

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Agriculture and Insurance

Assembly Bill 254

Relating to: managing state forest lands, harvesting of timber from state forest lands, emergencies on state forest lands, actions against forestry operations, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

By Representatives Friske, Gard, Ainsworth, Meyer, Mursau, M. Williams, Gronemus, Kaufert, Gunderson, Wieckert, Bies, Freese, Gundrum, Hahn, Kestell, Krawczyk, McCormick, Montgomery, Musser, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Suder, Townsend, Underheim, Van Roy and Schneider; cosponsored by Senators Kanavas, Breske and Zien.

November 11, 2005 Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Insurance.

January 18, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Brown, Olsen,
Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Don Friske — Rep., 35th Assembly District
- Jeff Barkley, Madison — DNR

Appearances Against

- Sally Whiffen, Madison — Friends of the Brule River

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Gunnar Bergersen — Lake States Lumber Assoc and Timber Producers Assoc
- Gene Francisco — WI Professional Loggers Association
- Casey Eggleston, Madison — The Nature Conservancy
- Lynn Wilson, Tomahawk — Plum Creek Timber Company

Registrations Against

- None.

January 31, 2006 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Brown, Olsen,
Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Miller that
Assembly Bill 254 be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (7) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Brown, Olsen,
Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.
Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

John Perlich
Committee Clerk