

# AB 85 in Brief



Joint Committee on Finance

This legislation simply lets the people of the Town of Campbell decide their own future.

Wisconsin's bureaucratic incorporation process gives everyone EXCEPT the people who live in the community a say in their future.

The Town of Campbell is in a unique situation in that it is an island. Due to its natural boundaries, the Town fits the statutory definition of being "*reasonably homogeneous...taking into consideration natural boundaries...*" Wis. Stat. 66.0207(1)(a)

As the excerpt below shows, the City of La Crosse's Comprehensive Plan calls for the complete swallowing up of the town of Campbell -- a plan that has been put together without any input from the Town.

#### City of La Crosse Comprehensive Plan:

- Annexation: The city should pursue annexation of fringe areas and work to change annexation laws to give City additional power. **The entire Town of Campbell should eventually be annexed to the City of La Crosse.** The City should pursue the eventual annexation of the Towns of Medary and Shelby. The City should continue to abide by a firm policy to *not* extend sewer or water services without annexation.

I have received petitions from approximately 1,800 residents of the Town of Campbell supporting this legislation. A copy of these petitions are on file with Chairman Hahn's office.

The City of La Crosse spent years battling the City of Onalaska in court over this issue, now they have set their sites on the prosperous area of the Town of Campbell.

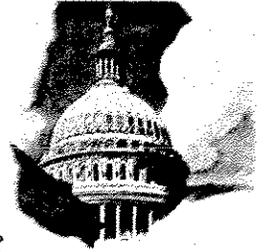
Incorporation would allow the Town of Campbell to have the tools other communities have in securing their own future - such as the ability to create TIF districts. Incorporation would also secure the communities borders, which will help stabilize and protect its tax base.

Our provision is based on a 45-year old law that was ruled constitutional by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Wis. State. 66.0215 - know as the "Oak Creek Law."

Because our legislation is limited to the Town of Campbell, this is not creating a "slippery slope" that will tilt the balance of power among communities in Wisconsin. It merely deals with a very unique situation in which the Town of Campbell finds itself. More importantly, it gives the people of that community the Democratic right to determine their own future.

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*Mike*  
**HUEBSCH**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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# **Assembly Bill**

## **85**

# **Town of Campbell La Crosse County**

# **Timeline of Events**

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Campbell Vs, LaCrosse Timeline of Events

Nov. 1996--- voters in Campbell approve pursuing incorporation by approximately 60%.

Dec. 1996---Having gotten wind of Campbell's incorporation effort, LaCrosse vigorously pursues annexations on the Island in order to "beat" Campbell's incorporation attempt thereby establishing legal prior precedence. Many of the annexations are haphazard and not well thought out. (see exhibit A and B) Even department heads in LaCrosse admit some of these annexations, most notably the Edwards annexation, make orderly delivery of services impossible. (Larry Kirch and Pat Caffrey)

January 1997----Campbell legally challenges annexations. This continues with every subsequent annexation by LaCrosse.

May 1997---- Newly elected Mayor of LaCrosse, John Medinger, and newly elected Town Chair, Dan Kapanke, begin negotiations concerning the dispute. Negotiations last for two and one-half years. Eventually, An agreement under state statute 66.023 is presented to both bodies. Campbell unanimously agrees but LaCrosse turns it down in 1999.

Details of the agreement, which the Mayor vigorously defended, include:

- (1) All of Hiawatha Island eventually becomes part of the City. Over 10 million in assessed value goes to LaCrosse
- (2) LaCrosse objects but does not appear at a state incorporation hearing thereby allowing Campbell to become a village.
- (3) Campbell buys water from LaCrosse at a premium price. Creating a positive cash flow to the city water department. (\$50,000+ per year)
- (4) LaCrosse and Campbell share growth along I-90 bringing more cash to LaCrosse (\$20,000 per year).

In November 1998, Campbell voters approved a municipal water system by a 60-40 vote. The vote was positive because it was tied to the 66.023, which secured Campbell's borders. (In 2001 the voters turned down a water

Mike - I Couldn't find the right size maps  
to fax to you. The Annexations were checker board  
& haphazard!

referendum because it was not tied to any border security and the voters did not want to spend 10 million and be annexed to LaCrosse unlike 1998 when the vote was tied to border security in the 66.023)

In May 2000, Judge Montabon declares all annexations illegal and the land returns to Campbell. This forces Campbell to file the 2<sup>nd</sup> incorporation petition because the boundaries have changed.

Sept. 2001. The appeals court reverses Montabon's decision and sends all the annexations back to LaCrosse forcing Campbell to prepare a third petition for incorporation.

2002--- Under the rule of reason Judge Montabon declares the Edwards annexation illegal and the Hiawatha annexations legal creating new borders for Campbell and, yes, the need to file petition number 4 for incorporation.

2003--- A hearing is held in Montabon's court on petition 4 and the Judge declares the petition meets the basic requirements for incorporation and sends petition 4 to George Hall in Madison.

We are over 6 years into this mess and we are trying to get some relief on this matter. Some of our residents have changed municipal addresses 5 times and have never left their homes because the courts keep reversing decisions. What kind of municipal planning is this I ask? These people never know for sure who is picking up their garbage for pete's sake!!

We have spent close to \$400,00 in legal fees alone. I wonder if John knows how much LaCrosse has spent.

Pat Caffrey (city public works director) was asked by ald. Morrison what kind of revenues would LaCrosse receive if all of Campbell was annexed in LaCrosse. "1.5 million responded Caffrey." "How much would it cost to service Campbell?" asked Morrison. "1.5-1.7 million," responded Caffrey. At best, a wash for LaCrosse. All this fighting for this??!!

Campbell has a history going back to 1851. There are over 480 villages in Wisconsin. Campbell would rank in the top 10% in population of villages in the state.

Campbell is a partner with Skipperliner and the State of Wisconsin in developing the North Bay site on French Island. From a parcel sold at

sheriff's auction for \$800,000 to a 5-6 million complex with new jobs, North Bay has become a state success story.

Campbell has its own:

- (1) police dept. (5 full and 2 part-time officers)
- (2) fire department with 25 volunteers
- (3) 1<sup>st</sup> responder unit
- (4) Emergency management unit(the only Lax county town to have one)
- (5) County library branch

In addition, Campbell:

- (1) is the only municipality member of the LaCrosse Area Chamber of Commerce
- (2) is a member of the LAPC of the area MPO
- (3) has been a partner with the LaCrosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau ( we share room taxes with LaCrosse!!)
- (4) is a member of LADCO
- (5) is a member of UCR

As area village presidents and other elected officials have stated, "Campbell acts and looks like a village."

Mike. I hope this helps. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks a bunch. I can't wait to watch this on TV.

Dan Kapanke



ATTN: ~~George Hatt~~  
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Mayor's Office

JOHN D. MEDINGER, MAYOR



November 5, 1998

TO: City Council  
RE: Possible Campbell Agreement

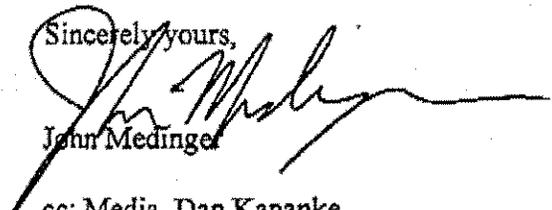
I heard a City Council member on the radio this morning expressing his opposition to the proposed Boundary Agreement that the Council President; several department heads and I negotiated with the Town of Campbell representatives. Obviously I believe that this agreement is a good deal for the City of La Crosse for today, for tomorrow and for our future. I write to sincerely ask you not to rush to judgement on this proposed deal which I believe to be an excellent example of intergovernmental cooperation. Please keep an open mind. It will not reflect well on us if we dismiss a possible settlement of our differences without a thorough and thoughtful debate. It will not reflect well on us if we waste a lot of taxpayers dollars in a long court battle and lose. After a year plus of difficult negotiations, we owe everyone in La Crosse and Campbell the courtesy of a deliberative process.

I don't know when I will submit this item to the Council. It could be as early as December or as late as April. I see no need to rush this to a vote until the time is right and everyone has his or her questions answered. I will be calling you to set up opportunities to talk.

Finally, let me interject a final thought. We are in a new era of cooperation in this area. That has been a constant theme of my term as Mayor and it will continue. Frankly, this is something that we must do. It is time to move on from the contentious politics of the past. We cannot and should not try to throw our weight around in our dealings with our neighboring communities. That may have been a good and effective tactic in the past but we must acknowledge new political realities. One need only look at the impending census numbers to see what is ahead of us. If you really spend some time looking at these demographic changes you will see why it is in the best interest of the City to work with our neighbors in a regional sense rather than to try and go it alone.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Medinger

cc: Media, Dan Kapanke

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# Medinger: City should annex Medary, Shelby and Campbell

## ■ Kapanke defends town's end run at incorporation

By **JOAN KENT**  
Of the Tribune staff

The battle between La Crosse and its neighboring towns played out Monday at a legislative breakfast meeting.

Campbell's chairman justified the town's controversial maneuver to become a village, and La Crosse's mayor said the city should take over the towns of Campbell, Shelby and Medary.

"We are just trying to protect our borders," Campbell Chairman Dan Kapanke told a full house at the Greater La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce Cracker Barrel breakfast.

Campbell leaders have asked Wisconsin legislators for help in incorporating as a village because achieving it through the regular method is so complicated, lengthy and expensive, Kapanke said.

Campbell's incorporation petitions keep getting dismissed as the town's borders shrink and grow due to changing court decisions regarding the legality of La Crosse's annexations, he said. "We are looking for another avenue because there is no relief."

The town has asked area legislators to consider introducing an amendment to the budget deficit relief bill to help Campbell incorporate as a village. That would make it immune from annexations by La Crosse.

After a recent court decision that the second incorporation petition is invalid, Kapanke said Campbell has filed a third incorporation petition. But he said it will take several years and "probably \$1 million" in legal fees to get it through the entire incorporation process.

"I respect that you have to do what you have to do," La Crosse Mayor John Medinger responded. "But we oppose this amendment, as does the Alliance of Cities and the League of Municipalities."

"The governor is probably right when he says we have too many towns," Medinger said. "The town of Campbell, town of Medary and town of Shelby should cease to exist and be part of the city of La Crosse."

People in neighboring towns benefit from city facilities such as the La Crosse Center and



Medinger



Kapanke

**CAMPBELL vs. LA CROSSE**  
**A Time Line of Events**

- Nov. '96**                      **Campbell Residents vote in a Referendum to pursue Village status.**
- Dec. '96**                      **City of La Crosse begins piecemeal annexations of parcels Hiawatha Island and the Edward's annexation which cuts across the heart of the Island.**
- March '97**                    **1<sup>st</sup> Petition for Incorporation is filed.**
- May '97**                      **The newly elected Mayor of La Crosse and Chairman of Campbell begin negotiations on a settlement to boundary dispute.**
- May '97 thru Oct. '99**      **Negotiations between La Crosse and Campbell continue, The group includes George Hall, State Director of Municipal Boundary review, City of La Crosse Department heads, Mayor, Town Chairman, Council Members, Town Supervisors, attorneys, Municipal Planners and engineers. Campbell Board holds over 100 meetings on this subject during this period. (See attached)**
- Sept. - Oct. '99**            **Campbell Board unanimously approves land and water agreement with La Crosse (under State Stat. 66.023)**
- Oct. '99**                      **City of La Crosse Council votes down 66.023 with Campbell.**
- Back to court now as all lawsuits were put on hold during negotiation process.**
- May 2000**                    **Circuit Court in La Crosse rules annexations by La Crosse violates contiguity standard and returns annexations to Campbell.**
- Feb. 2001**                    **La Crosse appeals. Because court action a new Incorporation Petition has to be filed due to Statute requirements that current petitions cannot be amended.**
- Sept. 2001**                   **Appeals Court overturns Circuit Court decision and returns annexations to La Crosse. Campbell appeals.**

- Feb. 2002** Due to appeals court actions, Petition III is prepared for filing.
- Dec. 2002** Circuit Court in La Crosse rules Edwards annexation violates Rule of Reason and returns annexation to Campbell. La Crosse appeals.
- Jan. 2003** Petition 4 is filed due to Court action.
- Feb. 2003** Rep. Mike Huebsch introduces legislation in Madison AB 85 which would Incorporate the Town of Campbell to the Village of French Island.

**S U M M A R Y**

**It has been a 6.5 year legal conflict. Hundreds of man hours have been spent either seeking a negotiated solution or pursuing a legal solution. Thousands of dollars (Campbell has spent an estimated \$400,000.00 +) and six years later, we still have no resolution to the boundary issue.**

**We urge you to support AB85 which would end this needless waste of our resources.**

**Dan Kapanke**

**Campbell Chair  
On Behalf of Campbell Residents**

Campbell LaCrosse Meetings	Campbell Meetings	Campbell Closed Session	Reg. Board Mtg. - Campbell/LaCrosse Issue discussed
1-19-98	2-17-98 Westfield/Atty	2-19-98	
2-4-98	4-8-98 Hiawatha	3-4-98	
3-17-98	5-13-98 Davy	3-16-98	12-17-97
4-9-98	6-15-98	10-22-98	12-3-97
7-27-98	Westfield/Atty	8-18-97	11-19-97
8-10-98	6-22-98 Davy	9-30-97	10-15-97
8-19-98	4-29 -98 Citizens	11-3-97	10-1-97
9-2-98	Mtg	8-7-97	9-17-97
12-23-98	6-24-98	5-6-97	9-3-97
9-30-97	Citizens Mtg.	9-2-98	8-13-97
8-5-97	6-25-98 Atty	4-8-98	7-9-97
6-26-97 PSC	6-25-98 Davy	8-4-97	6-9-97
6-27-97 Court	7-7-98 Mayor	6-3-97	5-14-97
8-13-97	7-20-98 AirportBd.	5-6-97	2-12-97
9-11-98	8-21-98 w/residents	4-19-97	12-16-98
12-9-98	8-24-98 Atty.	4-19-97	12-2-98
11-19-98	8-29-98	1-8-97	11-18-98
12-3-98	w/Hiawatha	12-16-98	11-4-98
12-17-97	9-12-98 Residents	12-3-98	10-7-98
11-5-97	9-15-98	12-2-98	9-2-98
11-20-97	w/Hiawatha	9-2-98	8-19-98
2-10-97	9-17-98 w/residents	4-8-98	8-5-98
	9-29-98 w/residents	4-8-98	7-15-98
	10-26-98 Citizens		7-1-98
	Mtg.		6-17-98
	7-16-97 Hiawatha		6-3-98
	7-14-98		4-15-98
	Davy/LaCrosse		2-4-98
	4-20-98 Davy/Lax staff		
	9-10-97 w/residents		
	7-16-97 Special Town mtg.		
	6-19-97 Special Town Mtg.		
	4-15-97 Annual Mtg.		
	3-31-97 w/municipal planner		
	3-31-97 w/atty.		
	2-19-97 resident mtg.		
	2-10-97 w/atty.		
	11-6-98 w/residents		
	4--14--98 annual mtg.		

Excluded from this list:

- 1.) Meetings between Mayor and Chairman 12-15--approximate
- 2.) Telephone calls by Campbell concerning La Crosse/Campbell issue 500-700.  
Average 6 calls/week - 104 weeks

### PETITIONS TO INCORPORATION

The first Petition for Incorporation was filed on or about March 5, 1997. Judge Montabon ruled that the Incorporation Petition met the standards of 4 square miles. LaCrosse appealed this matter to the Court of Appeals and it affirmed Montabon's Decision on April 16, 1998.

The second Petition for Incorporation was filed on or about February 13, 2001. Judge Pasell dismissed this Petition. The Town of Campbell appealed to the Court of Appeals and we are still waiting for the Court of Appeals' Decision on this case.

The third Petition for Incorporation was not filed.

The fourth Petition for Incorporation was filed on October 14, 2002. An Order forwarding this Petition to the Department of Administration was signed and the Order was sent to George Hall on March 4, 2003.

The City of LaCrosse also filed appeals with the Court of Appeals regarding many of the annexation cases and the contiguity issue. The Circuit Court had ruled in favor of the Town of Campbell and the City appealed to the Court of Appeals which overturned the Circuit Court Decisions. The Town of Campbell then filed two Petitions to Review with the Supreme Court. These were subsequently denied.

Trueblood: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 9-13-96. Ordinance passed 10-10-96; Approved 10-14-96; Pub. 10-19-96.

#### **LAWSUIT FILED 12-30-96**

Smith: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 11-14-96. Ordinance passed 12-12-96; Approved 12-17-96; Pub. 12-21-96.

Becker: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 11-14-96. Ordinance passed 12-12-96; Approved 12-17-96; Pub. 12-21-96.

McCormick: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 11-14-96. Ordinance passed 12-12-96; Approved 12-17-96; Pub. 12-21-96.

Henriksen: Petition for Direction Annexation filed 12-19-96. Ordinance passed 1-16-97; Approved 1-21-97; Pub. 1-25-97.

Dahle: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 12-20-96. Ordinance passed 1-16-97; Approved 1-21-97; Pub. 1-25-97.

Mahnke: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 12-20-96. Ordinance passed 1-16-97; Approved 1-21-97; Pub. 1-25-97.

Gallagher: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 12-20-96. Ordinance passed 1-16-97; Approved 1-21-97; Pub. 1-25-97.

Briggs: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 12-20-96. Ordinance passed 1-16-97; Approved 1-21-97; Pub. 1-25-97.

Edwards: Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition Pub. 11-15-96. Ordinance passed 1-16-97; Approved 1-21-97; Pub. 1-25-97.

#### **LAWSUITS FILED 3-7-97**

Wakecn: Petition for Direction Annexation filed 1-31-97. Ordinance passed 3-13-97; Approved 3-14-97; Pub. 3-22-97.

Schroedcr: Petition for Direction Annexation filed 1-31-97. Ordinance passed 3-13-97; Approved 3-14-97; Pub. 3-22-97.

Morkwed-Riese: Petition for Direction Annexation filed 1-31-97. Ordinance passed 3-13-97; Approved 3-14-97; Pub. 3-22-97.

Hoffman-et al: Petition for Direction Annexation filed 1-31-97. Ordinance passed 3-13-97; Approved 3-14-97; Pub. 3-22-97.

Bertram: Petition for Direction Annexation filed 1-31-97. Ordinance passed 3-13-97; Approved 3-14-97; Pub. 3-22-97.

Giese: Petition for Direction Annexation filed 1-31-97. Ordinance passed 3-13-97; Approved 3-14-97; Pub. 3-22-97.

**Lawsuits filed 3-7-97**

Gallagher 2<sup>nd</sup>: Petition for Direct Annexation. Ordinance passed 5-8-97; Approved 5-13-97; Pub. 5-17-97

Burrill: Petition for Direct Annexation. Ordinance passed 5-8-97; Approved 5-13-97; Pub. 5-17-97

**Lawsuits filed 8-6-97**

Binsfield: Petition for Direct Annexation. Ordinance passed 8-14-97; Approved 8-18-97; Pub. 8-23-97

Boyd: Petition for Direct Annexation. Ordinance passed 8-14-97; Approved 8-18-97; Pub. 8-23-97

Melby: Petition for Direct Annexation. Ordinance passed 8-14-97; Approved 8-18-97; Pub. 8-23-97

Johnson: Petition for Direct Annexation. Ordinance passed 8-14-97; Approved 8-18-97; Pub. 8-23-97

Jandt: Petition for Direct Annexation. Ordinance passed 8-14-97; Approved 8-18-97; Pub. 8-23-97

**Lawsuits filed 11-7-97**

Plueger: Petition for Direct Annexation. Ordinance passed 9-11-97; Approved 9-15-97; Pub. 9-20-97

**Lawsuit filed 11-7-97**

Graf: Petition for Direct Annexation filed 10-14-99. Ordinance passed 11-11-99; Approved 11-15-99; Pub. 11-20-99

**Lawsuit filed approximately 2/5/00**

3431 Lakeshore Drive: Ordinance passed on July 12, 2001. Approved 7/13/01; Published 7/21/01

**Lawsuit filed 9-14-01**

Lakeshore 2<sup>nd</sup> Annexation: Ordinance passed 7/11/02; Approved 7/15/02; Published 7/20/02

Hetzel Annexation: Ordinance passed 7/11/02; Approved 7/15/02; Published 7/20/02

**Lawsuit filed 10-7-02**

Jarchow Annexation: Ordinance passed 12/12/02; Approved 12/16/02; Published: 12/21/02

**Lawsuit filed 2/18/03**

Primary Timekeeper: 14 JOHN D. CLAYPOOL  
 Thru 04/01/03

Date	Payment Amount	Apply to Stmt #	Fees	Expenses	Advances	Fin Charge	Fee Tax	Exp Tax	Adv Tax	Bal. Due	Stmt #	Ref #
17718.00M CAMPBELL/TOWN OF												
RE: ANNEXATION ISSUES												
02/13/97			2083.75	99.60	13.00					2995.85	45	1
02/14/97			912.00							3907.85	48	2
03/13/97	2995.85R									912.00	217	3
03/18/97	912.00R									0.00	217	4
03/20/97			2223.00	99.60						2322.60	217	5
04/10/97			2603.00	72.00	54.15					5051.75	51	6
04/16/97	2322.60R									2729.15	1071	7
05/08/97			2023.50	84.00	47.18					6883.83	1071	8
05/14/97	2729.15R									2154.68	28	9
05/31/97										2154.68	28	10
06/23/97	2154.68R									0.00	3	11
07/14/97			7928.00	812.60	148.25					8788.85	3	12
08/06/97			3149.25	700.00						12138.10	1140	13
08/07/97			2208.75	20.00	228.86					14585.71	0	14
08/19/97	12138.10R									2457.61	10	15
09/03/97										2457.61	10	16
09/16/97	2457.61R									0.00	975	17
10/01/97			3405.75	222.14	171.72					3749.61	975	18
10/08/97			2911.75	275.70	332.50					7259.56	1007	19
10/21/97	3749.61R									3519.95	35	20
11/17/97			1315.75	314.90						5150.60	35	21
12/22/97			3520.25	192.00	18.00					8878.85	171	22
01/05/98	5150.60R									3720.75	151	24
01/07/98			3928.25	96.00						7744.50	918	23
01/14/98	3720.25R									4024.25	151	25
01/22/98	4024.25R									0.00	151	26
02/25/98			171.00		140.00					311.00	151	27
03/23/98			3505.50	202.60						4018.10	1192	28
04/09/98	311.00R									3707.10	1259	29
04/15/98			2413.00	201.60						6321.70	1259	30
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10/29/98	6427.00R									543.20	8105	41
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04/06/99	6510.50R									2226.99	20799	51
04/21/99			2945.00	100.80						5272.79	20799	52
05/13/99	2226.99R									3045.80	20801	54
05/19/99			4332.00	302.40						7680.20	20801	53
05/25/99	3045.80R									4634.40	20801	55
05/25/99	2226.99R									2407.41	20801	56
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09/10/99			7685.50	411.08	58.50					10364.78	20804	62
09/13/99	2709.70R									8155.08	20805	63
10/27/99			494.80							9049.08	20805	64
10/29/99	8155.08R									494.00	20806	65
11/01/99										494.00	20806	64
12/29/99			1957.00							2451.00	20807	67
01/17/00			6137.00	369.00	78.20					1957.00	20808	68
01/31/00	1957.00R									8542.20	20808	69
02/17/00	6585.20R									5585.20	20809	70
02/24/00			1325.25		1065.80					0.00	20809	71
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From: Dan Kapsenke  
Info regarding Campbell

# Commission OKs expanding powers over subdivisions

By **JOAN KENT**  
Of the Tribune staff

A proposal to expand La Crosse's authority over subdivision plans up to three miles outside city limits got a unanimous nod from the La Crosse Plan Commission on Monday.

La Crosse County and several towns have opposed this proposal, which would limit subdivisions within the three-mile zone to lots of 35 acres or larger, or lots that can be connected to city sewer and water.

A recent court ruling involving the city of Madison gives cities the power of extraterritorial review — the right to review plats within three miles to see if they are compatible with the cities' comprehensive plan.

Sprawl already is being seen in La Crosse County, said City Planner Larry Kirch. Over the past four years, about 1,000 permits have been issued in the towns for houses with wells and private septic systems,

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In other parts of the state, counties are taking the initiative. But La Crosse County

doesn't seem to be doing a damn thing but holding hands with the towns.

— **Pat Houlihan, city attorney**

compared with about 1,200 permits for houses on city or village-water and septic systems, he said.

“In other parts of the state, coun-

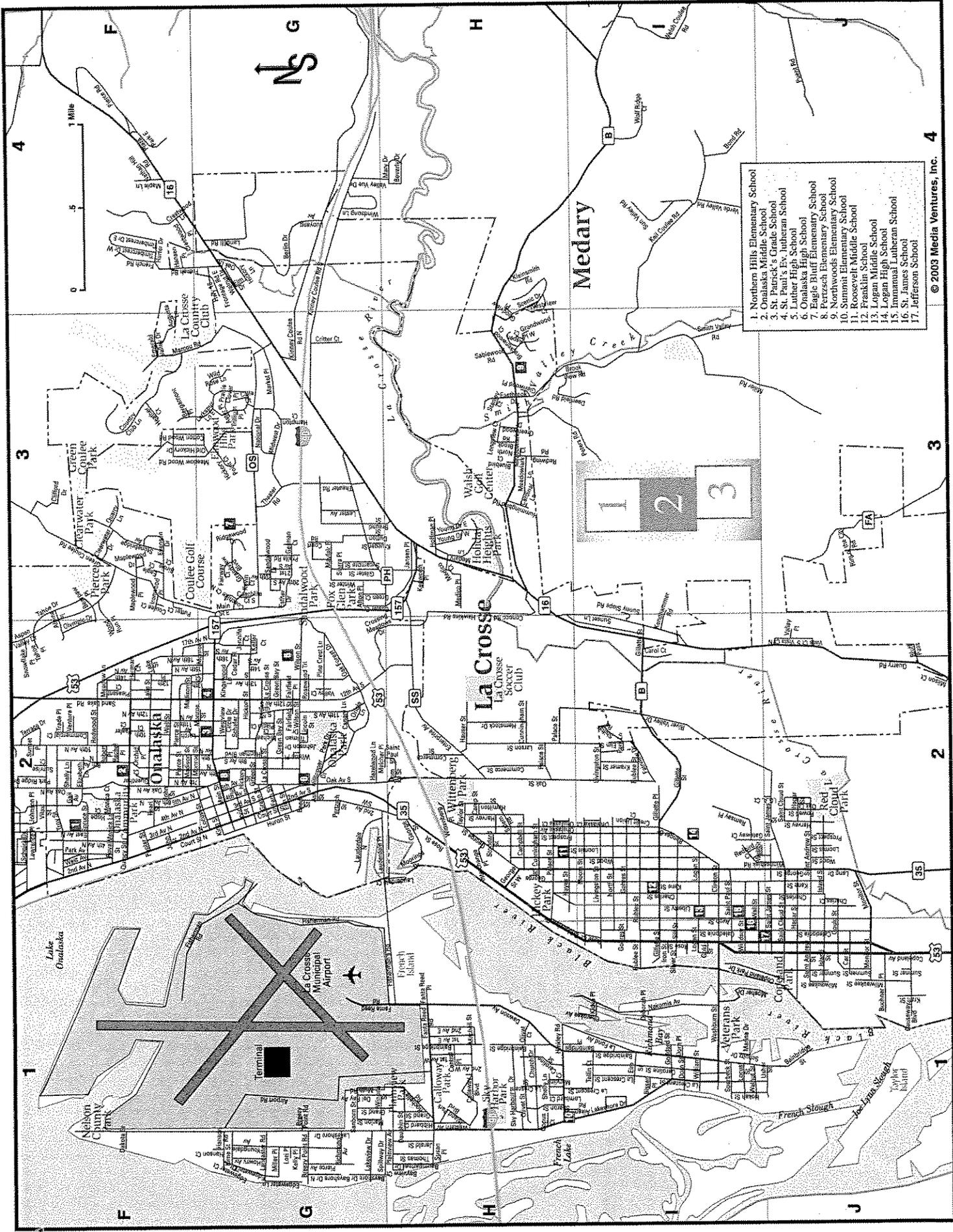
ties are taking the initiative,” said City Attorney Pat Houlihan. “But La Crosse County doesn't seem to be doing a damn thing but holding hands with the towns.”

He urged the commission to “take the initiative” while it can, warning that the state Legislature might take this extraterritorial power away from cities. The Towns Association has introduced a bill that would prohibit cities and villages from reviewing plats outside their limits.

Commission members reviewed the draft of a letter, prepared by County Planner Charlie Handy, that will go Thursday to an extraterritorial planning group made up of representatives from the county and towns.

The letter requests that the city reject the proposal, and suggests “a more comprehensive approach to land-use decision making.”

See **PLANNING**, D-2



1. Northern Hills Elementary School
2. Onaska Middle School
3. St. Patrick's Grade School
4. St. Paul's School
5. Luther High School
6. Onaska High School
7. Eagle Bluff Elementary School
8. Eagles Bluff Elementary School
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11. Roosevelt Middle School
12. Franklin School
13. Logan Middle School
14. Logan High School
15. Immanuel Lutheran School
16. St. James School
17. Jefferson School

## Town of Campbell Bill Talking Points

This legislation simply lets the people of the town of Campbell decide their own future.

Wisconsin's bureaucratic incorporation process gives everyone EXCEPT the people who live in the community a say in their future.

The Town of Campbell is in a unique situation being a town island. Due to its natural boundaries, the town fits the statutory definition of being "reasonably homogeneous...taking into consideration natural boundaries..." Wis. Stat. 66.0207(1)(a)

The city of La Crosse's Comprehensive plan calls for the complete swallowing up of the town of Campbell...a plan which has been put together without any input from the town.

### City of La Crosse Comprehensive Plan:

- **Annexation:** The City should pursue annexation of fringe areas and work to change annexation laws to give City additional power. **The entire Town of Campbell should eventually be annexed to the City of La Crosse.** The City should pursue the eventual annexation of the Towns of Medary and Shelby. The City should continue to abide by a firm policy to not extend sewer or water services without annexation.

We have a petition from around 1,800 residents in the town of Campbell supporting this legislation.

The city of La Crosse spent years battling the city of Onalaska in court, now they have set their sites on the prosperous area of the town of Campbell.

Incorporation would allow Campbell to have the tools other communities have in securing their own future...like the ability to create TIF districts. Incorporation would also secure the communities borders which will help stabilize and protect its tax base.

Our provision is based on a 45-year-old law, which was ruled constitutional by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Wis. Stat. 66.0215 –known as the "Oak Creek Law"

Because our legislation is limited to the town of Campbell, this not creating a "slippery slope" which will tilt the balance of power among communities in Wisconsin. It merely deals with a very unique situation in which the town of Campbell finds itself—and more importantly—gives the people of that community the democratic right to determine their own future.

ATTN: Mike Hubsch

02-19-03

Campbell Vs, LaCrosse Timeline of Events

Nov. 1996--- voters in Campbell approve pursuing incorporation by approximately 60%.

Dec. 1996---Having gotten wind of Campbell's incorporation effort, LaCrosse vigorously pursues annexations on the Island in order to "beat" Campbell's incorporation attempt thereby establishing legal prior precedence. Many of the annexations are haphazard and not well thought out. (see exhibit A and B) Even department heads in LaCrosse admit some of these annexations, most notably the Edwards annexation, make orderly delivery of services impossible. (Larry Kirch and Pat Caffrey)

January 1997----Campbell legally challenges annexations. This continues with every subsequent annexation by LaCrosse.

May 1997---- Newly elected Mayor of LaCrosse, John Medinger, and newly elected Town Chair, Dan Kapanke, begin negotiations concerning the dispute. Negotiations last for two and one-half years. Eventually, An agreement under state statute 66.023 is presented to both bodies. Campbell unanimously agrees but LaCrosse turns it down in 1999.

Details of the agreement, which the Mayor vigorously defended, include:

- (1) All of Hiawatha Island eventually becomes part of the City. Over 10 million in assessed value goes to LaCrosse
- (2) LaCrosse objects but does not appear at a state incorporation hearing thereby allowing Campbell to become a village.
- (3) Campbell buys water from LaCrosse at a premium price. Creating a positive cash flow to the city water department. (\$50,000+ per year)
- (4) LaCrosse and Campbell share growth along I-90 bringing more cash to LaCrosse (\$20,000 per year).

In November 1998, Campbell voters approved a municipal water system by a 60-40 vote. The vote was positive because it was tied to the 66.023, which secured Campbell's borders. (In 2001 the voters turned down a water

Mike - I Couldn't find the right size maps  
to fax to you. The Annexations were checker board  
& haphazard!

referendum because it was not tied to any border security and the voters did not want to spend 10 million and the be annexed to LaCrosse unlike 1998 when the vote was tied to border security in the 66,023)

In May 2000, Judge Montabon declares all annexations illegal and the land returns to Campbell. This forces Campbell to file the 2<sup>nd</sup> incorporation petition because the boundaries have changed.

Sept. 2001. The appeals court reverses Montabon's decision and sends all the annexations back to LaCrosse forcing Campbell to prepare a third petition for incorporation.

2002--- Under the rule of reason Judge Montabon declares the Edwards annexation illegal and the Hiawatha annexations legal creating new borders for Campbell and, yes, the need to file petition number 4 for incorporation.

2003--- A hearing is held in Montabon's court on petition 4 and the Judge declares the petition meets the basic requirements for incorporation and sends petition 4 to George Hall in Madison.

We are over 6 years into this mess and we are trying to get some relief on this matter. Some of our residents have changed municipal addresses 5 times and have never left their homes because the courts keep reversing decisions. What kind of municipal planning is this I ask? These people never know for sure who is picking up their garbage for pete's sake!!

We have spent close to \$400,00 in legal fees alone. I wonder if John knows how much LaCrosse has spent.

Pat Caffrey (city public works director) was asked by ald. Morrison what kind of revenues would LaCrosse receive if all of Campbell was annexed in LaCrosse. "1.5 million responded Caffrey." "How much would it cost to service Campbell?" asked Morrison. "1.5-1.7 million," responded Caffrey. At best, a wash for LaCrosse. All this fighting for this??!!

Campbell has a history going back to 1851. There are over 480 villages in Wisconsin. Campbell would rank in the top 10% in population of villages in the state.

Campbell is a partner with Skipperliner and the State of Wisconsin in developing the North Bay site on French Island. From a parcel sold at

sheriff's auction for \$800,000 to a 5-6 million complex with new jobs, North Bay has become a state success story.

Campbell has its own:

- (1) police dept. (5 full and 2 part-time officers)
- (2) fire department with 25 volunteers
- (3) 1<sup>st</sup> responder unit
- (4) Emergency management unit(the only Lax county town to have one)
- (5) County library branch

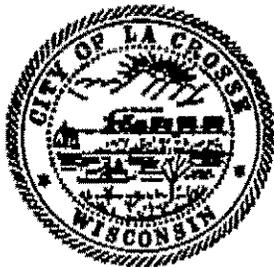
In addition, Campbell:

- (1) is the only municipality member of the LaCrosse Area Chamber of Commerce
- (2) is a member of the LAPC of the area MPO
- (3) has been a partner with the LaCrosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau ( we share room taxes with LaCrosse!!)
- (4) is a member of LADCO
- (5) is a member of UCR

As area village presidents and other elected officials have stated, "Campbell acts and looks like a village."

Mike. I hope this helps. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks a bunch. I can't wait to watch this on TV.

Dan Kapanke



ATTN: ~~George Hoff~~  
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Mayor's Office  
JOHN D. MEDINGER, MAYOR



November 5, 1998

TO: City Council  
RE: Possible Campbell Agreement

I heard a City Council member on the radio this morning expressing his opposition to the proposed Boundary Agreement that the Council President, several department heads and I negotiated with the Town of Campbell representatives. Obviously I believe that this agreement is a good deal for the City of La Crosse for today, for tomorrow and for our future. I write to sincerely ask you not to rush to judgement on this proposed deal which I believe to be an excellent example of intergovernmental cooperation. Please keep an open mind. It will not reflect well on us if we dismiss a possible settlement of our differences without a thorough and thoughtful debate. It will not reflect well on us if we waste a lot of taxpayers dollars in a long court battle and lose. After a year plus of difficult negotiations, we owe everyone in La Crosse and Campbell the courtesy of a deliberative process.

I don't know when I will submit this item to the Council. It could be as early as December or as late as April. I see no need to rush this to a vote until the time is right and everyone has his or her questions answered. I will be calling you to set up opportunities to talk.

Finally, let me interject a final thought. We are in a new era of cooperation in this area. That has been a constant theme of my term as Mayor and it will continue. Frankly, this is something that we must do. It is time to move on from the contentious politics of the past. We cannot and should not try to throw our weight around in our dealings with our neighboring communities. That may have been a good and effective tactic in the past but we must acknowledge new political realities. One need only look at the impending census numbers to see what is ahead of us. If you really spend some time looking at these demographic changes you will see why it is in the best interest of the City to work with our neighbors in a regional sense rather than to try and go it alone.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

Sincerely yours,

*John Medinger*  
John Medinger

cc: Media, Dan Kapanke

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# Medinger: City should annex Medary, Shelby and Campbell

## ■ Kapanke defends town's end run at incorporation

By **JOAN KENT**  
Of the Tribune staff

The battle between La Crosse and its neighboring towns played out Monday at a legislative breakfast meeting.

Campbell's chairman justified the town's controversial maneuver to become a village, and La Crosse's mayor said the city should take over the towns of Campbell, Shelby and Medary.

"We are just trying to protect our borders," Campbell Chairman Dan Kapanke told a full house at the Greater La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce Cracker Barrel breakfast.

Campbell leaders have asked Wisconsin legislators for help in incorporating as a village because achieving it through the regular method is so complicated, lengthy and expensive, Kapanke said.

Campbell's incorporation petitions keep getting dismissed as the town's borders shrink and grow due to changing court decisions regarding the legality of La Crosse's annexations, he said. "We are looking for another avenue because there is no relief."

The town has asked area legislators to consider introducing an amendment to the budget deficit relief bill to help Campbell incorporate as a village. That would make it immune from annexations by La Crosse.

After a recent court decision that the second incorporation petition is invalid, Kapanke said Campbell has filed a third incorporation petition. But he said it will take several years and "probably \$1 million" in legal fees to get it through the entire incorporation process.

"I respect that you have to do what you have to do," La Crosse Mayor John Medinger responded. "But we oppose this amendment, as does the Alliance of Cities and the League of Municipalities."

"The governor is probably right when he says we have too many towns," Medinger said. "The town of Campbell, town of Medary and town of Shelby should cease to exist and be part of the city of La Crosse."

People in neighboring towns benefit from city facilities such as the La Crosse Center and



Medinger



Kapanke

See **BREAKFAST**, A-8

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, State Representative Michael Huebsch of West Salem will introduce legislation which permits the Town of Campbell to bypass the ordinary process of incorporation as a village provided for by Wisconsin's Constitution and State Statutes, including meeting the requisite standards to incorporate as a village or City, and

WHEREAS, most of what is known as French Island or the islands that compose Hiawatha and French Island is currently within the corporate boundaries of the City of La Crosse, including the City of La Crosse Municipal Airport and the City's Airport Industrial Park, and

WHEREAS, several previous attempts by the Town of Campbell to incorporate have failed because of either a referendum where the electorate voted against incorporation, the State of Wisconsin officials finding that the Town of Campbell did not meet the requirements required for incorporation and because any incorporation by the Town of Campbell would hurt the City of La Crosse and the metropolitan community, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Campbell has pending before the Wisconsin Department of Administration a sixth or seventh attempt to incorporate, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Campbell does not offer the requisite services nor does it appear that such requisite services such as municipal water will be provided by the Town of Campbell because of the April, 2001 referendum vote where 60 percent of the voters voted no to providing water, and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has invested millions of dollars in the infrastructure on French Island as well as the community, which investment would be lost if Campbell is authorized to incorporate as a village without meeting the requisite standards as other villages are required to, and

WHEREAS, especially in these difficult economic times bypassing of the current standards for incorporation would further hurt the City, not only financially, but also hurt the citizens of the City as well as the citizens of the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, any such political "end run" or "special interest legislation" would set a precedence for the State of Wisconsin and hurt the needs of all of the people of the State of Wisconsin, including the peoples' need for services at a reasonable cost and it would isolate the Town of Campbell from the rest of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, any such decision by the State Legislature would have permanent and significant ramifications on the local government system of the State of Wisconsin and hurt the vitality and strength of the State economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby requests all of the Wisconsin Assembly and Wisconsin State Senate to oppose this proposed harmful legislation that is to be introduced by Representative Huebsch and others permitting Campbell and any other town to circumvent the required standards for incorporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized to send a copy of this resolution to the Alliance of Cities, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Governor James Doyle, all Assembly and Wisconsin State Senators, including State Representatives Michael Huebsch, State Representative Jennifer Schilling and State Representative Duwayne Johnsrud as well as State Senator Mark Meyer, plus Town of Campbell, Chair Person Dan Kapanke.



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### Campbell turning to Legislature for help

By JOAN KENT and REID MAGNEY of the Tribune staff

Campbell officials are exploring getting an amendment attached to the state budget bill to incorporate their town, town Chairman Dan Kapanke confirmed Tuesday.

The idea was inspired by a town near Green Bay that succeeded getting such legislation approved last year, he said.

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"We're looking at everything," Kapanke said. "The city of La Crosse is doing everything they can to knock us down. Our residents are intent on staying independent."

Campbell has filed a petition to incorporate, and the state's Department of Administration plans to hold several days of hearings this spring.

Court-ordered mediation between Campbell and La Crosse failed to produce an agreement on boundary and annexation issues. Campbell wants to stop La Crosse from annexing land on French and Hiawatha islands, which town officials fear will be taken over by the city. Court cases challenging those annexations are pending.

Town officials have "had some discussions" with legal firms that would draft legislation and lobby the Legislature on Campbell's behalf, Kapanke said. "We haven't hired anyone."

La Crosse Mayor John Medinger has called a meeting of the Mayor's Special Committee tonight to discuss the possibility of Campbell using that strategy to incorporate.

The committee is composed of the mayor, La Crosse Common Council president, and chairmen of the council's three standing committees.

Medinger called the idea an "end run."

"They are either desperate or playing every card in the deck," he said.

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Medinger said he has been told by more than one person that the amendment has already been drafted, but he has not seen the draft. He said he has alerted the Alliance of Cities and League of Municipalities to be on watch for the amendment.

"Once it is in the budget, it is really hard to get it out," he said. "My object is to keep it from getting in. It can come out of a caucus and all of a sudden it is there and everyone could have clean hands. I have seen midnight amendments adopted and become law."

But according to one local legislator, discussions have been very preliminary.

"I've had some discussions with town officials but they have not produced anything that the Legislature would take up at this point," said state Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem. He declined to elaborate.

Rep. Jennifer Shilling, D-La Crosse, said she knew nothing of such an amendment. But she agreed it would be very difficult to remove once it is in the budget.

"No one has talked to me about it," she said. "But why would they? It would harm the city of La Crosse's future as far as annexation plans. If it is true, it is certainly a last-ditch attempt by Campbell."

Attempting the amendment is a "good political move," Medinger said.

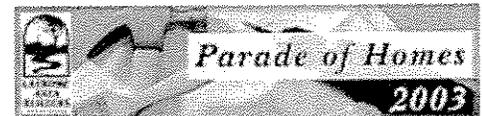
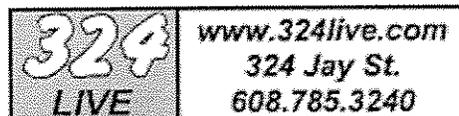
The town of Hobart in Brown County got an amendment to the budget bill last summer, said Hobart town administrator Joe Helfenberger. He said the towns of Fitchburg and Oak Creek have obtained similar amendments.

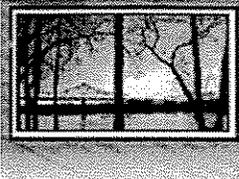
The amendment allows Hobart to skip the review by the Department of Administration, Helfenberger said. But he said the town still has to go through the rest of the incorporation process, including a referendum.

Hobart has several urban issues as it is close to Green Bay and within the boundaries of a Native American reservation, Helfenberger said. These include expensive highway repairs and services to the airport serving Green Bay, which is located within Hobart. The town needs tools, such as tax incremental finance districts, allowed cities and villages, he said.

Helfenberger said Hobart requested the amendment because city leaders did not feel they could wait six to eight years, which he said is the waiting time for an incorporation review.

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### Campbell chairman drops in on La Crosse meeting

By JOAN KENT/Of the Tribune staff

Campbell Town Chairman Dan Kapanke paid a surprise visit to the La Crosse Mayor's Special Committee Wednesday.

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La Crosse Mayor John Medinger said Kapanke called him after reading Wednesday's La Crosse

Tribune story that reported Campbell officials are exploring the possibility of getting an amendment attached to the state budget bill to incorporate the town.

City Attorney Pat Houlihan let Kapanke address the committee in closed session on grounds that his comments dealt with mediation, which is allowed in closed session under state law.

La Crosse Common Council President Mark Johnsrud, Finance and Personnel Chairman David Morrison and Judiciary and Administration Chairman Richard Becker attended.

Asked why he would attend the meeting, Kapanke said only, "a willingness on both sides to settle." He would not answer whether Campbell is continuing to seek an amendment to the budget bill.

Nothing new was put on the table, Medinger said. The committee and Kapanke rehashed old ideas for an out-of-court settlement, he said.

"This has become a three-ring circus," Medinger said. "We're in court, now the Legislature is involved, and we're still talking to each other."

"We're no closer to agreement, but we're still friends," he said.

Meanwhile, Medinger said both municipalities are going full steam ahead in court.

During a trip to Madison earlier Wednesday, he said that Sen. Mark Meyer, D-La Crosse, and Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, told him they have been approached about the possibility of introducing an amendment regarding Campbell's incorporation. But Medinger said they did not indicate their support or opposition.



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### Huebsch working with Campbell on stand-alone incorporation legislation

By JOAN KENT / Of the Tribune staff

It is unlikely that an amendment to help Campbell incorporate as a village will be introduced as part of the state's budget repair bill, Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, said Wednesday.

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But he is working with Campbell Town Chairman Dan Kapanke to draft a bill to give the town the ability to incorporate if it passes an incorporation referendum.

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Campbell officials have asked legislators to help them incorporate, saying the regular process has proven too complicated, expensive and time consuming. Campbell's two petitions to incorporate have been dismissed due to changing court rulings on La Crosse's annexations. Incorporation as a village would make Campbell immune to annexation.

The Legislature can deal with regular bills at any time, Huebsch said. But he said it is unlikely that this legislation will be considered during upcoming "mini" sessions.

"This will take time to get drafted," he said. "Then it will need to go through public hearings, so it is not imminent. It probably will be considered in the session that begins next January."

Wisconsin's constitution forbids site-specific legislation in a budget bill, Huebsch said.

"It is safe to say that La Crosse would have challenged if we did a site-specific amendment to the budget bill," Huebsch said.

La Crosse Mayor John Medinger said he has heard that the Republican caucus would prefer introducing help for Campbell's incorporation as a separate bill rather than in the budget bill.

"I am obviously pleased," he said. "This is a daylight end run process rather than a midnight amendment."

But Medinger said: "That doesn't mean it still won't happen as a budget amendment if they can find a way to do it. I am not going to relax. I will keep a vigilant eye until the budget bill is finished. There's an old saying that no man's life, liberty or property is safe while the Legislature is in session."

Huebsch said he considered drafting an amendment to help towns surrounded by navigable waters incorporate as villages. But he said he learned that Campbell is one of only two such towns in the state so he figured that would be considered too site-specific.

Incorporation by Hobart, near Green Bay, was site-specific and would be declared unconstitutional if challenged, Huebsch said. But he said no one has challenged that amendment because Green Bay did not oppose that incorporation.

Medinger said La Crosse will oppose the separate bill to incorporate Campbell as it is opposing the amendment. "We oppose them becoming a village," he said. "But we are still willing to talk about an out-of-court settlement as long as we can get the incorporation off the table."



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### Huebsch's Campbell bill angers Medinger; referendum then could bypass statutory process

By CHRIS BALDUS and JOAN KENT of the Tribune staff

Rep. Mike Huebsch has authored a bill he says gives the citizens of Campbell control over their own fate. La Crosse Mayor John Medinger calls the bill an "outrageous political tactic."

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Huebsch plans to introduce a bill to the Legislature in a few weeks that would allow the town to incorporate if its citizens approve the move by referendum. Medinger lashed out at the proposal Thursday night during the La Crosse Common Council meeting.

The town is engaged in its fourth bid to incorporate. Previous bids have been thrown out or withdrawn for technical reasons, often relating to the shifting boundary between the town of Campbell and the city of Depending on a La Crosse County judge's ruling after a Jan. 24 hearing on the latest bid, the request would go to the state Department of Administration, which reviews all incorporation proposals to ensure new villages or cities meet population density and other standards.

Huebsch's bill would bypass this process, which he said needs to be reformed. Not only do towns like Campbell run into roadblocks of "statutory red tape from Madison," surrounding communities have too much influence, Huebsch said.

"I have not been a fan of our incorporation or annexation process for quite some time," he said.

"It is only for town of Campbell," he added. "But within this (legislative debate) will undoubtedly be a discussion about how we annex and incorporate."

Medinger reacted angrily to Huebsch's bill. "I am not too pleased with that kind of end run," he told the La Crosse Common Council.

"Mike decided after the census that he didn't want to represent any of this city anymore," he told the La Crosse Tribune. "Now he actually wants to harm us with this outrageous political tactic. This is politics at its worse."

When told of Medinger's remarks, Huebsch noted he did not have any choice in whether representing La Crosse. The redistricting decision was made by the court, and the mayor knows this, he said.

"And anytime a mayor or any other politician calls true democracy .. calls that process a political end run, we have a serious problem on our hands," Huebsch said.

"You talk about collaboration, and then this comes along, and you wonder if it's just been a lot of cheap talk," Medinger said.

The city will vigorously oppose the legislation, he said. "I think the chances are slim, but there is a

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### Huebsch: Bill would 'lock up' town of Campbell

By TOM SHEEHAN / Tribune Capitol Bureau

MADISON - A bill that could be introduced in the Legislature by February would give the town of Campbell legal clout to overcome obstacles that blocked previous incorporation efforts.

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The proposal by Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, would allow the town to skip a lengthy court and administrative review process required under current law, according to a Legislative Reference Bureau analysis. Town residents still would have to approve incorporation by referendum, however.

The bill is intended to preserve the culture and identity of the town, most of which is located on French Island.

Most important, incorporation into a village would protect the town from annexation efforts by the city of La Crosse, Huebsch said.

The city would retain jurisdiction over the airport and other land already within its borders, but the proposal would "lock up" the town, Huebsch said. The city and town also share jurisdiction over a portion of nearby Hiawatha Island.

Incorporation efforts and related controversy date back at least 35 years, according to George Hall, who reviews incorporation proposals for the state Department of Administration.

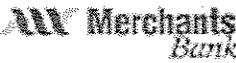
The department rejected Campbell incorporation efforts in 1973 and 1977, despite having approved such a proposal in 1966, Hall said. In 1966, voters rejected the idea in a referendum, he said. Another incorporation effort, which began in 1999, got hung up in court and never reached the department for its consideration, Hall said.

Courts typically review incorporation petitions to ensure compliance with basic standards, but state law requires detailed departmental review, Hall said.

In the 1970s cases, the department found that Campbell failed to meet just about every standard for incorporation with the possible exception of population, Hall said. The same shortcomings likely would prevent approval by the department today, he said.

Under current state standards, a town must be "homogeneous and compact" enough and able to sustain urban development, Hall said. The department considers specific criteria for transportation, shopping, utilities and tax base, among other things, Hall said. Campbell's status as an island means some of its soils aren't suitable for urban development, Hall said.

Not enough information is on file about the 1966 case to determine why the department would have found incorporation appropriate then.



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Huebsch said he introduced the bill at the request of Campbell Town Chairman Dan Kapanke, partly because the state's review process of annexation and incorporation proposals is flawed.

"I personally have never liked the incorporation and annexation process. George Hall is great, but I just don't like that one guy gets to determine the fate of all the incorporation and annexation efforts throughout the state," Huebsch said.

Hall, who has acted as mediator between Campbell and the city of La Crosse, said the laws that control incorporation and annexation could use updating. Throughout the state, towns have become more urbanized, and current law gives cities, villages and towns much of the same authority, he said.

Huebsch said Kapanke also asked him to introduce the measure in the budget repair bill process last year. Huebsch rejected the idea at the time, however, fearing it could lead to more law-suits.

Private bills, or bills that apply narrowly to one locality, can't survive a court challenge if they are lumped in with other legislation, such as a budget bill, Huebsch said.

Although the bill never explicitly mentions Campbell, language leaves Campbell the only eligible town. To qualify for incorporation under the proposal, a town must have a valuation of \$125 million, more than 4,000 people, fewer than 15 square miles of area, and be "surrounded by navigable waterways," a draft of the bill reads.

The town of Campbell's 2002 population was estimated by the state at 4,415, said Huebsch aide Bob Delaporte. Wisconsin may have one other town located strictly on an island, but it would be excluded by other language, Huebsch said.

Huebsch rejected criticism that he's introducing the bill because he no longer represents residents of the city of La Crosse in the Assembly. A federal court determined new borders for his Assembly District as part of the legislative redistricting process, which is required after each census, he said.

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### Committee: Legislature should deny Campbell incorporation bill

By JOAN KENT Of the Tribune staff

A La Crosse Common Council committee voted Tuesday to oppose a bill that would allow the town of Campbell to incorporate by referendum.

Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, is expected to introduce the bill soon, which would allow Campbell to skip the administrative review process by the Department of Administration if, through a referendum, its residents approve incorporation.

"We know that the normal process (to incorporate) is very difficult, and it should be," Mayor John Medinger told the Judiciary and Administration Committee.

The resolution approved by the committee asks the Legislature to oppose the bill, which it says would permit Campbell to circumvent the required standards for incorporation.

"Especially in these difficult economic times, bypassing of the current standards for incorporation would further hurt the city, which has invested in infrastructure (to bring water) to Campbell," the resolution states.

In addition, the resolution claims that "any such political end run or special interest legislation would set a precedent that could hurt other people in Wisconsin."

Meanwhile, a La Crosse County Circuit Court judge recently decided the town's petition to incorporate meets state standards for submission to the Department of Administration.

La Crosse had filed a petition to dismiss Campbell's incorporation.

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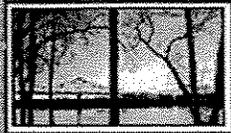
  


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### Campbell incorporation bill goes before Legislature

By TOM SHEEHAN / Tribune Capitol Bureau

MADISON - The town of Campbell could skip a lengthy regulatory review process, and its voters could decide whether the town should become a village under a bill introduced Monday by state Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem.

The bill, which would apply only to the town of Campbell, would eliminate the roles of the state Department of Administration and courts from the incorporation process. The town is now trying to incorporate as a village but has failed several times during the past 50 years.

The state's incorporation process doesn't work well, "especially when the neighboring community plans to consume your town," Huebsch said. The city of La Crosse's long-term master plan, which guides the course of development, includes annexation of the town, Huebsch said.

"The people in the town should have the ability to determine their fate," Huebsch said.

Campbell faces unique challenges because it's on an island, Huebsch said. If the town incorporates, the community would be better able to encourage development, stabilize its tax base and secure its borders, Huebsch said.

Under his bill, 100 "electors and taxpayers" could sign an incorporation petition, forcing the town board to set the question for referendum. If a majority of voters support the plan, the town would receive a certificate of incorporation, a draft of the bill reads.

La Crosse Mayor John Medinger called Huebsch's bill "an abomination."

"It is power politics at its worse and harmful to the city of La Crosse," he said. "If Mike Huebsch thinks that the annexation laws are flawed, he should change them for the entire state, not for one town."

Huebsch said Campbell Town Chairman Dan Kapanke last week delivered a petition with 1,800 signatures of people who support the incorporation. Those signatures are not part of the formal incorporation process, however, Huebsch said.

Holmen Village President John Chapman said he also has agreed to support the bill and will appear before the Legislature if necessary.

The bill would not affect Holmen, Chapman said. But he said he is supporting it out of respect for Kapanke and because he believes the town of Campbell functions as a village, with fire and police departments, a library and a business district.

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development, stabilize its tax base and secure its borders, Huebsch said.

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Reacting to information that Chapman was supporting the bill, Medinger said, "If my colleagues in La Crosse County want to support this bill, that would be unfortunate and divisive. I'm shocked to find that Holmen would support it, considering the issues they've had with towns surrounding them."

When first drafted, Huebsch's bill didn't specifically name Campbell, although it targeted the town through a narrow description of geography and demographics.

"We wanted to make sure it was clear what we were trying to do. That doesn't create a problem, as long as it's a stand-alone bill," Huebsch said. State law prohibits legislation specific to one location from being included in bills that address more than one topic, such as the state budget, Huebsch said.

Huebsch, who serves on the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee, said he would not try to include the proposal in the Gov. Jim Doyle's emergency budget repair plan. The committee is scheduled to host a public hearing on that plan today.

The DOA now reviews proposed incorporation proposals for a variety of factors, including territory characteristics, the level of services available and the potential effect on the area and nearby localities.

Tribune reporter Joan Kent contributed to this story.

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### Campbell residents hope bus ride is ticket to village vote

By LINDA McALPINE Of the Tribune staff

Pat Post is hoping her fellow Campbell residents leave town by the busload April 10. Post wants them to join her in Madison for a public hearing on Assembly Bill 85 before the Rural Affairs Committee.

The bill, authored by Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, would allow Campbell's residents to vote on whether the community should incorporate into a village.

"We're very excited and hopeful about the hearing," said Post, a 20-year resident of French Island who has been actively involved in the drive for village status for about four years.

Huebsch said in addition to a petition with about 1,800 signatures, he's heard from hundreds of Campbell residents.

"They just want the chance to determine their own future," he said. "I'm very excited that we are getting closer to making that vote a reality."

City of La Crosse leaders such as Mayor John Medinger oppose the legislation. He has said it would hurt the city.

Campbell is one of a few Wisconsin communities completely contained on an island, a situation that limits its ability to grow and develop. "I think French Island has all the services it needs to be a village. We have our own police, fire, first responders and library. That is more than some other villages have," Post said.

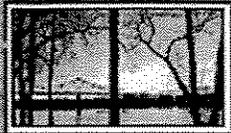
Residents interested in going to Madison on April 10 for the 10 a.m. hearing can sign up for the bus at the town hall or Quillin's on French Island. Departure will be at 6:45 a.m. from the town hall. Coffee and doughnuts will be supplied on the bus. There will be a stop on the way home for lunch, which is not included. Return is expected to be between 3 or 4 p.m. at the town hall. For more information, call Pat Post at (608) 781-2197.

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### Our view: Three visions of city-town relations

By Tribune editorial staff

Three different bills, outlining different visions of dealing with disputes between towns and cities, are up for public hearing in Madison this week.

They merit a close look.

On Monday before the Assembly Urban and Local Affairs Committee, a bill to encourage more collaboration and possibly consolidation between towns and other surrounding local governments was considered. Introduced by Rep. Bonnie Ladwig, R-Mount Pleasant, Assembly Bill 130 would allow local units of government to consolidate operations without going through the Wisconsin Department of Administration - provided that voters approve the idea in a referendum. The communities must be able to agree on boundaries and services.

At present, the Department of Administration must review and sign off on petitions from towns to incorporate. Not everyone is happy with the way the DOA performs this function. A bill by Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, would eliminate the DOA's role for incorporation of one town - the town of Campbell. Huebsch introduced Assembly Bill 85, which would allow towns that are "surrounded by navigable water" to incorporate without DOA review, after he received a petition from 1,800 town residents. But legislators should not make laws for one community at a time. If we are going to change the way towns can become villages, we should have a broad-based debate about the process, then provide a bill that would address that process for all affected communities.

Finally, a bill by Rep. Carol Owens, R-Oshkosh, would allow towns with population of more than 2,500 to become "charter towns" and gain some of the powers of cities, and be able to avoid annexation by a nearby city.

The bills by Huebsch and Owens will be subject to a public hearing in the Assembly Rural Affairs Committee on Thursday.

Eliminating all possibility of annexation also would restrict voluntary annexations where a business or other property owner wants to be annexed in order to get city services. There are times when annexation makes sense. Eliminating it would unduly hurt cities and could restrict economic development and make it more difficult for communities to work together.

The state should try to encourage local communities to work together, rather than building walls between them. Of the three bills, Ladwig's is the one that would more likely encourage such collaboration.



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### Proposal OK'd

By TOM SHEEHAN Tribune Capitol bureau

A legislative committee on Thursday narrowly backed a controversial bill that would allow the town of Campbell to incorporate without state approval. But Assembly Bill 85, which passed the Assembly Rural Affairs Committee 5-4, could face an uphill battle in the Legislature, acknowledged Rep. Mike Huebsch, R-West Salem, who introduced it.

One Republican and all Democrats in attendance voted against sending the bill to the Assembly for a floor vote.

"If the process isn't working, we need to change the process. But I don't think we should short-circuit the process for one case," said Rep. Luther Olsen, R-Berlin, an opponent who serves on the committee.

Huebsch, who introduced the bill at the request of town officials, said he hopes the Assembly could vote on it late this month. It's unlikely the Senate would consider it until fall, he added.

"It's an uphill battle anytime you're dealing with one special portion of the state, but it's not unprecedented," Huebsch said. The bill on its face doesn't name Campbell, but its narrow definition would apply only to the community, more commonly known as French Island.

Town residents have a separate identity from the city of La Crosse and could better control their destiny, Huebsch said.

Incorporation would protect the town, which encompasses French Island and about 4,500 residents, from annexation by the city. The bill would eliminate review by the state Department of Administration and allow the town board and voters to decide if they want to incorporate. Rep. Jennifer Shilling, D-La Crosse, who represents voters in the city of La Crosse, said creating an exception for one community would set a bad precedent.

"Allowing for this sort of end-run legislation has already affected these communities' ability to collaborate on various projects and will damage future negotiations," Shilling said.

Changing the state's incorporation laws won't help the town of Campbell, Huebsch said.

"By the time the Legislature is able to correct this, Campbell could be gone. They'll be completely swallowed up," Huebsch said.

The town has been working toward incorporation since 1996, when voters approved referendum in support of the idea, Campbell Town Chairman Dan Kapanke said at a hearing on the bill last month. In the meantime, town residents have been stuck in a jurisdictional tug of war, as the city proposes annexations and the town wants to incorporate, Kapanke said.

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The Wisconsin Alliance of Cities opposes AB 85 and instead supports AB 130, introduced by Rep. Bonnie Ladwig, R-Mount Pleasant. AB 130 would allow towns statewide to consolidate with adjoining cities and villages if both units of governments approve and reach agree on borders and how to pay for services.

"Assembly Bill 130 would accomplish virtually the same thing, but is much better public policy," said Ed Huck, executive director of the Alliance.

Sen. Mark Meyer, D-La Crosse, said he will wait until the bill makes more progress in the Legislature before announcing his position.

"I want to see what it looks like when it comes out of the Assembly," Meyer said.

The committee also approved by a 6-3 vote the "charter towns bill," which would allow certain towns to block unwanted annexations and create Tax Incremental Finance Districts - an economic development tool now only available to cities and villages.

Under AB 136, a town could qualify if it has a population of at least 2,500, an equalized value of \$100 million, sewer or water service for at least 10 percent of its population and 24-hour law enforcement. Towns currently have little power to stop unwanted annexations.

As many as 135 Wisconsin towns could qualify as a charter town bill. A proposed amendment to reduce the population requirement to 2,000 people failed to make it out of committee, said Carol Owens, R-Oshkosh.

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### Federal official helps Rotary kick off organ donation program

Tommy Thompson likes to compare organ donations to votes, says his special assistant Camille Haney.

Thompson, Wisconsin's former governor who is now secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, says that if the heart had a vote, it would vote to keep on beating in another body; and if the eyes had a vote, they would vote to keep on seeing in another person.

Haney said then Thompson likes to say the kidneys and liver would vote to keep on functioning so another person could enjoy Wisconsin cheese and beer.

"Tommy knows the Lord does not want your body, He wants your soul," she said.

Haney was in La Crosse Thursday to help kick off the Rotary Club of La Crosse's "Share Your Decision, Share Your Life," project that focuses on discussion of organ donation with loved ones so wishes are clearly known at the time of death.

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**'Islanders' speak to state lawmakers for annexation bill**

*By TOM SHEEHAN Tribune Capitol bureau*

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Medinger accused town officials of trying to do an end-around the incorporation process, which he equated to running a marathon.

"All Campbell wants to do is run the last tenth of a mile - throwing out the rules," Medinger said.

Medinger urged support for an agreement that would take cost-sharing of city services into consideration. Much of the area's wealth has shifted to surrounding communities like Campbell, while La Crosse gets stuck with the tab for providing recreational opportunities and attractions, Medinger said. Complicating matters is that 60 percent of property in the city is tax exempt, Medinger added.

"If you're going to put up an iron wall around the city, we're going to die," Medinger said. The town has been working toward incorporation since 1996, when voters approved a referendum in support of the idea, said Campbell Town Chairman Dan Kapanke. In the meantime, town residents have been stuck in a jurisdictional tug of war, as the city proposes annexations and the town wants to incorporate, Kapanke said.

"We have some of our residents who have changed municipalities five times, and they never left their house," Kapanke said.

The town alone has spent more than \$400,000 trying to resolve the border conflict, the uncertainty of which also complicates long-range planning, Kapanke said.

The town doesn't meet current state standards for incorporation, said Larry Kirch, director of city planning for La Crosse. About two square miles of the island's four square miles total are in flood-prone areas, Kirch said.

French Island has been targeted for annexation in city plans since at least the 1950s, Kirch said. The town of Campbell encompasses French and Hiawatha islands and a portion of Bell Island, Kirch said.

The state's current incorporation and annexation laws make it unlikely the town and city will ever work out their border differences outside a courtroom, said John Claypool, an Appleton attorney who represents the town of Campbell.

The town already has filed a petition for incorporation with the state, but that petition is stuck in court, Claypool said.

Top government leaders from Onalaska, Holmen and West Salem also testified in favor of the bill, suggesting Campbell already has its own identity and offers most of the services provided by a village.

"They sure look like a village, and they sure act like a village..." said Terry Hansen, president of the West Salem Village Board.

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**Published - Saturday, April 12, 2003**

**Others surprised, too: Local leaders miffed by Medinger's comments**

*By LINDA McALPINE of the Tribune staff*

Government officials who attended a hearing in Madison on Thursday to support the town of Campbell in its bid to become a village say they were surprised by La Crosse Mayor John Medinger's remarks, taking them to task, who spoke at the rural affairs committee against a bill that would help Campbell incorporate, said he was angry that the leaders from Onalaska, Holmen and West Salem spoke in favor of it, adding that he felt "blind-sided and betrayed."

Medinger went so far as to claim that Onalaska Mayor Jim Bialecki, Holmen Village President John Chapman and West Salem Village President Terry Hanson "did it to spite the city."

Hanson said he "didn't think there would be a problem with going and expressing my opinion.

"I grew up in a village. I love villages and think they're neat places. I went to tell what it's like to live in one, with its sense of community," he added. "Sometimes a person can get lost in a bigger place."

About Medinger's comments, Hanson said he was saddened by them.

"Yesterday was yesterday and tomorrow will be tomorrow. We need to just get on with it," he said. "I don't hold a grudge and I hope he'll let go of it."

Chapman agreed and noted nothing negative about the city of La Crosse was stated at the hearing.

"I was asked by Dan Kapanke (town of Campbell Chairman) to testify on his behalf. I did it out of respect for Dan Kapanke, and because it is a unique situation," he said. "The town of Campbell provides services similar to what a village provides. They have their own fire and police departments, a library and a place for the government to meet."

Chapman said he felt because of all that, town residents should be allowed to make their own decision on whether they want to be incorporated or not.

Bialecki could not be reached for comment.

Medinger said the trio's trip to Madison "to stick it in our ear will not soon be forgotten," and that "it will cause immense ramifications in the future."

Chapman said he was disappointed that Medinger has "taken it to that level, as it wasn't anything personal" he said. "He's the one who has chosen to make this a personal issue. There wasn't any animosity as far as I was concerned."

Hanson said some of the remarks Medinger made were hurtful and could "cause people to back away, but I hope not."

Kapanke, who also owns of the La Crosse Loggers baseball team, directly felt the brunt of the city's displeasure.

Thursday evening the La Crosse Common Council voted to delay consideration of a ordinance amendment to exempt baseball stadiums from the need to obtain a beer garden license.

Kapanke said plans for the Copeland Park stadium include a two-story deck that will serve as a beer garden.

La Crosse council member David Morrison said "we have bent over backwards to accommodate Mr. Kapanke, and he has not returned the cooperation."

The council voted 16-1 to postpone consideration of the ordinance amendment until next month.

Despite what others may have deemed a slap in the face, Kapanke said he has chosen to believe that things will work out positively.

"I'm passionate about certain things and he is too. In the heat of battle, that is bound to come out, but I am sad it happened," Kapanke said about Medinger's remarks. "I wear two different hats and to the city's credit, they have been wonderful in keeping things separate. I am absolutely confident that this will work out and that when the first pitch is thrown come June 3, it will be forgotten."

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#2 - D. Riniker	16	239	240
#3 - R. Braver	12	169	
#4 - Kay Wolfe	12	202	
#5 - Pat Post	14	221	
#6 - R. Kapanke	18	338	
#7 - B. Copp	9	163	
#8 - S. Dahlby	5	68	
- Kay & Penny Meyers			
- John Bissen			
- Mark Terry			
own Library		22	
own Hall - J. Dahlby	4	130	
businesses	1	9	
own Employees - Non-residents			
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Eugene Wensch	819 Lancaster	"	05-02-02
John D. Crayton	2500 WESTERN AV	"	4-02-02
Ronald A Weber	1479 Bainbridge		4-02-02
Susan J. Crayton	2500 Western Ave.		4-21-02
Patricia Johnson	1711 Caroline St.		4-4-02
Jim Mottet	1982 Maryline Court		4-9-02
Ronald Faellini	1476 Bainbridge St.		4-10-02
Steve Cook	3302 Hanson Court		4-10-02
Rudolph Johnson	2628 Baumgartner Rd		4/11/02
Robert J. Dill	739 Elm St.	Town of Campbell	5/18/02
Bill Schrock	1734 Lakewood Ave	Town of Campbell	5/18/02
Henry Tamm	2731 Yakerline Rd		5/18/02

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John Schmitt	1309 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	Town of Campbell	3-19-02
Kathleen Miller	1737 Caroline	Town of Campbell	3-19-02
Michael Brown	2560 2nd Ave E.	Town of Campbell	3-19-02
<del>John Schmitt</del>	<del>1309 7<sup>th</sup> Street</del>	<del>Town of Campbell</del>	<del>3-19-02</del>
JOHN W HARTUNG	1610 BAINBRIDGE ST #5	TOWN OF CAMPBELL	3-20-02
Sue Swan	223 Shelly Lane	Town of Campbell	3-20-02
R.P. Sackmaster	150 Schults Dr	Town of Campbell	3-20-02
Robert H Clark	2937 Lakeside Dr	Town of Campbell	3-20-02
PJ Ryan Chen	1922 Cherokee Avenue	Town of Campbell	3-21-02
Garry Hensley	219 Olivet St	Town of Campbell	3-21-02
David Kruger	206 Fairlane Rd	Town of Campbell	3/21/02
Julius Kunkin	2718 Marion St	Town of Campbell	3/21/02
Myron Bey	807 LAKEVIEW DR	Town of Campbell	3-21-02
Virginia Wolf	2723 Wal Run Ave	Town of Campbell	3-23-02
Sheri Brechtel	1806 Caroline	Town of Campbell	3-23-02
Cheryl D. Halsted	2500 3rd Ave W.	Town of Campbell	3-23-02
Cindy Miller	1707 Caroline St.	Town of Campbell	3-27-02
Curt Rice	2501 Western Ave.	T.O.C.	4/2/02
Karen Bonfau	3127 Howry St.	Town of Campbell	4-11-02
Debra Faust	2537 Western	Town of Campbell	4-24-02

Signature of person circulating this petition Campbell Town Library - R.D.

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Laura J. Schwab	1734 LaFont Ave	Campbell	2/21/02
Jeffrey C. Shady	1734 LaFont Ave	Campbell	2/21/02
William C. Pfafflin	3021 Edgewater Ln	Campbell	2/22/02
James C. Austin	2517 2 <sup>nd</sup> AV. EAST	CAMPBELL	2-25-02
Ronald J. Kelly	408 CENTRAL RD.	CAMPBELL	2-25-02
Shirley Cleary	1927 La Crescent Ct	Campbell	2-25-02
John L. Layton	518 Plain View Rd	CAMPBELL	2-25-02
Patricia K. Kelly	408 C. Rd.	Campbell	2-25-02
Burdell Schumaker	445 Central Rd.	Campbell	2-25-02
Curtis J. Rice	2556 Island Park Rd	Campbell	2-25-02
Gayle L. Rice	2554 Island PK Rd	Campbell	2-25-02
David C. Johnson	210 Tellin Ct	Campbell	2-25-02
Thompson	317 Shelly Ln	CAMPBELL	2-25-02
Margaret E. Scott	1607 Caroline St.	Campbell	2-26-02
James W. Scott	1607 Caroline	Campbell	2-26-02
Ronald Beller	340 Hamley Rd.	Campbell	2-26-02
Joseph A. Weickamp	2603 Thomas	Campbell	2-26-02
Joseph H. Farrow	1108 BAINBRIDGE ST	CAMPBELL	2/26/02
Francis M. Konetchy	1748 Bainbridge	Campbell	2/27/02
Jane B. Choate	2829 Lakeshore Dr.	Campbell	2/27/02

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Matthew D. Jovich	236 Hinkley Rd	Town of Campbell	02-26-02
John Wilson	2532 Baumgartner Dr	Town of Campbell	2-27-02
Norman B. Puff	403 Church Dr.	Town of Campbell	2-27-02
Michelle Stark	101 Dunbar	Town of Campbell	2-27-02
Scott A. Hynes	206 Fanta Reed Road	Town of Campbell	2-28-02
Steve Aron	1922 Cherokee Ave	Town of Campbell	2-28-02
Yvonne Hearn	2921 LAKE SHORE Dr	Town of Campbell	2-28-02
Jamie Woodliff	1610 Bainbridge St #11	Town of Campbell	2-28-02
Barbara A. Gerber	1525 NAKOMIS AVE.	TOWN OF CAMPBELL	2/28/02
Dave Bearwald	1739 Laurel ave	town of campbell	3/1/02
Dan King	2608 Baumgartner Dr	Town of Campbell	3/1/02
John Connor	2812 Marion St	Town Campbell	3/1/02
Helen M. Brown	3138 youngdale Ave.	town of Campbell	3-4-02
Edward J. Brown	3138 youngdale Ave.	Town of Campbell	3-4-02
Judith M. Hanson	1628 Delusant St.	Town of Campbell	3-4-02
Cheryl Capron	122 Olivet	Town of Campbell	3-4-02
Bernice Capron	122 Olivet	Town Campbell	3-4-02
Mary C. E. Lsen	2552 Island Park Rd	Town of Campbell	3-4-02
Mark J. Shue	208 Huntly Road	Town of Campbell	3/4/02
Larry Dimenson	128 Locust St	Town of Campbell	3-4-02

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Michael D. Gishner	2402 Lakeshore Dr.	Town of Campbell	3/4/02
Jenny E. Chalkin	3003 No. Bayshore	"	3/5/02
Guyfrey Clatterton	3003 NO BAYSHORE DR	"	3/5/02
Donald Mithey	1840 Aiken Rd	"	3/5/02
Bill Paehling	2540 Bainbridge	"	3/6/02
Jeanette M. Niederman	2509 Western Ave	"	3-6-02
Henry Niederman Jr	2509 Western Ave	"	3-6-02
Neil Bittinger	2556 1st Ave E.	✓	3-6-02
Frank A. Watson	1523 Bainbridge	"	3-6-02
Fred E. Caser	118 Church Dr.	"	3-7-02
Jelly Price	917 LAID VIEW Rd,	"	3-7-02
Mervyn Pfaff	403 Church Drive	"	3-07-02
Jeff Laell	1321 Lakeside St	"	03/07/02
Deri Pot	322 Church Dr	"	03/08/02
Whise	1648 Bainbridge St.	"	3/8/02
John Hulke	814 Kelly Place	"	3/8/02
Jane Hulke	814 Kelly Pl	"	3/8/02
Don Schultz	405 Church Dr	"	3-8-02
Randy D. Knadle	813 Kelly Pl	Town of Campbell	3-11-02

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Phyllis Barnum	1820 Laford Ave	Town of Campbell	3-11-02
Jayce Dymann	1610 Bainbridge #2	Town of Campbell	3-11-02
Patricia Fish	2929 Lakeside Dr	Town of Campbell	3-11-02
Myra Barnum	1820 Laford Ave	Town of Campbell	3-11-02
Gina Talbot-Mikrut	2530 Western Ave	Town of Campbell	3-11-02
JAM	2530 Western Ave		3-11-02
Janet Stale	1718 Bainbridge St	Town of Campbell	3-11-02
Emily Brown	1008 La Crescent		3-12-02
Adrian FISHER	1721 Laford Ave	Town of Campbell	3-12-02
Charitable J Snyder	208 Callaway Blvd	Town of Campbell	3-13-02
James H. Kuester	208 Callaway Blvd	Town of Campbell	3-13-02
Kevin J. Kuester	213 Church Drive		3-13-02
Lundy Kunt	213 Church Drive		3-13-02
Everett Newburg Jr	1740 Bainbridge St		3-14-02
Jamie Newburg	1740 Bainbridge St		3-14-02
Don Deitzel	412 Central Rd	Town of Campbell	3-15-02
Pattime Corley	906 Lawrence Dr	Town of Campbell	3-15-02
Cathy Wolfe	2521 200 Ave E	Town of Campbell	3-18-02
Carolyn Pickett	1703 Caroline	Campbell	3-19-02

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