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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
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**2007-08**

(session year)

**Assembly**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Agriculture (AC-Ag)**

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**INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL**

- Appointments ... **Appt**
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- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions  
(**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)  
(**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                      (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

## Vote Record Committee on Agriculture

Date: 1/24/08

Moved by: Vruwink

Seconded by: Garthwaite

AB 1657      SB \_\_\_\_\_      Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR \_\_\_\_\_      SJR \_\_\_\_\_      Appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR \_\_\_\_\_      SR \_\_\_\_\_      Other \_\_\_\_\_

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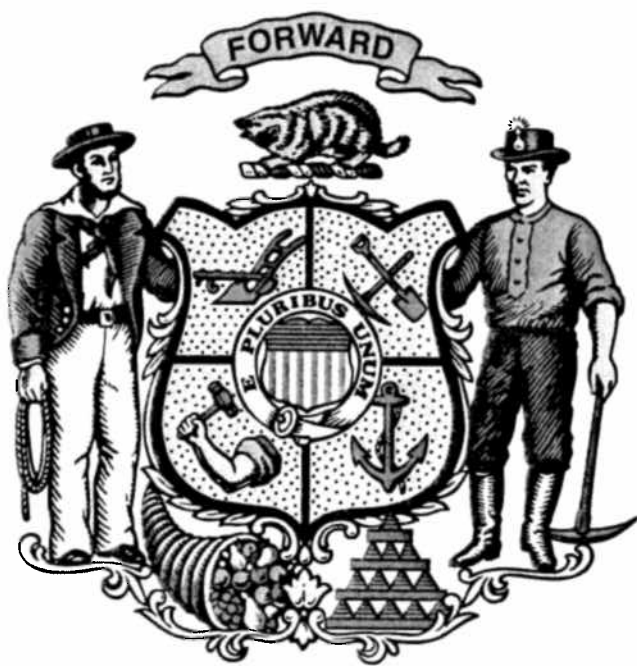
Be recommended for:

- Passage       Adoption       Confirmation       Concurrence       Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction       Rejection       Tabling       Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<b>Representative Alvin Ott, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Representative Barbara Gronemus</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Amy Sue Vruwink</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Representative Andy Jorgensen</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>    </u>

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



**AB 657**  
**World Dairy Center Authority Repeal**  
**Assembly Committee on Agriculture**  
**January 10, 2008**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Assembly Bill 657 (AB 657), relating to the repeal of the statutory reference to the World Dairy Center Authority.

1991 Wisconsin Act 16 – under Chapter 235 of the statutes – created the World Dairy Center Authority to establish a Wisconsin center for the national and international dairy industry.

As I understand the history of this issue, when the current Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection building was being constructed, the owner of the land envisioned creating a larger “World Dairy Center” on the surrounding land. He hoped to attract major dairy and agricultural businesses, breed associations, trade associations, etc. The World Dairy Center Authority was created as part of that development effort.

Unfortunately, the land owner was not able to get commitments from some of the key players he had hoped to attract, bringing the development concept to a halt, and minimizing the need for a World Dairy Center Authority.

The World Dairy Center Authority has not been active in any way for many years. In the past, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has proposed that the Revisor of Statutes repeal the Authority. The Revisor’s office, however, never agreed to introduce language to repeal the Authority.

When I inquired about repealing these statutes last summer, former World Dairy Expo General Manager Tom McKittrick, said the World Dairy Center Authority was, “a great idea that never became a reality.” Mr. McKittrick expressed no reservation regarding the deletion of this statutory language.

The repeal of Chapter 235 and other statutory language referencing the World Dairy Center Authority is not expected to have any negative implications for the World Dairy Expo event held annually in Madison.

Repealing this language would simply remove an outdated section of the statutes, and eliminate the statutory requirement that the Governor and leadership in the Assembly and Senate make appointments to the Authority.

As a final note, the provisions of AB 657 were included in the Assembly version of the state budget, but were removed during conference committee deliberations.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to take questions from the committee at this time.