



**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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Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Senate Bill 485

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

By Senators Stepp, Leibham and A. Lasee; cosponsored by Representatives Nerison, Vos, Petrowski, Gronemus, Pettis, Owens, Towns, Musser, Albers, McCormick and Ballweg.

December 22, 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

- Cathy Stepp — State Senator, 21st Senate District

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Lee Nerison — Representative, 96th Assembly District
- Mark Pettis — State Representative, 28th 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 Stepp that **Senate Bill 485** be recommended for passage.

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

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Dan Johnson
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Date: 1-11-06

Bill Number: SB 485

Moved by: Breske Seconded by: Stepp

Motion: Passage

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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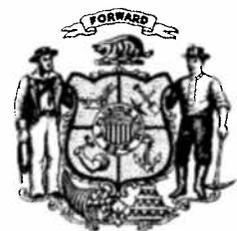
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



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**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

intermodal transportation opportunities among railways, highways, waterways, harbors, and airports in this state and between these transportation modes in this state and those of other jurisdictions.

The council may consider and make recommendations to DOT on any matter related to transportation infrastructure development, including:

- opportunities for interaction and interconnection between appropriate modes of transportation;
- the standards and measures by which consumers select modes of transportation;
- the adequacy of infrastructure capacity for all appropriate modes of transportation; and,
- opportunities for cooperation and coordination with other states and provinces in order to improve transportation between Wisconsin and other markets.

Questions:

- How would this council's responsibilities compare to the responsibilities of the Transportation Projects Commission that currently exists?

Senate Bill 480 (Senator Lasee and Representative Petrowski)

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

Summary: This bill prohibits a person from operating a vehicle transporting a building on a highway unless the vehicle is a CMV, the person holds a CDL, and the vehicle is operated under a valid motor carrier certificate of authority, for which all motor carrier insurance requirements are satisfied. This bill does not include manufactured or modular home.

Questions:

- Why does the bill exempt trucks carrying manufactured or modular homes?
- What does Senate Amendment 1 (authored by Senator Lasee) do?

Senate Bill 485 (Senator Stepp and Rep. Nerison)

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

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:

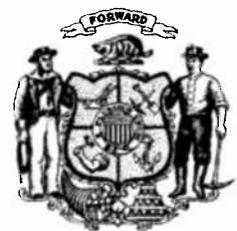
- Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended passage on a 14-0 vote.
- The Joint Committee on Finance recommended passage on a 16-0 vote.
- The Assembly passed AB 20 on a voice vote.

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?



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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 -
to be added to the bill
mainly for
the Department of Transportation*

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

*Senate
amendment
to passage*

Senate Bill 485 (Senator Stepp and Rep. Nerison)

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- MOTION FOR PASSAGE
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLE CALL