# Senate

# **Record of Committee Proceedings**

# **Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**

#### Senate Bill 126

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

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

April 29, 2003 Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

January 23, 2004 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD** 

Present: (5) Senators Zien, S. Fitzgerald, Stepp, Carpenter

and Coggs.

Absent: (0) None.

# Appearances For

• State Senator Bob Welch, 14th State Senate District

- Bill Smith, National Federation of Independent Business (WI), Madison
- James Buchen, WI Manufacturers & Commerce, Madison
- Jim Mathie, Civil Trial Counsel of WI, Waukesha

# Appearances Against

- Kent Kutsugeras, Juneau
- Mike Riley, State Bar of WI
- Lynn Laufenberg, WI Academy of Trial Lawyers, Milwaukee

#### Appearances for Information Only

• None.

#### Registrations For

- Paul Merline, WI Restaurant Assn., Madison
- David Rosenmeier, WI Retail Lumber Assn., Germantown
- Gary Manke, WI Equipment Dealers, Madison
- Gary Manke, WI Automotive Aftermarket Assn., Madison
- Gary Manke, WI Automotive Parts Assn., Madison
- Brandon Scholz, WI Grocers Assn., Madison
- Jim Hough, WI Coalition for Civil Justice, Madison
- Jim Hough, WI Economic Development Assn., Madison
- Jim Hough, Civil Trial Counsel of WI, Madison

- Lisa Roys, Lincoln Wood Products, Madison
- Lisa Roys, Weathershield, Madison
- Lee Fanshaw, American Family Insurance, Madison

## **Registrations Against**

- Kevin Shibilski, Teamsters Joint Council 39
- Joanne Ricca, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, Milwaukee

## February 10, 2004 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Zien, S. Fitzgerald, Stepp, Carpenter and Coggs.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Stepp, seconded by Senator S. Fitzgerald that **Senate Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Zien, S. Fitzgerald, Stepp, Carpenter and Coggs.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator S. Fitzgerald, seconded by Senator Stepp that **Senate Bill 126** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (3) Senators Zien, S. Fitzgerald and Stepp.

Noes: (2) Senators Carpenter and Coggs.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 2

John Hogan Committee Clerk