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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation...

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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
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 - (**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
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Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Assembly Bill 286

Relating to: bows used for hunting.

By Representatives Kestell, Gunderson, M. Williams, Hines, Pettis, Molepske, Owens, Musser, Hahn, Ott, Mursau, Albers, Kreibich, Lothian, Nerison and Krawczyk; cosponsored by Senators Reynolds and Grothman.

September 30, 2005 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

January 5, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Kedzie, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.
Absent: (1) Senator Stepp.

Appearances For

- Steve Kestell — State Representative, 27th Assembly District
- Tom Van Haren — WI Department of Natural Resources

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- George Meyer — WI Wildlife Federation
- Scott Gunderson — State Representative, 83rd Assembly District

Registrations Against

- None.

January 11, 2006 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Wirch that **Assembly Bill 286** be recommended for concurrence.

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

Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Dan Johnson
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Date: 1-11-06

Bill Number: AB 286

Moved by: Breske

Seconded by: Wirch

Motion: Concurrence

Committee Member

Senator Neal Kedzie, Chair

Senator Cathy Stepp

Senator Dan Kapanke

Senator Roger Breske

Senator Robert Wirch

Aye No Absent Not Voting

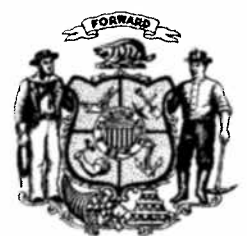
Totals: _____ _____ _____ _____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



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**Executive Session Notes
January 11, 2006**

- Committee Clerk will take Attendance.

Senate Bill 464 (Senator Brown and Rep. Gunderson)

Relating to: authorizing a person to transport an unencased firearm in a motor vehicle under certain circumstances

- MOTION FOR PASSAGE
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLE CALL

Assembly Bill 248 (Rep. Hines and Senator Olsen)

Relating to: operation of motorboats by persons who are at least 16 years of age and born after a certain date

- MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLE CALL

Assembly Bill 26 (Companion to SB 33; passed 5-0 on October 20) (Rep. Gunderson and Senator Leibham)

Relating to: entering into the wildlife violator compact

- MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLE CALL

Assembly Bill 286 (Rep. Kestell and Senator Reynolds)

Relating to: bows used for hunting

- MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLE CALL

Senate Bill 162 (Introduced by the Joint Legislative Council)

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

- MOTION FOR PASSAGE
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLE CALL

? Amendment -
① split between majority/minority
② identify majority committee

Senate Bill 480 (Senator Lasee and Representative Petrowski)

Relating to: transporting buildings on the highways and providing penalties.

- ✓ MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1
- ✓ SECOND
- ✓ DISCUSSION
- ✓ ROLE CALL

- ✓ MOTION FOR PASSAGE AS AMENDED
- ✓ SECOND
- ✓ DISCUSSION
- ✓ ROLE CALL

? another amendment for funding

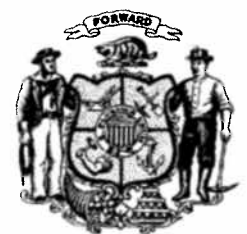
Senate Bill 485 (Senator Stepp and Rep. Nerison)

Relating to: exempting from motor carrier regulations certain vehicle combinations operated in intrastate commerce.

- ✓ MOTION FOR PASSAGE
- ✓ SECOND
- ✓ DISCUSSION
- ✓ ROLE CALL



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September 19, 2005

TO: Members of the Wisconsin State Assembly

FROM: Amber Meyer Smith
DNR Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 286, relating to bows used for hunting

AB 286 is scheduled for Assembly floor action on September 20, 2005, and I am writing today to indicate the DNR's support for AB 286.

This bill will eliminate the 100-pound draw weight minimum for crossbow bows, when the crossbow is simply conventional compound bow that are equipped with a device that holds the bow at full draw. Under current law, crossbows may only be used for hunting by:

1. Persons with certain disabilities,
2. Persons who are visually handicapped, and
3. Residents who are age 65 or older.

This bill does not change or expand restrictions on who may use a crossbow or what is considered a crossbow. A crossbow is defined as any device using a bow which, once drawn, is held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it. If a hunter attaches a device to an otherwise legal compound bow that holds the bow at full draw (a device known as a draw-loc), that compound bow is then considered a crossbow.

For a crossbow to be used in hunting however, it must have a minimum draw weight of 100 pounds. Most compound bows do not have draw weights that meet or exceed 100 pounds. Disabled Hunters or residents who are age 65 or older that already own a compound bow, can not legally use their compound bow if they attach a full draw "draw-loc" device to it. These hunters have requested this change to allow them to use bows they already own.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Van Haren, DNR Law Enforcement Rules and Regulations Specialist at (608) 266-3244.

From: ed harvey [mailto:eharvey@excel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2005 9:35 PM
To: Rep.Kestell
Subject: ab 286

Unfortunately, neither Delmer Liebe, or I are able to attend the hearing this morning on **AB 286**. I do, however, want to thank you for bringing the bill along this far, this quickly.

Up until a few years ago, Delmer was bow hunting with the use of a full draw bow lock. I'm sure that other seniors were using them as well. Then, Chief Warden Stark wrote a memorandum which stated that compound bows with full draw bow locks satisfied the definition of a crossbow. This, in itself was not a problem. Because of his age, Delmer was already qualified to use a crossbow. However, to be legal in Wisconsin, crossbows must have a minimum draw weight of 100 pounds. If Delmer were capable of drawing a 100 pound bow, he would probably not need a draw lock. A warden who knew that Delmer used a full draw lock, advised him that he could no longer legally use it.

Delmer spent two years working through the Conservation Congress process to make his bow lock legal again. When he was about to jump through the last hoop, it was decided that new language in the administrative code would not be adequate to bring about the change. A statutory change is really needed.

This is really a human interest bill. The number of hunters who opted to use the locks, when they were considered legal, was few. Some who could use crossbows will elect to use the locks instead. Only those who can legally use a crossbow will be allowed to use the locks. The locks will allow people, like Delmer, to continue to bow hunt in a way which is very similar to the hunting experience which they have enjoyed for their entire lives.

Hopefully, AB 286 will become law before this fall. Because we are dealing primarily with seniors, every season is important.

Thank you again for moving the bill along. It was on the Department of Natural Resources list of desired legislation for the 2005 legislative year. With the Department, and the Conservation Congress on board, and with you continued efforts, we hope to see Delmer's proposal become law.

Sincerely

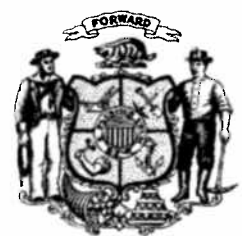
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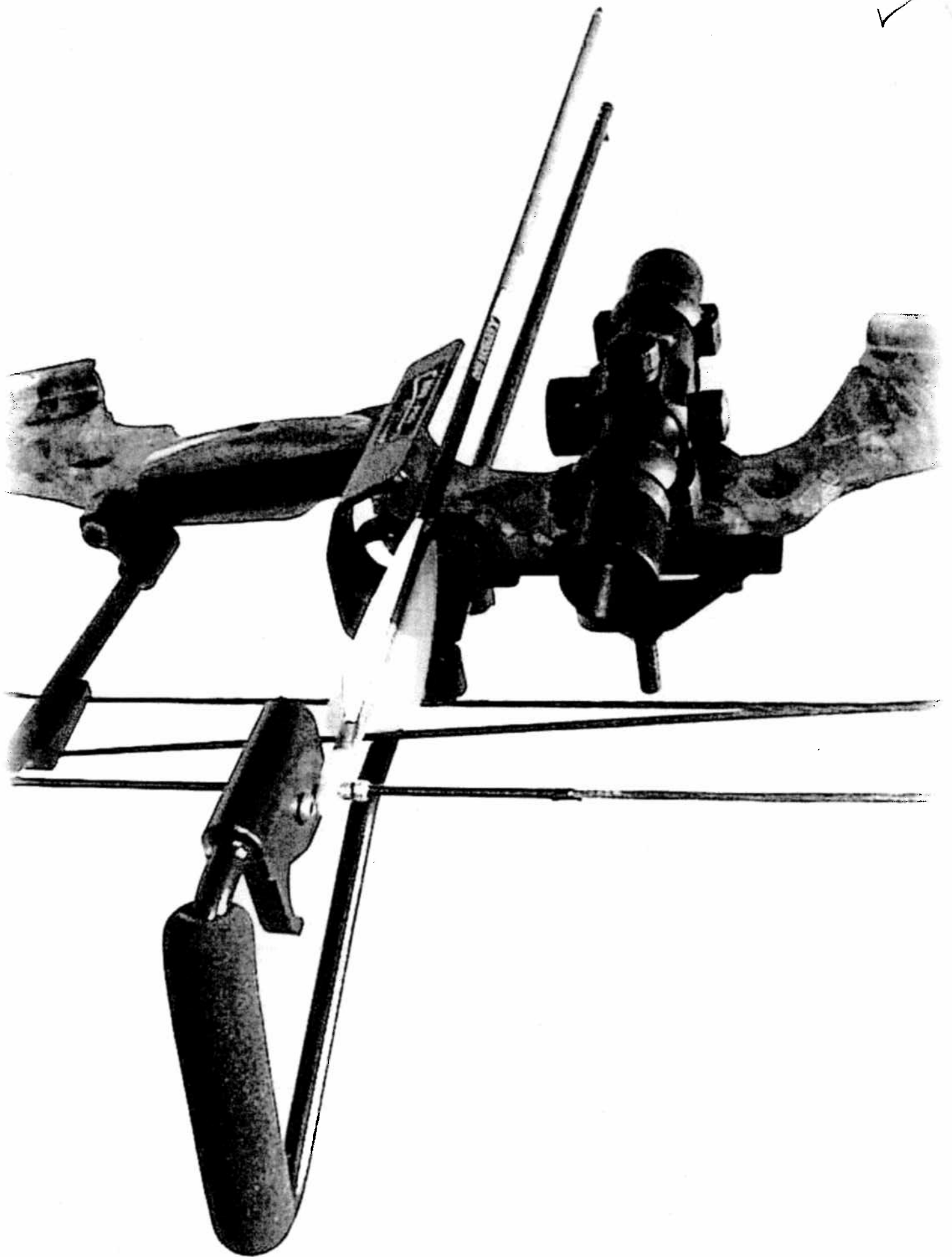
Vice Chairman

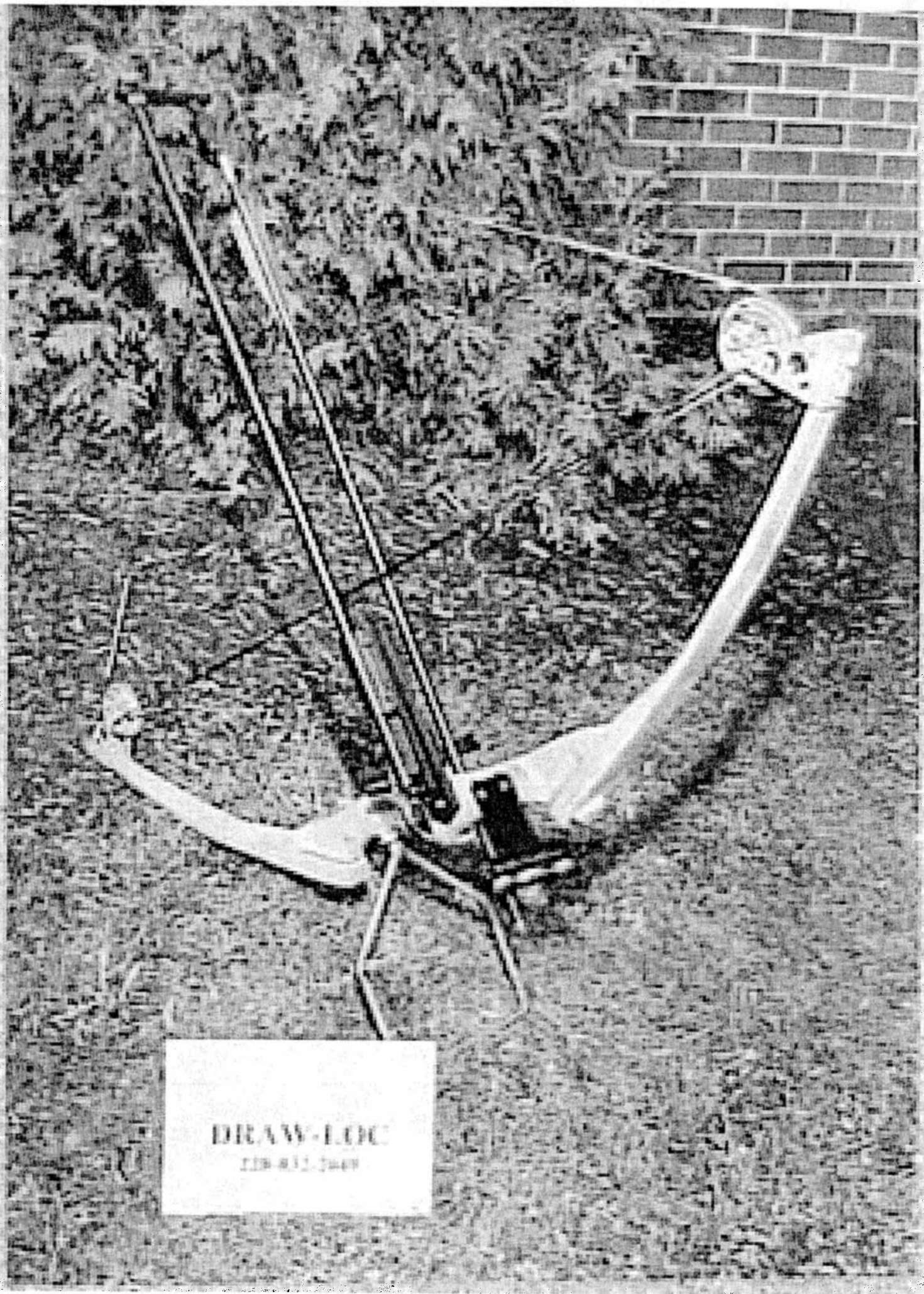
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