

WISCONSIN STATE
LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE HEARING
RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or joint)

Committee on
Agriculture and
Insurance
(SC-AI)

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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE
CLERK FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- > Appointments ... Appt

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Name: J. Holte

- > Clearinghouse Rules ... CRule

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- > Hearing Records ... HR (bills and resolutions)

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- > Miscellaneous ... Misc

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Vote Record
Committee on Agriculture and Insurance

Date: 4-13-06
 Moved by: Olson

Seconded by: E11

All appointments

AB _____ SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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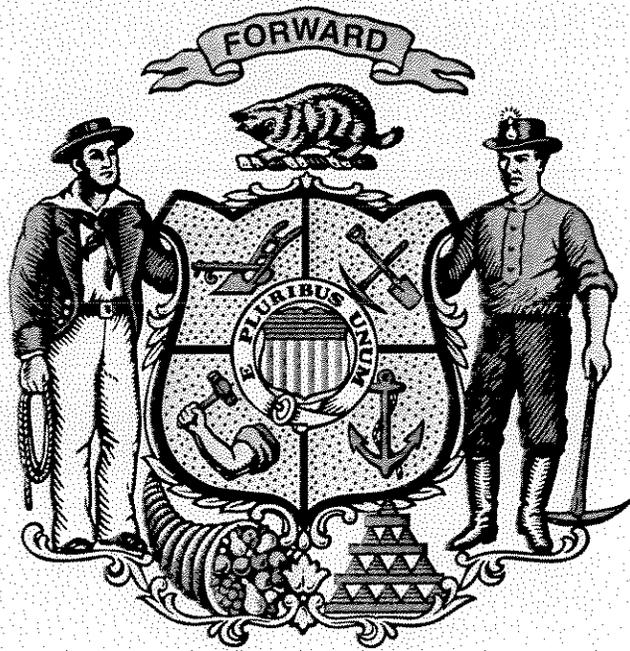
Be recommended for:
 Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

- Senator Dan Kapanke, Chair
- Polky* Senator Neal Kedzie
- Polky* Senator Ronald Brown
- Senator Luther Olsen
- Senator Jon Erpenbach
- Polky* Senator David Hansen
- Senator Mark Miller

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Motion Carried Motion Failed





State of Wisconsin
Jim Doyle, Governor

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary

Livestock Facility Siting Review Board Member Biography

NAME: James Holte

MAILING ADDRESS: N2478 County Road H
Elk Mound, WI 54739

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

RESIDES IN: Elk Mound, WI

TELEPHONE: (w)
715-835-6708 (h)

OCCUPATION: Beef Farmer

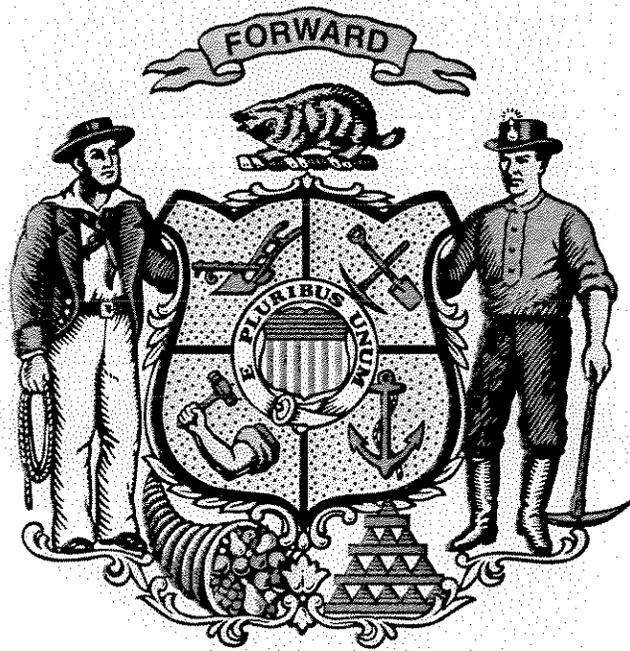
TERM: A term to expire May 1, 2010

SUCCEEDS: Newly created board

SENATE CONFIRMATION:

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: February 24, 2006

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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary

February 24, 2006

Mr. James Holte
N2478 County Road H
Elk Mound, WI 54739

Dear James,

You were nominated by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation to serve on the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board (Board). I have selected you as the member of the Board representing livestock interests, subject to confirmation by the Senate. You will join six other members, three of which must represent towns, counties, and environmental interests. Your term for this seat expires May 1, 2010.

The livestock facility siting law created the Board as a new option to appeal local decisions to approve or deny a proposed livestock facility or expansion. The Board will hear appeals from "aggrieved parties", including the livestock facility operator and any persons who live within 2 miles of the proposed facility. I believe the Board is key to successfully implementing the livestock facility siting program and reducing local siting conflicts.

The schedule of the Board will depend entirely on the number of appeals. I anticipate the Board will meet more frequently during the first year--possibly six to eight times -- and then less frequently over time. The Board will have two to three organizational meetings prior to hearing any appeals.

If you have any questions about this appointment, please contact Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, at 608-224-4613 or at jennifer.heaton-amrhein@datcp.state.wi.us.

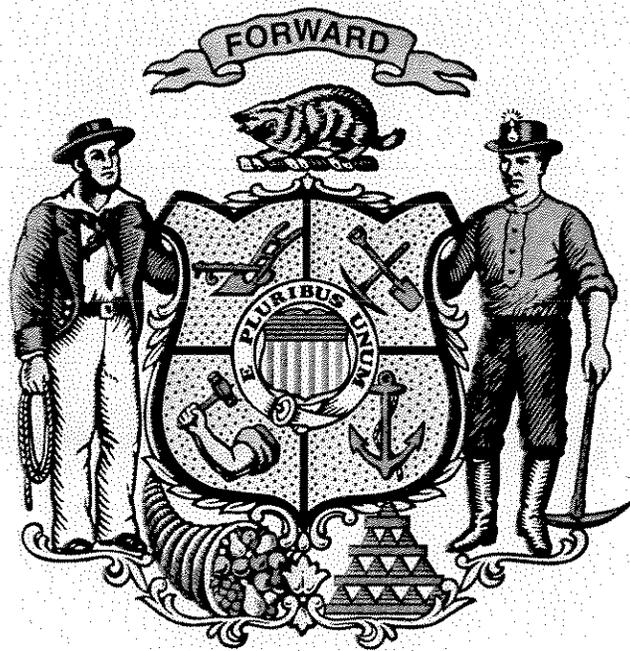
Thank you very much for your willingness to serve the state in this capacity.

Sincerely,


Rod Nilsestuen
Secretary

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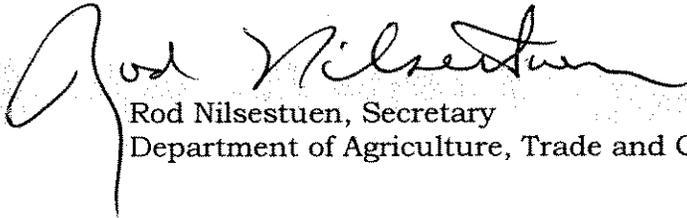
March 22, 2006

To the Honorable, the Senate:

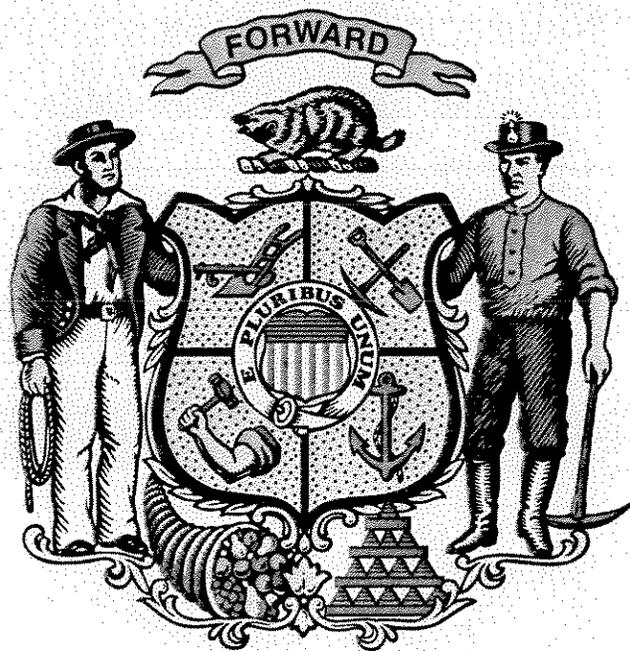
I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Mr. James Holte to be a member on the Livestock Facility Siting Review Board to serve a term expiring May 1, 2010.

Mr. Holte will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,



Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection





State Representative

David Ward

Vice-Chair: Joint Committee on Finance

April 12, 2006

Senator Dan Kapanke, Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Insurance
State Capitol, Room 104S
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Chairperson Kapanke and Members of the Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm I urge you to approve the nomination of Jim Holte to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's (DATCP) Livestock Facility Siting Review Board (LFSRB).

I have known Jim personally and professionally for a number of years: as a grain and beef producer in Dunn County, and most recently in working with him in his capacity as an immediate past board member of the DATCP Board.

Jim clearly continues his leadership role beyond his farm's property lines. Not only is he a member of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Board of Directors, he serves his community as the Vice-President of the Elk Mound School Board. In addition, Jim's insight and work on the Livestock Siting Legislation as a member of the DATCP Board improved the end product which will impact producers on a statewide.

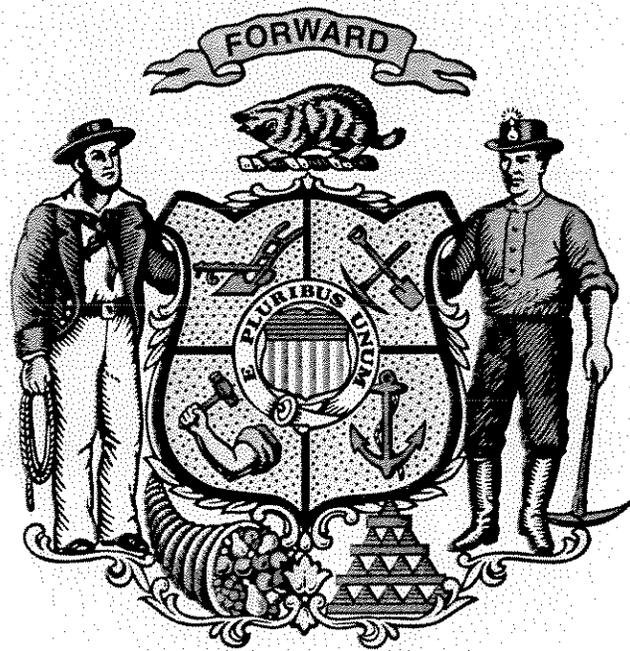
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David Ward
State Representative
37th Assembly District



Perlich, John H.

From: Ward, Dave
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2006 9:27 AM
To: Kapanke, Dan; Perlich, John H.; OBrien, John; Kedzie, Neal; Sen.Kedzie; Johnson, Dan (Legislature); Phillips, Matt; Brown, Ronald; Sen.Brown; Mnuk, Katie; Little, Kevin; Lindstedt, Daniel; Duerkop, Nathan; Olsen, Luther; Sen.Olsen; Smith, Heather; Hogan, Rebecca; Boario, Mary Ellen; Bruce, Cory; Lipp, Elizabeth; Erpenbach, Jon; Sen.Erpenbach; Knutson, Tryg; Holland, Bernadette; Johnson, Kelly; Hansen, Dave; Sen.Hansen; Genrich, Eric; Lundquist, Jessica; Wagnitz, John; Wadd, Jay; Miller, Mark; Sen.Miller; Huber, Grant; Kuhn, Jamie; Zehren, David; Sen.Kapanke
Cc: Block, Cindy
Subject: Letters of Support for Today's Senate Ag & Ins Hearing
Importance: High
Attachments: Bob Topel Siting Review Board Letter from DW and Fitz (4.13.06).pdf; Jim Holte Livestock Siting Review Board PDF.pdf

Colleagues,

Attached are two letters of support for the nominations of Mr. Bob Topel and Mr. Jim Holte to DATCP's Livestock Facility Siting and Review Board. Hardcopies will be provided at this morning's hearing.

Thank you for your time and consideration! Please do not contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dave Ward
State Representative
37th Assembly District

Scott Fitzgerald
State Senator
13th Senate District



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Review Board ...



Jim Holte Livestock
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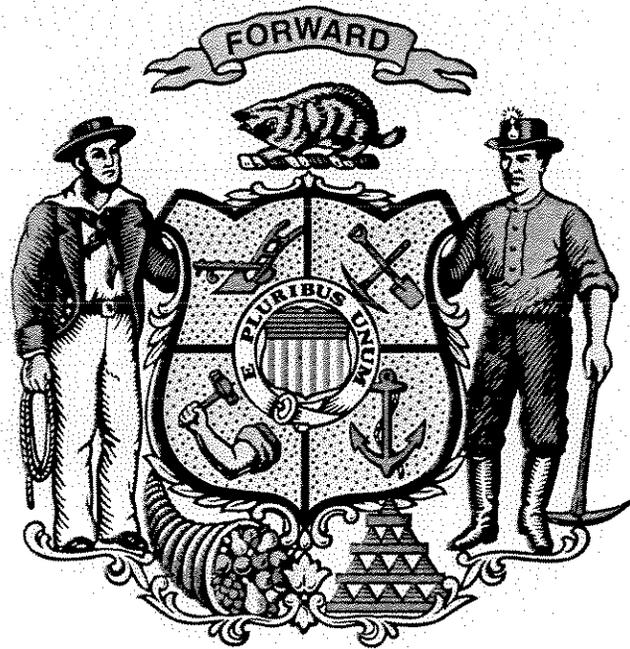
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Livestock Facility Siting Review Board
Member Resumes

Dr. Jerome Gaska, Columbus, WI

Dr. Gaska works exclusively with dairy farms; his largest client milks 1,800 cows. He has worked with expanding farms and has the respect of his clients and the veterinary community. Dr. Gaska has been in practice since 1989 when he graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine and has been a solo practitioner since 1993. Currently Dr. Gaska is a member of the WVMA's Public Health and Food Safety Committee.

Bob Topel, Waterloo, WI

Mr. Topel serves on the Town of Portland (Dodge County) Plan Commission and previously served on the town's Smart Growth Committee. In his current position, he is responsible for conducting land use public hearings and making recommendations to his townships.

Mr. Topel also serves as vice-chair of the Foremost Farms USA Board, the largest Wisconsin-based dairy cooperative and processor. He presides as co-chair of the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives-Minnesota Association of Cooperatives Two-State Dairy Committee.

Mr. Topel and his family recently modernized and expanded their own Dodge County dairy operation to 200 cows in recent years. This modernization required him to work effectively with county and town officials and would provide valuable expertise to the LFSRB.

Robert Selk, Madison, WI

Mr. Selk is a former Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin. He is currently an attorney and international consultant in criminal justice reform. He recently served on the state's Manure Management Task Force.

Mr. Selk is an avid trout fisherman and active member of Trout Unlimited.

Fran Byerly, Barron, WI

Mr. Byerly is a Director at Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.

Jim Holte, Elk Mound, WI

Mr. Holte is a beef and grain farmer in Dunn County, WI. He is a member of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Board of Directors, Vice-President of the Elk

Mound School Board, and previously served on the Board of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. He received the 2005 Master Agriculturalist Award, in recognition of proven ability and accomplishments as one of the state's most progressive farmers. Master Agriculturalists are farmers who contribute a considerable amount of their time, effort and knowledge to their communities and the agricultural organizations to which they belong. Mr. Holte is a graduate of the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program.

Andrew Johnson, Wausau, WI

Mr. Johnson is a conservation specialist with the Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department. He is also the chair of the Wisconsin Association of Land Conservation Employees Administrative Committee.

Lee Engelbrecht, Two Creeks, WI

Mr. Engelbrecht is a former dairy farmer who is a supervisor for the Town of Two Creeks. He is also the chair of the Manitowoc County Town's Unit, and has been on the Wisconsin Towns Association Board of Directors for four years.