District, Madison
- Paul Zimmerman, Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Madison

##### Registrations Against

- None.

April 22, 2003      **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present:    (5)      Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson and Hansen.

Absent:    (0)      None.

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Brown that  
**Senate Bill 108** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson  
and Hansen.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

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Committee Clerk

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

##### **Senate Bill 116**

Relating to: reduction in amount recoverable by a liquidator from a reinsurer.

By Senators Schultz, Cowles, Decker, Hansen, Breske and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Ladwig, Hahn, Ainsworth, Weber, Wieckert, Hines, Petrowski, Huber, Schooff, Vruwink, Townsend and Van Roy.

April 16, 2003      Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

April 22, 2003      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)      Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson and Hansen.

Absent:    (0)      None.

##### Appearances For

- Sen. Dale Schultz, 17th State Senate District, Madison
- Mr. Andy Franken, Reinsurance Assn of America, Madison

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- None.

##### Registrations Against

- None.

April 22, 2003      **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present:    (5)      Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson and Hansen.

Absent:    (0)      None.

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Kedzie that  
**Senate Bill 116** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Robson  
and Hansen.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

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**Senate**  
**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 173**

Relating to: the agricultural producer security program, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Senators Brown, Schultz, Lassa and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Ott, Gronemus, Gunderson, Pettis, Loeffelholz, Musser, Freese, Townsend, Petrowski, Ainsworth, Ward, Towns, Krawczyk, Kestell, Suder, Hahn, Hines and Bies.

May 21, 2003                      Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

June 3, 2003                      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:     (5)     Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.  
Absent:     (0)     None.

Appearances For

- Rep. Al Ott, 3rd Assembly District, Madison
- Sen. Ron Brown, WI State Senate, Madison
- Sec. Rod Nilsestuen, WI Dept. of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection, Madison
- Bill Oemichen, WI Federation of Cooperatives, Madison
- John Exner, Midwest Food Processors Assn, Madison
- Paul Zimmerman, Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Madison
- Ron Statz, National Farmers Organization, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Ms. Keeley Moll, WIDATCP, Madison
- Ron Kuehn, WI Pork Producers, Madison, WI 53703

Registrations Against

- None.

  
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Absent:    (0)    None.

Moved by Senator Schultz that **Senate Bill 173** be recommended for passage.

Ayes:    (5)    Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Noes:    (0)    None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

  
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**Senate**  
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**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 176**

Relating to: authorizing municipal insurance mutuals to provide property insurance.

By Senators Schultz, S. Fitzgerald, Cowles and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Ladwig, Gard, Albers, Ainsworth, Ott, Gronemus, Krawczyk, Taylor, Turner, Hines and Huber.

May 21, 2003            Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

June 3, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)    Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent:     (0)    None.

Appearances For

- Jon Hochkammer, Wisconsin Counties Association
- Robert Wurtz, Wisconsin County Mutual Community Insurance Aegis Corporation, Brookfield
- John Dirkse, Aegis Corp./ Wisconsin County Mutual
- Michael DeMoss, Cities & Village Mutual Inc. Co, New Berlin

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Rick Stadelman, Wisconsin Towns Association, Shawano

Registrations Against

- None.

  
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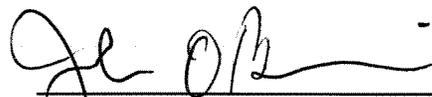
Absent:    (0)    None.

Moved by Senator Schultz that **Senate Bill 176** be recommended for passage.

Ayes:    (5)    Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Noes:    (0)    None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

  
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Senate  
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**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 185**

Relating to: sale of halal food.

By Senator Kanavas; cosponsored by Representatives Townsend, Sherman and Black.

June 03, 2003            Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

August 4, 2003        **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

POLLING

Moved by Senator Schultz that **Senate Bill 185** be recommended for passage.

Ayes:    (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Noes:    (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

  
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Dale W. Schultz, Chairman

**Senate**  
**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 185**

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By Senator Kanavas; cosponsored by Representatives Townsend, Sherman and Black.

June 03, 2003            Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

July 29, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)    Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent:     (0)    None.

Appearances For

- Sen. Ted Kanavas, Madison

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

August 4, 2003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Schultz that **Senate Bill 185** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

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**Senate**  
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**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

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June 03, 2003            Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

July 29, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)    Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent:     (0)    None.

Appearances For

- Sen. Ted Kanavas, Madison

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

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**Senate**  
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**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 191**

Relating to: representations made regarding wild rice sold or offered for sale in this state, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Joint Legislative Council.

June 05, 2003            Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

July 29, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)    Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent:    (0)    None.

Appearances For

- Rep. Terry Musser, Madison
- Joyce Kiel, Joint Legislative Council (Staff), Madison
- Ron Hermes, Oneida Nation, Madison

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

July 29, 2003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Brown, seconded by Senator Kedzie that **Senate Bill 191** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0



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**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

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By Joint Legislative Council.

June 05, 2003            Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

July 29, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)    Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.  
Absent:    (0)    None.

Appearances For

- Rep. Terry Musser, Madison
- Joyce Kiel, Joint Legislative Council (Staff), Madison
- Ron Hermes, Oneida Nation, Madison

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

July 29, 2003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Brown, seconded by Senator Kedzie that **Senate Bill 191** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0



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**Senate**  
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**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 202**

Relating to: the purchase of health care coverage by individuals who are engaged in the business of farming through the Group Insurance Board, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Senators Leibham, M. Meyer, Decker, Roessler, Wirch, Brown, Breske and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Towns, Vruwink, LeMahieu, Ladwig, Pettis, M. Lehman, Suder, Bies, Staskunas, Musser, Hahn, Weber, Kreibich, Berceau, Ainsworth, Ott, J. Wood, Hines, Kestell, Owens, Gunderson, Gronemus, Balow, McCormick, Olsen, Plouff, Freese, Shilling, Hundertmark, Schneider, Van Akkeren, Johnsrud and Petrowski.

June 20, 2003            Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

July 29, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)        Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent:     (0)        None.

Appearances For

- Sen. Joe Leibham, Madison
- Sabrina Gentile, WI Farm Bureau, Madison
- Edith Lauscher, Kewaunee
- Wayne Steingraber, Manawa
- Darin Von Ruden, WI Farmers Union, Westby
- Ron Statz, National Farmers Organization, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Appearances Against

- Vicki Poole, WI Employee Trust Funds, Madison
- Bill Kox, WI Employee Trust Funds

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Rep. Debi Towns, Madison
- Rep Amy Sue Vruwink, Madison
- Bill Oemichen, WI Federation of Cooperatives, Madison

- John Manske, WI Federation of Cooperatives, Madison
- Wayne Corey, WI Independant Businesses, Madison
- Lori Steingraber, Manawa

Registrations Against

- None.

July 29, 2003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Hansen that **Senate Bill 202** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

  
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John O'Brien  
Committee Clerk

**Senate**  
**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and  
Insurance**

**Senate Bill 279**

Relating to: qualifications of certain agents of mortgage bankers and mortgage brokers, consumer mortgage brokerage agreements, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Schultz, S. Fitzgerald, Kanavas, Lazich, Wirch, Lassa, Breske, Plale, M. Meyer, Stepp, Kedzie and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Jeskewitz, Montgomery, Ladwig, Gunderson, Wieckert, Freese, Kreibich, Bies, Seratti, M. Lehman, Hines, Kerkman, Kestell, Loeffelholz, Shilling, Vrakas, Van Roy, J. Fitzgerald, Wasserman, Nischke, Krawczyk, Hahn, Townsend, Zepnick, LeMahieu and Olsen.

October 21, 2003                      Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

October 30, 2003                      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:                                      (3) Senators Schultz, Brown and Lassa.  
Excused Absent:                              (2) Senators Kedzie and Hansen.

Appearances For

- Peggy Moede, WI Assc. of Mortgage Brokers, Madison
- Brian Goode, WI Assn. of Mortgage Brokers, Caledonia
- S. Mirielle Enlow, World Savings Bank, Milwaukee
- Lloyd Levin, Roddus & Lloyd, Milwaukee
- Dirk Todd, Mortgage One Financial Services, Madison

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Joe Morrissy, WI Dept. of Financial Institutions, Madison
- Kathryn Carlson, WI Dept. of Financial Institutions, Madison

Registrations For

- Sen. Dale Schultz, 17th State Senate District, Madison
- Amy Boyer, WI Mortgage Bankers, Madison
- Jodi Bloch, Wisconsin Bankers Assn, Madison
- Ryan Rippenburg, ?, Milwaukee
- Kathy Savaglio, Ideal Financial, Brookfield
- Ed Hughes, Monticello Mortgage, New Berlin
- Richard Parins, WI Assn. of Mortgage Brokers, DePere
- Terri Darling, Field Crest Mortgage, Waukesha

Registrations Against

- None.

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Committee Clerk

Senate  
Record of Committee Proceedings

**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 320**

Relating to: requirements for recommendations made by insurers and insurance intermediaries to senior consumers in annuity transactions; committees of the board of directors of domestic stock and mutual corporations; annuity minimum nonforfeiture amount; merger of town mutual and domestic mutual insurance corporation into a town mutual; the insurance security fund; other miscellaneous changes to the insurance provisions; and granting rule-making authority.

By Senator Schultz; cosponsored by Representative Ladwig, by request of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

November 19, 2003 Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

December 2, 2003 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent: (0) None.

December 2, 2003 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Sec. Jorge Gomez, Office of Commissioner of Insurance, Madison

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Steve Radke, Northwestern Mutual Insurance, Milwaukee
- Ron Kuehn, WI Pork Producers, Madison, WI 53703
- Eric Englund, WI Insurance Alliance, Madison

- Lee Fanshaw, American Family Insurance, Madison
- Kathryn Carlson, WI Dept. of Financial Institutions, Madison
- Brian Casey, Thirvent Financial for Lutherans , Appelton

Registrations Against

- None.

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Kedzie that  
**Senate Bill 320** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen  
and Lassa.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

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John O'Brien  
Committee Clerk

**Senate**  
**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance**

**Senate Bill 322**

Relating to: the definition of a group health benefit plan.

By Senators Kanavas, Darling, A. Lasee, Reynolds, Roessler, Schultz and Welch; cosponsored by Representatives Gielow, Van Roy, Ainsworth, Albers, Bies, Hahn, Hines, Honadel, Gunderson, Jeskewitz, Kestell, Krawczyk, Ladwig, M. Lehman, Montgomery, Musser, Nischke, Olsen, Ott, Petrowski, Pettis, Seratti, Stone, Townsend, Underheim, Vrakas and Vukmir.

November 19, 2003 Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance.

December 2, 2003 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Dan Schwartzter, WI Assc. of Health Underwriters, Lobbyist, Madison
- Josh Watson, Golden Rule Insurance
- J. P. Wieske, Council for Affordable Health Insurance, Madison

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Sen. Alberta Darling, 8th Senate District, Madison
- Sen. Ted Kanavas, Madison
- Sen. Tom Reynolds, 5th. Senate District, Madison
- Sen. Robert Welch, 14th State Senate District, Madison
- R.J. Pirlot, Wisconsin Manufacturing & Commerce, Madison
- Joanne Ricca, WI State AFL-CIO, Milwaukee
- Eileen Mallow, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Madison

Registrations Against

- None.

December 2, 2003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Schultz, Brown, Kedzie, Hansen and Lassa.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Brown that **Senate Bill 322** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (3) Senators Schultz, Brown and Kedzie.

Noes: (2) Senators Hansen and Lassa.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 2

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John O'Brien  
Committee Clerk