

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Energy and Utilities

Assembly Bill 529

Relating to: remediation of objectionable flows of electric current, burden of proof and damages in certain actions against public utilities, making an appropriation, and providing penalties.

By Representatives Gronemus, J. Wood, Black, Ainsworth, Berceau, Pocan, Young and A. Williams; cosponsored by Senators George and Risser.

September 18, 2003 Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

January 6, 2004 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (12) Representatives Jensen, Montgomery, Friske, J. Fitzgerald, Gottlieb, Nischke, Honadel, Ziegelbauer, Steinbrink, Schooff, Zepnick and Travis.

Absent: (1) Representative Powers.

Appearances For

- Rep. Barbara Gronemus, 91st Assembly District, Whitehall
- Scott Lawrence, St.Nazianz
- Michael Behr, Northfield, MN 55057
- Christopher Stombaugh, Platteville
- Steven Pechacek, Prescott
- Jean Harder, Harder Brother's Farm, Hilbert
- Tim Fitzgerald, Winneconne
- Mardie Hartenstein, Plymouth
- David Stetzer, Taylor
- Richard Schulte, Marshfield
- Marilyn Wilson, Clean Power Wisconsin, Madison
- Catherine Kleiber, Waterloo
- Tom Beane, Fort Atkinson
- Marcie Fry, Madison
- Lawrence Neubauer, Hortonville
- Marvin Dietsche, Dietsche's Dairy, Loyal
- Kathy Kietsche, Dietsche's Dairy, Loyal
- Dennis Hinrichsen, Quad Dairy Nutrition, Abbotsford
- Kurt Gutknecht, Fitchburg
- Sara Brenner, WI Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Assoc, Madison
- Mary Kaye Bronsteatter, Merrill
- Mary Thompson, Spring Valley

- Robert Hardie, Taylor
- Mike Carney, Deerfield
- Richard Nyman, Nyman Farms, Inc, Footville
- Nancy Ritter, Madison
- Beth Hornung, Madison
- Alfred Meyer, Madison
- Steve Haines, Arcadia
- Jerome Daniels, Kansasville
- William Schmidt, Schmidt Electric, Platteville
- Guy Leavitt, Blair-Taylor School District, Blair
- Tony Dryak, Taylor
- John Beyerl, Colby
- Daniel Hager, DePere
- Doug Sutter, Luxemburg
- Darrel Christoph, Kindle-Lite Holsteins, Green Bay

Appearances Against

- Bill Skewes, WI Utilities Assoc., Madison
- Chuck DeNardo, WE Energies, Milwaukee
- Kevin Schnack, Northern States Power, Eau Claire
- Dan Dasho, Shawano Municipal Utility, Shawano
- Robert Deaxlie, Deaxlie Electric, Auburndale
- Tom Krull, Madison Gas & Electric, Madison
- R.J. Pirlot, Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, Madison
- Dr. John Ryder, Oregon
- David Jenkins, WI Electric Cooperative Assoc., Madison

Appearances for Information Only

- Douglas Reinemann, University of WI, Madison
- Scot Cullen, WI Public Service Commission, Madison
- Mark Cook, WI Public Service Commission, Madison
- Diek Reims, WI Public Service Commission, Madison
- Marjorie Lundquist, Milwaukee

Registrations For

- Sen. Fred Risser, Senate District 26, Madison
- Loraine Dryak, Alma Center
- Dan Kleiber, Waterloo
- Vicki Coughlin, WI Women for Agriculture, Watertown
- Mike Burbach, Burbach's Dairy, Mineral Point
- James Kooiker, Randolph
- Greg Eckels, Ross Soil Service, Mineral Point
- Rev. Sue Moline Larson, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI, Madison
- Paul Mleziua, Denmark
- Ryan Weiskircher, Ross Soil Service, Shullsburg
- Lori Lemmenes, Waupun

- Roy Lemmenes, Waupun
- Lyle Sell, Strum
- Allen Mayer, Chili
- Richard Keller, WI Farmers Union
- Dennis Bries, Johnson Creek
- Jim Sulzer, Agrivolt Midwest LLC, Sussex
- Michael Wiericks, Casco
- Bill Hildebrandt
- Scott Srnka, Algoma
- Susan Webster, Madison
- Rick Paye, Casco
- Gary LeRoy, LeRoy Sales Service, New Franken
- Joan Neubauer, Hortonville
- Chris Jadin, United Vision Dairy, LLC, Casco
- James Bohman, Stratford
- Diane Bohman, Stratford
- John Haen, Luxemburg
- Dan Schilling, Madison
- Margaret Hager, Cascade
- Ted Pejager, Cambria
- Tammy Hardyman, Mineral Point
- Steve Hardyman, Mineral Point
- David Quarne, Quarne Farms, Blair
- Larry Thompson, Blair
- Tim Leix, Leix Farms, Montfort
- Tom Bollant, Bollant Farms Inc., Fennimore
- Steve Bollant, Bollant Farms Inc., Montfort
- Emma Czarapata, Madison
- Donald Leix, Leix Farms Inc., Montfort
- Jerry Gander, Big Gain Inc., Richland
- Eddie Thompson, Blair
- Byron Krueger, Melrose
- James Dietsche, Dietsche's Dairy, Loyal
- Rawdy James, New Providence Farms, Livingston
- Dan Becker, Spencer
- Bernard Kleiber, Whitewater
- Nancy Kleiber, Whitewater
- Clay Bernick, Spencer
- Lynn Breedlove, Survival Coalition, Madison
- Donald Clark, Black River Falls
- Sarah Coyle, Madison
- Paul Zimmerman, WI Farm Bureau, Madison
- Tom Rotering, Fountain City
- Charles Rotering, Foundtain City
- Gene Sowieth, E.R. Home Inspection Service, Monona
- Dale Dalebroux, Luxemburg

- Richard Ledvina, Ledvina Farm, Luxemburg
- Nancy Ledvina, Richard Ledvina Farm, Luxemburg
- Matthew Haew, Luxemburg
- Alan Mazna, Denmark
- Jackie Mazna, Denmark
- David Gauger, Denmark
- Terry Allen, DePere
- Scott Allen, DePere
- Lori Jensen, Green Bay
- Russell Allen, DePere
- Dean Weichmann

Registrations Against

- Steven Schott, WI Public Service Corp, Green Bay
- Roger O'Neil, Xcel Energy, Sparta
- Jim Hough, WI Coalition for Civil Justice, Madison
- Pat Schillinger, Neenah
- Martin Jacobi, Madison Gas & Electric Co., Madison
- Kenyon Kies, WI Utility Investors, Madison
- Jon Lundgren, WE Energies, Milwaukee
- Greg Blum, Control WI Electric Coop, Iola
- Shannon Clark, Soldiers Grove
- Steven Healy, Pierce Pepin Coop Services, River Falls
- Todd Howard, Chippewa Valley Electric Coop, Cornell
- Ken Petersen, Barron Electric Coop, Barron
- James Hathaway, Menomonie
- Lori Mikunda, Jump River Electric Coop, Ladysmith
- David Oelkers, Riverland Energy, Arcadia
- Brian Rude, Dairyland Power Coop, LaCrosse
- Byron Nolde, Abrams
- Mark Nelson, East Central Energy, Foxboro
- Marilee Opresik, Price Electric Coop, Phillips
- Scott Meske, Municipal Electric Utilities of WI, Sun Prairie
- James Morrison, WI Public Service, Green Bay
- Robert Strzuk, IBEW Local 2150, Oak Creek
- Mike Pyne, IBEW Local 965, Portage
- Rich Hackner, Rural Energy Management Council, Oregon
- Dale Termunde, American Equipment Manufacturers, Winfield, IL 60190
- John Luehrsen, Eau Claire Energy Corp., Altoona
- Charles Spargo, Adams-Columbia Electric Coop, Friendship
- Keith Weyh, Adams-Columbia Electric Coop, Portage
- Stanley Dybevik, Rock Co. Electric Coop, Brodhead
- Beata Kalies, WI Electric Cooperative Assn., Madison
- Robert Fick, Alliant Energy, Portage
- Paul Breunig, Sun Prairie
- William Johnson, Alliant Energy, Portage

March 11, 2004

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Brett Healy
Committee Clerk