

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Agriculture

Assembly Bill 684

Relating to: creating the Wisconsin Rural Finance Authority, authorizing the Wisconsin Rural Finance Authority to operate certain agricultural programs, and eliminating the authority of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to guarantee certain loans made for agricultural purposes and to operate a loan program for beginning farmers.

By Representatives Ott, Ainsworth, Musser, Suder, Olsen, Jensen, Plouff, Loeffelholz, Towns, Hahn, Freese, Gielow, Albers, McCormick, Hines, Bies, Owens, Weber, Vruwink, Lothian, Zepnick, Hundertmark, Kestell, Gunderson, Balow, Petrowski, Molepske, Hebl, M. Williams, Miller and Van Roy; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, S. Fitzgerald, Welch, A. Lasee, Brown, Harsdorf, Roessler and Lassa.

December 01, 2003 Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

December 11, 2003 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (12) Representatives Ott, M. Williams, Ainsworth, Petrowski, Kestell, Hines, Loeffelholz, Towns, Plouff, Balow, Hebl and Molepske.
Absent: (3) Representatives Suder, Gronemus and Vruwink.

Appearances For

- Representative Al Ott, 3rd Assembly District
- State Representative Gene Hahn, 47th Assembly District, Madison
- Bill Oemichen, Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives, Madison
- Sam Miller, M & I Bank, Appleton
- Mark Benversie, Investors Community Bank, Reedsville
- Greg Steele, Agstar Financial Services, River Falls

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Will Hughes, DATCP, Madison
- Chris Gunst, WHEDA, Madison

Registrations For

- State Senator Bob Welch, 14th Senate District
- Daryll Lund, Community Bankers of Wisconsin, Madison
- John Malchine, Badger State Ethanol, Wind Lake
- Jodi Bloch, WI Bankers Association, Madison
- Alexander Samardzich, Ace Ethanol, Bruce
- Amy Winters, Wisconsin Fertilizer & Chemical Assn,
Wisconsin Agribusiness Council, Crop Life America, Madison
- Bob Oleson, Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, Palmyra
- Bob Sather, WI Ethanol Producers Association, Chippewa
Falls
- Paul Zimmerman, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation,
Madison

Registrations Against

- None.

March 11, 2004

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Erin Napralla
Committee Clerk