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Motion: *Passage of Senate Bill 417.*

Committee Member

Senator Mark Meyer

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Aye



No



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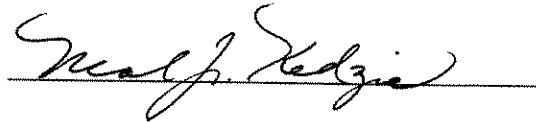
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DALE W. SCHULTZ
Wisconsin State Senator



February 18, 2004

Senator Joseph Leibham, Chairman
& Members
Senate Committee on Transportation
& Infrastructure

Dear Chairman Leibham and Members,

Thank you for scheduling a timely hearing on Senate Bill 417. This bill is one of the many bills being offered this session as a part of the Agricultural Renewal Initiative, an effort that seeks to provide incentives and financial relief to the agribusinesses in our state.

- This bill will create an exemption for a two-vehicle combination that is used to transport livestock and does not exceed 75 feet in length. It will increase the length of trailers to be consistent with our surrounding states' laws.
- Livestock haulers are being ticketed when they reach some Wisconsin roads because the length of their trailers exceeds legal limits. In Wisconsin, 65 feet is the maximum length for a two-vehicle combination on some of our highways.
- Because the industry standard for a trailer used to transport cattle is now 53 feet long, this exceeds the legal length in the statute.
- With the longer trailers, the animals arrive less stressed and with fewer injuries.

A change in the statute to allow tractors with trailers 53 feet in length to pick up and/or deliver cattle, using all Wisconsin roads, is necessary. This problem must be resolved in our statutes so these livestock haulers are able to travel from other states to Wisconsin without being ticketed.

The Wisconsin State Patrol estimates that the loss of revenue from enacting Senate Bill 417 would be less than \$3500.00 annually.

I ask the members of this committee vote favorably on this bill. Thank you for taking the time to consider Senate Bill 417

With kindest regards,


Senator Dale Schultz