

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Forestry**

##### **Assembly Bill 686**

Relating to: permitting two or more employers engaged in the logging industry to pool their worker's compensation liabilities for purposes of operating as self-insurers and requiring the establishment of separate classifications and worker's compensation insurance rates for mechanized logging operations and for manual logging operations.

By Representatives Mursau, Friske, Gard, Ainsworth, Albers, Gronemus, Gunderson, Hahn, Hubler, McCormick, Montgomery, Musser, Nerison, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Suder, Townsend, M. Williams and Krawczyk; cosponsored by Senators Kapanke, Breske, Brown, Grothman, Hansen, A. Lasee and Roessler.

September 26, 2005 Referred to Committee on Forestry.

January 10, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth, M. Williams and Hubler.

Absent: (1) Representative Boyle.

##### Appearances For

- Roger Breske, Madison — Senator, 12th Senate District
- Bob Mather, Madison — Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Gene Francisco, Sun Prairie — Executive Director, Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association
- Jeff Mursau, Madison — Representative, 36th Assembly District
- Peter Grieves, McMillan — Former Executive Director, Timber Producers Association
- Dale Dorow, Mauston — Wisconsin County Forests Association
- Mark Drangstveit, Black River Falls — Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association

##### Appearances Against

- Earl Gustafson, Neenah — Wisconsin Paper Council
- Joe Moreth, Madison — Department of Workforce Development
- Eric Englund, Madison — Wisconsin Insurance Alliance
- Jill Josowiak, Madison — Worker's Compensation Self Insured Advisory Council

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Gunnar Bergerson, Madison — Lobbyist, Lake States Luumber & Timber Producers Association
- Gary Vander Wyst, Butternut — Society of American Foresters

Registrations Against

- John Wittry, Milwaukee — Chairman, Workers Compensation Self Insurers Council
- James Buchen, Madison — Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- Misha Lee, Madison — Sentry Insurance

February 14, 2006

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth, Hubler and Boyle.

Absent: (1) Representative M. Williams.

Moved by Representative Friske, seconded by Representative Mursau that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth, Hubler and Boyle.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Representative M. Williams.

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION  
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0**

Moved by Representative Friske, seconded by Representative Hubler that **Assembly Bill 686** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth, Hubler and Boyle.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Representative M. Williams.

**PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0**

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Tim Gary  
Committee Clerk