

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Judiciary

Assembly Bill 317

Relating to: product liability of manufacturers, assemblers, distributors, and sellers.

By Representatives Huebsch, Hines, Nischke, Ainsworth, Ladwig, Albers, Seratti, Pettis, Weber, J. Wood, Petrowski, Musser, Bies, Van Roy, Gielow, Stone, Gundrum, Grothman, McCormick, Vrakas and Hundertmark; cosponsored by Senators Welch, Kanavas, Roessler, Schultz, Stepp, Reynolds and A. Lasee.

May 08, 2003 Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

September 11, 2003 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (6) Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Albers, Grothman, Kerkman and Cullen.
Absent: (2) Representatives Staskunas and Hebl.

Appearances For

- Representative Michael Huebsch, 94th Assembly District
- Senator Bob Welch, 14th Senate District
- James Buchen, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- Jim Mathie, Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin

Appearances Against

- Carolyn Castore, Wisconsin Citizen Action
- Mike Spencer, Teamsters
- Jill Rakauski, William Cantwell/Asbestos Victims
- Joanne Ricca, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO
- Kent Kutsugeras, Juneau
- Attorney Lynn Laufenberg, Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers and State Bar-Litigation Section

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Jim Hough, Wisconsin Economic Development Assn.
- Jim Hough, Wisconsin Coalition for Justice
- Jim Hough, Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin
- Marc Bentley, Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association
- Marc Bentley, Wisconsin Engine Manufacturers and Distributors Alliance

- Dave Kluesner, International Paper
- Kathi Kilgore, Wisconsin Retail Lumber Association
- Richard Lewandowski, Wisconsin Paper Council
- Michael Vaughan, Wisconsin Institute of CPAs
- Paul Merline, Wisconsin Restaurant Association
- Brandon Scholz, Wisconsin Grocers Association
- Bill Smith, National Federation of Independent Business
- Bill Smith, Wisconsin Coalition for Civil Justice
- Jim Boullion, Associated General Contractors
- Jenny Deschane, Wisconsin Builders Association
- Brian Mitchell, Wisconsin Cast Metals Association

Registrations Against

- Deb Sybell, State Bar of Wisconsin
- Paul Sicula, Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Ruth Simpson
- William and Carole Cantwell, Lyndon Station

October 21, 2003

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (8) Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Albers, Grothman, Kerkman, Staskunas, Hebl and Cullen.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Albers, seconded by Representative McCormick that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Albers, Grothman, Kerkman and Cullen.

Noes: (2) Representatives Staskunas and Hebl.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 2

Moved by Representative Albers, seconded by Representative Kerkman that **Assembly Bill 317** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Gundrum, McCormick, Albers, Grothman and Kerkman.

Noes: (3) Representatives Staskunas, Hebl and Cullen.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 3

Jolene Churchill
Committee Clerk