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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

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Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation...

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Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Assembly Bill 20

Relating to: displaying attractions on highway specific information signs.

By Representatives Ainsworth, Hundertmark, Ballweg, Gielow, Hahn, Jeskewitz, Kerkman, Krawczyk, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, McCormick, Mursau, Musser, Ott, Petrowski, Pettis, Steinbrink, Stone, Townsend, Vos and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senators Zien, Grothman, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lassa and Olsen.

December 15, 2005 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

January 11, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and
Breske.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- John Ainsworth — Representative, 6th Assembly District
- Chet Gerlach — Association of Wisconsin Tourism Attractions

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- John Noll — Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Registrations For

- Dave Zien — Senator, 23rd Senate District

Registrations Against

- None.

February 1, 2006 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and
Breske.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Wirch, seconded by Senator Kapanke that
Assembly Bill 20 be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and
Breske.

Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Matt Phillips
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Date: 2-1-06

Bill Number: AB 20

Moved by: Wirch

Seconded by: Kapanke

Motion: Concurrence

Committee Member

Senator Neal Kedzie, Chair

Senator Cathy Stepp

Senator Dan Kapanke

Senator Roger Breske

Senator Robert Wirch

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Totals: _____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

**Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on
Natural Resources and Transportation
Public Hearing – January 11, 2005**

- ✓ • Welcome to today's hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.
- ✓ • Committee Clerk will take Attendance. The roll will be left open for members who have yet to arrive.
- ✓ • I would like to remind individuals wishing to testify to fill out a hearing slip and give it to the member of the Sergeant's Staff.

✓ **Senate Bill 162 (Introduced by the Joint Legislative Council)**

Relating to: creating a Council on Transportation Infrastructure in the Department of Transportation.

- Summary:** This bill creates a 16-member Council on Transportation Infrastructure (council) in the Department of Transportation (DOT). The membership of the council is composed of the following:
- four persons who have knowledge or experience in matters related to transportation infrastructure, appointed by the governor;
 - four persons who have knowledge or experience in matters related to transportation infrastructure, of whom one person is appointed by, respectively, the speaker of the assembly, the assembly minority leader, the senate majority leader, and the senate minority leader;
 - two state officers with duties related to transportation infrastructure, appointed by the governor;
 - the secretary of transportation (secretary) or his or her designee, who serves as the chairperson; and,
 - five legislative members, three from the assembly and two from the senate, who serve on standing committees dealing with transportation matters, appointed as are members of legislative standing committees.

The council is authorized to consider and make recommendations to DOT on matters related to transportation infrastructure development, including

Summary: This bill exempts from regulation as a motor carrier any vehicle combination if the vehicle combination's gross combination weight rating, registered weight, and actual gross weight do not exceed 26,000 pounds, the vehicle combination does not include a vehicle designed to transport or actually transporting the driver and 15 or more passengers or a vehicle transporting certain hazardous or toxic materials, and the vehicle combination is operated solely in intrastate commerce. The bill specifically exempts these vehicle combinations from any motor carrier vehicle marking requirement. The bill prohibits DOT from promulgating any rule under which certain federal motor carrier safety standards, including equipment standards, are applicable to, or enforceable with respect to, these vehicle combinations.

Questions:

- If this isn't in the testimony: Have you checked with Federal officials to ensure that this won't jeopardize federal funding?

✓ **Assembly Bill 20 (Rep. Ainsworth and Senator Zien)**

Relating to: displaying attractions on highway specific information signs.

Summary: This bill allows specific information signs to display the word "attraction," along with "gas," "food," "lodging," and "camping," and allows a sign mounted on the specific information sign to identify the attraction. An attraction under the bill must have a primary purpose of providing amusement, historical, cultural, or leisure activities to the public, regional significance, and adequate parking. The bill does not affect the ability of a person who displays an attraction on a specific information sign to also advertise the attraction on an outdoor advertising sign.

Assembly History:

- Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended passage on a 14-0 vote.
- The Joint Committee on Finance recommended passage on a 16-0 vote.
- The Assembly passed AB 20 on a voice vote.

Questions:

- What is the scope of attractions that would qualify for these signs? Will the number of attractions inundate travelers with information and make the signs less effective?
- Who is in charge of determining what attractions qualify and which do not, and what criteria will they utilize?

**Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on
Natural Resources and Transportation
Executive Session – January 31, 2006**

Senate Bill 162 (Joint Legislative Council)

Relating to: creating a Council on Transportation Infrastructure in the Department of Transportation.

- **MOTION FOR INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF LRB 2072/1 AS SA 1**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

- **MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 162 AS AMENDED**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

ASSEMBLY BILL 20 (AINSWORTH/ZIEN)

Relating to: displaying attractions on highway specific information signs.

- **MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE OF AB 20**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

Assembly Bill 509 (Rep. Albers and Senator Breske)

Relating to: liability of cities, villages, towns, and counties for damages caused by an insufficiency or want of repair of a highway. (FE)

- **MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE OF AB 509**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**