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Senate Committee –
Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy
(SC–JCP)

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Vote Record
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Date: 1-8-11

Moved by: Zien

Seconded by: Fitz

AB 306 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

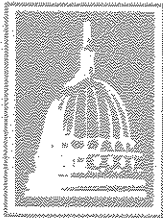
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<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator David Zien, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Scott Fitzgerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Cathy Stepp <i>Poll</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Tim Carpenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator G. Spencer Coggs <i>Poll</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senator David Zien, Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Chris Tackett, President & CEO
Douglas Johnson, Sr. Vice President/General Counsel

DATE: January 8, 2004

RE: AB 306

The Wisconsin Merchants Federation supports ASA 1 to AB 306. As AB 306 was introduced it reduced the felony dollar threshold from \$2500 to \$1500 ...taking away the cost of living increase given to criminals. WMF has long opposed these cost of living increases that began years ago when the threshold was \$500. There should also be an increase in the period of time allowed to accumulate checks to the dollar threshold (from 15 days to 90 days). If our members had to pick between the two policy changes they would pick the additional time which is what ASA 1 does.

Plain and simple, our neighboring states allow from 90 days minimum (Illinois) to no time limit on aggregation at all (Iowa) with Minnesota allowing for 6 months. Michigan does not allow for aggregation of checks but rather charges each check as a crime with any check of \$500 or more as a felony. Of all our neighboring four states none have a felony threshold of more than \$1000 with Illinois being the lowest at \$150. Illinois and Michigan also have repeat offender rules that make checks a felony at lower values based on prior convictions for worthless checks.

We've been advised by loss prevention experts starting with law enforcement that they prefer the additional time that ASA 1 provides because it allows for a more reasonable time to build a case. ASA 1 is not any more complicated than that.

Thank you for your support.

cc: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee



WISCONSIN

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections
And Privacy

FROM: Bill G. Smith, State Director

DATE: Thursday, January 8, 2004

RE: Assembly Bill 306

A recent study published by the NFIB Research Foundation entitled, *Getting Paid*, found small business customers pay for their goods and services by check – more customers pay by check than cash. Ninety-five percent of the small business owners reported they accept checks for payment.

The study also found the problem of bad checks was the second most often cited problem with getting paid.

Given that so many small firms accept checks and that receiving bad checks is a frequent problem, it would seem likely that most small businesses would subscribe to a check verification service of some type, yet only seven percent of those firms accepting checks subscribe to a verification service, according to the study.

The study indicated there are several reasons for not using a check verification service including repeat customers, service cost, and dissatisfaction with the effectiveness of the service.

That's why Assembly Bill 306 is so important to small business. This legislation reduces the misdemeanor threshold from \$2,500 to \$1,500 in an effort to discourage the deliberate issuance of bad checks and to assist small merchants with the enforcement and recovery of bad check losses.

Getting paid has immediate practical consequences for small business owners.

The longer money is retained by customers in lieu of payment, the more difficult it is for small-business men and women to pay their bills, which is what ultimately grows the economy of their community.

We believe AB-306 is clearly a step in the right direction, and I respectfully urge your prompt and favorable recommendation on behalf of our state's small business community.