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Appearances For

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- Dale Dorrow, Reedsburg — Juneau County Forestry Department
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Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Matt Stohr, Madison — Wisconsin Counties Association
- Gene Francisco, Sun Prairie — Executive Director, Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association
- Gunnar Bergerson, Madison — Lobbyist, Lake States Lumber & Timber Producers Association

Registrations Against

- None.

March 29, 2005

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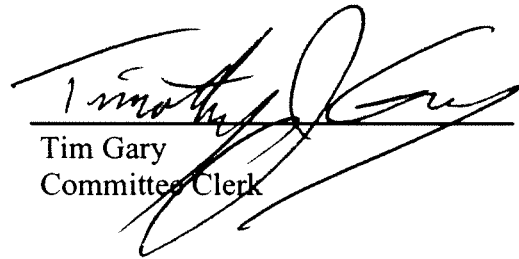
Moved by Representative Hubler, seconded by Representative Ainsworth that **Assembly Bill 9** be recommended for indefinite postponement.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth, M. Williams and Hubler.

Noes: (0) None.

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Tim Gary
Committee Clerk

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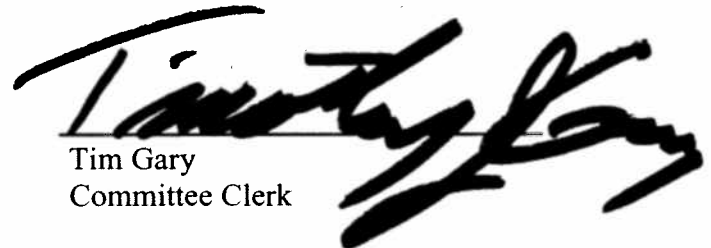
Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Representative Boyle.

INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5,
Noes 0

May 4, 2006

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.


Tim Gary
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Forestry

Date: 3-29-05

Moved by: Hubler

Seconded by: Ainsworth

AB 9 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
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- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
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Committee Member

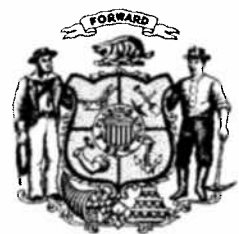
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Assembly Bill 9

Assembly Committee on Forestry

Wisconsin County Forests Association

Colette Matthews, Executive Director

518 W Somo Avenue

Tomahawk Wisconsin

March 1, 2005

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Hello. My name is Colette Matthews; I am the Executive Director of the Wisconsin County Forests Association, representing 29 Wisconsin counties who own in excess of 2.35 million acres of county forest lands.

Counties right now are in the process of writing their next comprehensive forest plan, due at the end of this year. This plan as it now stands will expire in 2015. The counties and the Department of Natural Resources will once again be in the process of rewriting these 29 forest plans, unless AB 9 is adopted.

AB 9 changes the time line from every ten years to once each fifteen years. Money is tight at all levels of government right now. Writing a forest plan takes much time and effort by both the DNR and each county. These plans, once written and approved, are open for revision during their life span. Extending the time period to fifteen years makes fiscal sense and in no way harms a county's ability to continually manage their forest using the latest technology available.

Most of our county forests will be awarded forest certification on March 18, 2005. While recognizing the benefits of becoming certified, counties realize that these comprehensive forest plans will have to be updated each time a change is made in a certification system. These documents have always been something of a living document; they will become even much more so as the process of keeping up with certification regulations unfolds.

I would like to introduce two of our county forest administrators who have come to Madison with me today, and who can explain in better detail how this change we are requesting will benefit their counties.

Pete Bartelt is Price County Forest Administrator and current president of the Wisconsin County Forest Administrators Association. Dale Dorow, Juneau County Forest Administrator is currently vice-president of this association and in March will assume the position of president. Both have extensive experience in county forest management.

If you have any questions, I will attempt to answer them. Thank you for taking time to hear our request for your support for AB 9.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Forestry

FROM: Matthew Stohr, Legislative Associate *MS*

DATE: March 1, 2005

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 9

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) strongly supports 2005 Assembly Bill 9 (AB 9), which relates to the plan period for county forest land use plans. AB 9 requires that each county forest land use plan be prepared for a 15 year period rather than a 10 year period, which is current law.

There are many reasons WCA feels AB 9 is good public policy. First, by changing the 10 year period to a 15 year period, AB 9 could potentially save taxpayer money in the Wisconsin counties that have county forests. WCA feels that planning is important to local units of government, however, there are costs associated with any type of planning. AB 9 would reduce county costs by limiting the number of times that counties need to develop county forest plans. In addition, in many cases it takes counties a minimum of two years to draft a new county forest plan and two years to implement the new county forest plan. The more time counties are required to spend working on their plan, the less time county foresters have to do actual field work. To this end, AB 9 would save taxpayer money and it would allow county forestry staff resources to be used more effectively.

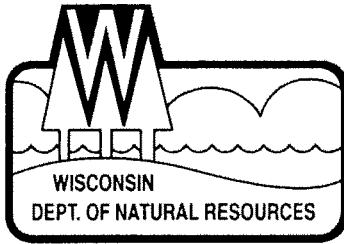
Second, the 15 year period required by AB 9 would create consistency between county, state and national forest planning time frames. Both the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service currently use a 15 year period.

Currently, county forest plans are amended as needed to adapt to developments in information, techniques and technology. AB 9 does not change the county ability to amend county forest plans. It simply changes the period that counties must develop a new plan. Since counties may amend existing plans, WCA feels it makes fiscal sense to increase the county forest plan period from 10 years to 15 years.

WCA respectfully requests that you support AB 9.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the WCA office if you have any questions.





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Assembly Bill 9 Assembly Committee on Forestry

Department of Natural Resources Testimony
James Warren, Lands Section Chief, Bureau of Forest Management
Division of Forestry
March 1, 2005

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Good afternoon. My name is Jim Warren and I am the Chief of the Lands Section within the Bureau of Forest Management for the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry. I appreciate this opportunity to appear before you to discuss AB 9.

The Department of Natural Resources strongly supports AB 9 in principal. This bill changes the effective period of a County Forest Comprehensive Land Use plan from 10 to 15 years. This proposed statute change recognizes the complexity and the time necessary to develop a County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. During the last round of County Forest planning a typical plan took nearly 3 years to develop. The plan revision process is again underway with plans to be completed by the end of 2005. The complexity of the plans has increased with each planning cycle and that is holding true with this round of plans. The complexity of the plans and the time needed to complete them are becoming nearly as time consuming as the implementation.

This change would align the County Forests with the State and National Forests. The ability to amend the plans during the planning cycle addresses any concerns over the plans becoming antiquated. Should new technologies, research, or policy indicate need for change, the Counties have the ability to amend their plans. Plan amendments must be approved by the County Board and the Dept. of Natural Resources.

The Department would request the Committee add additional statutory language that would ensure a County updates their plan at 15 year intervals. In the current version of AB9 there is language that an old plan will remain in effect until the plan is revised. The Department supports that philosophy, however feels it is important to periodically complete a *new* plan. The existing language would allow a County to continue to manage under an existing plan indefinitely. The Department would recommend the following change to s. 28.11(5)a, "The department may withhold grant payments under s. 28.11(5m) and (5r) to any county more than one year delinquent in completing a plan".

The Department urges the Committee to approve AB9 with the suggested amendment and facilitate its passage during this legislative session. Given the timing of the current County Forest planning, the change could still be incorporated into the plan revisions currently in progress and scheduled for completion by December of 2005.

I appreciate this opportunity to express the Department's support for AB 9 and would be glad to answer any questions you might have.