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☞ May 29, 2007 ... Public Hearing

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2007-08

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Committee on ... Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs (SC-LEUA)

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Public Hearing - SB 104

5/29/07

SC opening remarks

- rampant havoc in city
- Jasmine Owens
- memorial day 2006
- closing loophole in state law
- sub. amendment goes back to original bill
- simple sub covers 18-21 y.o.'s

MAG ✓ (Deb, Marna, Beverly)

- Beverly Anderson
 - sons killed
 - Deb did checking
 - husband bought gun from dealer
 - applies to handguns only
 - want background check
 - need to stop the violence
- Marna Winbush
 - not trying to take guns away
 - loophole that needs to be closed
 - not taking away guns
- Deb Fifer
 - gentleman that sold gun to guy got it at @ show
 - owner ~~do~~ supports the bill

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Mayor Tom Barrett

- pay tribute to MAGV moms
- thanks SC
- some will say purpose is to take guns away
- take guns from felons + teenagers
- needs help from state legislature to do this
- MPD confiscated 2400 guns in '06 - up 29%
so far this year
- 84% of crime guns re-sold
- 40% of gun sales w/o background check nationally
- SC 2's
 - how was memorial day 2007?
 - created new, floating 8th MPD district
 - needs partner in state government
- GG 2's
 - thanks SC
 - makes comparison to McGee's anti-smitching

Dr. Stephen Hargarten

- thanks SC
- emergency MD
- directs firearm injury ctr. @ MCAJ
- "biosocial disease burden" = gun violence
- 2250 firearm deaths in WI since 2000
- 500 ER visits / \$10m in gun ER visits in 2000
 - \$8.5m in MKE Co.
- regulate pedestrian + driver actions
- change environment
- 1/3 of suspects were felons
- legislative branch can do more than ER docs

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Kenneth Barnes

- missed most of it
- DC mayor took over schools in DC
- GG 2's

Kirk Bickham's sister

Jordan Austin, NRA

- probs. w/ lot
- would limit transfers, not just sales
- sub would go statewide
 - no effect on crime
 - no clear definition of what a transfer is
 - transfer could mean anything
 - constitutional right
- MSS article, 6th of this year, (?) on crime stats
 - Crime is dropping according to Doyle
- encourages lack of support
- couldn't find clear definition of transference in MKE code
- ban on handguns in DC - no effect
- guaranteed right to self-defense in WI
- John Lehman
 - interested in comments on transfer
 - asks for particular suggestions on clearing up transfer language

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Jim Fendry, w/ Pro Gun Mvmt.

- feels sorrow for families
- issue of marketplace
- kind of like drug issues
- 20/20 program - gun control doesn't work
- 140 incidents last year
 - not serious issue to the ATF (not worth resources)
- August 2006 - DOJ book - "Violent Criminals"
- if prosecute 1/10 of 1%, have to build new courthouse - Fiscal note would be enormous
- SC 2's

- as easy to buy a gun as drugs on the street (JF)
- review fiscal notes (not much knowledge)

Brian O'Keefe (Depy. Chief, MPD, Criminal Invest. Div.)

- no acceptable crime level
- secondary weapons coming in to city
- allow FFL checks in secondary market
- people not always selling weapons to friends
- cops don't own their own weapon
- marital property laws trump transfer questions
- will help law enforcement back track sales
- SC 2's
- SL 2's

- "time to crime" up from 3 years to 7 years on gun show sales

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Bob Welch, Bear Hunter's Assn.

- right to bear arms in fed. + state constitutions
- City of MKE has extreme circumstances
- pistols legitimate ~~and~~ hunting guns
- no correlation between gun ownership + violence
- transfer still a problem
- family transfer biggest problem
- SC ?'s

Peggy West, MKE Co. Supervisor

- March 2006 resolution supporting bill
- good 1st step
- Thanks SC + Johnnie Morris-Tatum + Achaundi Hamilton
- don't oppose just cause it's not enough
- safety of community important 1st step
- SC ?'s
- GG ?'s

Gene Eckler

- bill is unenforceable
- wasting everyones time here today
- need handguns for defense
- in law enforcement
- convicted felons shouldn't come in contact w/ guns
- former SOE officer
- enforce laws that are on the books
- crazy cell phone / gun demonstration
- SC ?'s

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George Martin, Peace Action WI

- this is an urban affair
- making community safer
- mad about people talking about drugs from outside community
- citizens working to better community
- ask Urban Affairs to

Miles Littlefield, Geneva City

- intent good, but doomed
- straw purchase illegal = having someone go in + buy a gun for someone else
- intent is to stop violence
- war against drugs doesn't work - alcohol prohibition
- Green Leaf, 11 school shootings
- talk + educate about violence

→ www.gunfact.info (uses DoJ stats)

- 92% of police chiefs thing citizens should be ~~legally~~ armed

- SC ?s

- knives used more than guns
- can't ban those though

- LT ?s

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Robert "Biko" Baker, Campaign Against Violence

- big issue ↳ 26 y.o. black man
 - questions why he lives in city
 - no market would mean less crime
 - no help - responsibility of public officials to help
- George Meyer, WI Wildlife Federation
- reasonable, responsible gun owners
 - sympathy target as well
 - handguns used for hunting & target shooting
 - 2-3 years ago
 - guy won .22 target pistol
 - daughter wants to buy his handgun
 - would have to get background check on air daughter
 - minor inconvenience but won't solve problem
 - pre-answered SF's stock question
 - SC ?s
 - JL ?s
 - would be just as opposed to bill whether statewide or MKE Co. only

Eugene Noonan

- just another way for gov't to register guns

James Kocofsky

- former MPD teacher
- student was killed w/ 1.5" pen knife
- talked to Mayor Norquist before
- not quite sure what he's going for here
- prosecute parents selling to kids?
- criminals will ignore
- same problem w/ guns

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William Shultz

- another step towards more restrictive gun laws
- history of lack of law enforcement in NKE

Margene Woida

- mother of three sons
- works in middle school
- bill gives them hope
- works w/ handicap kids in middle schools
- education not enough - always teach about seat belts and had a Gov. (NS-Corzine) in an accident

Fred Fuerst

- how many crimes committed this year by paroled felons
- case of Officer Griffin
- used to make believe he was shooting things
- get tough on laws we already have

Bob Graf

- walked to school back in his day
- gov't serves common good
- active in civil rights movmt.
- not a gun control bill

Matthew Fin Kristoff Haavik

- silly that NRA claims credit for background checks
- NRA fought against armor piercing bullets
- no one believes that other things are really deadly
- comes down to inconvenience
- may be a deterrent
- laws against drunk driving don't prevent all DUI's

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Peter Byrne

- another shot @ law abiding citizens
- criminals will ignore
- strict enforcement of laws on books

~~R. W. Kowrow~~

Pastor Henry Stiller

- assault on freedom
 - reducing individual rights by gov'ts worldwide
 - evidence of concern expressed today
 - extent & intent of bill an important issue
 - identify need of law
 - localized local city problem
 - expanded federally??
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concerned about extent of intent

Ray Fisher

- not doing good enough job with current resources
- wants Congress to support more federal resources
- joint city/ATF anti-gun campaign a couple years ago
- need more citizen cooperation w/ the police

~~Kathleen Hart~~ Tim Siehr

- lost sight of legislation
- opposed to any loss of individual liberty
- concerned about ambiguity of language

Nicholas Ruppert

- transfer language a problem
- exclusion for family members

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Michael Gallo

- chemist for Fisher Scientific
- 2nd amendment limits gov't right to limit personal liberty
- gun control isn't crime control
- penalties already in place for straw purchases
- no correlation between gun violence + gun laws

LaNisha Martin, CAV

Thomas Berna

- apologized for starting clapping
- wants to know if the Jt. Cmte. on Criminal Penalty Report

Rick Sommerfelt

- sympathize w/ people's loss
- law want stop criminals from getting guns
- loves guns
- doesn't want gov't to have list of gunners - provides shopping list

Bobby Drake, CAV

- doesn't like people outside the community arguing against
- people missing the point today
- sad that we need a public hearing to save lives
- \$8 + 48 hrs. not much of inconvenience for background check for gun
- car sale needs to be registered w/ state
- no effect on gun shows
- criminals aren't stupid, they're criminals

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Jayne Montgomery, CAV

- change the direction of the community
- need education + training as well
- have to register horse sale
- Susmine Owens
- inconvenience isn't that much for background check
- criminals laugh at the law anyway - close the loophole
- a first step

Dawn Baker, CAV

- \$50 can buy a 13 y.o. a gun in 18 minutes
- need tools to keep guns out of kids hands

Allen Nelson

- teach gun safety in the schools
- on weapons curte. w/ McGee Sr.
- criminals afraid of getting hurt or caught
- need better enforcement of existing laws
- slippery slope to take away civil rights

Laura Marriguez, MICAH

- #1 priority should be safety + security
- cost of incarceration isn't worth it
- ~~the~~ street memorials are sad
- intended to create accountability + responsi
- bill is a tool to be used

Dennis Waller

- former cop + police chief
- gun control, statewide or not
- useless piece of legislation
- city could pick up where the feds leave off
- go after root causes of crime

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Ervin Weatherly

- talked about people he knows who were shot
- Oconomowoc guy selling guns in MKE
- too many guns on the street

Michael Brice

- concern about it going statewide
- has cont. talked to gun owners to see if they can handle the extra work
- background check not thorough enough w/o stamping on civil rights
- Ald. McGee w/ incorrect license
- liability for gun malfunction

Mary Glass

- bill will track guns, prevent violence & stop deaths
- stereotype today that everyone outside MKE Co. are law abiding
- many guns in MKE traced to one shop
- bill is for greater good

Jeff Totsky

- want reduce crime
- Doyle killed concealed carry
- address problem - predatory animals
- police saturation doesn't make a difference
- would attack personal freedoms

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Vaso Gasic

- anger in community
- guns coming from "somewhere" is BS
- most citizens of MIKE Co are law-abiding
- some racial angle I don't understand
- need major crime enforcement

Joe Walsh

- won't work better than the gun buyback program
- no one has talked about the fiscal effect of the bill
- requiring education would be fine
- asks SC's opinion on concealed carry
- former federal firearms licensee

Jeff Shebesta

- we're urban affairs, he's rural - a union member
- transfer definition too loose
- if convicted, he'd be a felon & couldn't own guns
- double check all stats heard today
- must destroy records once background check performed
- feds illegally keeping background check info

Don Kemp

- crime expands @ rate, society willing to accept it
- people who murder know it's illegal to kill
- loophole doesn't actually exist
- people need to understand morality of law

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Toss Hesselberg

- interferes w/ freedoms + marketplace
- personal property right problems
- violates 2nd amendment
- concentrate on negative laws/punishment
- has guns for sport + protection
- look @ idea of death penalty in state

Betty Nicholas - Braxton, MAGV

- if law on June 25, 2004 - her son might still be alive
- killed by felon who got a gun within a week of release
- felon used gun three times in robberies before murder
- former MPS teacher (33 years)
- students who were former criminals said it was so easy to get a weapon
- if love guns - shouldn't be a big deal to get background checks



Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

Senate Bill 104

Relating to: requiring firearms restrictions record searches for certain transfers of handguns involving residents of Milwaukee County, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

By Senators Coggs and Lehman; cosponsored by Representatives Young, Grigsby, Sinicki, A. Williams, Zepnick, Fields, Staskunas, Berceau, Turner and Toles.

March 21, 2007 Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

May 29, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Coggs, Wirsch, Lehman and Grothman.

Absent: (1) Senator A. Lasee.

Appearances For (21)

- Debra Fifer, Milwaukee — Mothers Against Gun Violence
- Marna Winbush, Milwaukee — Mothers Against Gun Violence
- Beverly Anderson, Milwaukee — Mothers Against Gun Violence
- Tom Barrett, Milwaukee — Mayor, City of Milwaukee
- Kenneth Barnes, Washington, D.C. — ROOT Inc.
- Daylesha Bickham, Milwaukee — Mothers Against Gun Violence
- Brian O'Keefe, Milwaukee — Deputy Chief of Police, Milwaukee Police Department
- Peggy West, Milwaukee — County Supervisor, Milwaukee County
- George Martin, Milwaukee — Peace Action of Wisconsin
- Robert Baker, Milwaukee — Campaign Against Violence
- Margene Woida, Milwaukee
- Bob Graf, Milwaukee
- Kristof Haavik, Menomonee Falls
- LaNisha Martin, Milwaukee — Campaign Against Violence
- Bobby Drake, Milwaukee — Campaign Against Violence
- Jayme Montgomery, Milwaukee — Campaign Against Violence
- Dawn Baker, Milwaukee — Campaign Against Violence
- Laura Manriquez, Milwaukee — MICAH

140 total
400 - FOR - SB
AGAINST - 82

- Ervin Weatherby, Jr., Milwaukee
- Mary Glass, Milwaukee — CFNBA
- Betty Nicholas-Braxton, Milwaukee — Mothers Against Gun Violence

Appearances Against (27)

- Jordan Austin, Fairfax — National Rifle Association
- Jim Fendry, Greendale — Wisconsin Pro-Gun Movement
- Bob Welch — Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association
- Gene Eckler, Elkhart Lake
- Miles Littlefield, Genoa City
- George Meyer, Madison — Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Eugene Noonan, Milwaukee
- James Kocovsky, Colgate
- William Shirtz, Wauwatosa
- Fred Fuersy, Milwaukee
- Peter Byrne, Fredonia
- Henry Stiller, Elkhorn — Pastor, Lakewood Baptist Church
- Ray Fisher, Franklin
- Tim Siehr, Milwaukee
- Michael Gallo, Saukville
- Nicholas Ruppert, Milwaukee
- Thomas Berna, Milwaukee
- Rick Sommerfelt, Wauwatosa
- Allan Nelson, Milwaukee
- Dennis Waller, Brookfield
- Michael Brice, Dalton
- Jeff Totsky, Milwaukee
- Vaso Sasic, Wauwatosa
- Jeff Shebesta, Jackson
- Joe Walsh, Watertown
- Don Kemps, Hilbert
- Tom Hesselberg, Sussex

Appearances for Information Only (1)

- Stephen Hargarten, Milwaukee — Dr. , Medical College of Wisconsin

Registrations For (36)

- Vida Bridges, Milwaukee
- Calvin Lee, Milwaukee
- Gregory John, Milwaukee
- George Nathaniel, Milwaukee — Pastor
- Carolyn Hill, Milwaukee
- Tenine Fleck, Milwaukee — Campaign Against Violence

- Lenore Borum, Milwaukee
- Jeanne Sieger, Franklin
- Joe Ellwanger, Milwaukee — MICAH
- Joyce Ellwanger, Milwaukee — MICAH
- Kathleen Hart, Greendale — WI-CURE
- Margaret Fuchs, Glendale
- Ann Marie Uselmann, Wauwatosa
- Antonia Nelson, Milwaukee — Million Mom March
- Thomas Fritz, Milwaukee
- Jim Koneazny, Milwaukee
- Christopher Thompson, Boston — Dr., ROOT Inc.
- Carrie Turner, Milwaukee
- Martin Wall, Milwaukee
- Lucille Bennett, Milwaukee
- Jay Larkey, Milwaukee
- Lois Malawsky, Milwaukee
- Zakiya Courtney, Milwaukee
- Terry Perry, Milwaukee — City of Milwaukee
Intergovernmental Relations
- James Godsil, Milwaukee — MilwaukeeRenaissance.com
- Ashanti Hamilton, Milwaukee — Alderman, City of
Milwaukee
- Mary Loveland, Milwaukee
- Ella Dunbar, Milwaukee
- Amy Fritz, Milwaukee
- Rose Stietz, Milwaukee
- Cynthia Wilson, Milwaukee
- Karen Levy, Milwaukee
- Peter Lee, Milwaukee
- Grace Valentine, Milwaukee
- Bruce Rinteuman, West Milwaukee
- Katherine Marris, Milwaukee

Registrations Against (SS)

- George Burgess, Shorewood
- Udo Scholz, Bayside
- Atone Bishop, Milwaukee
- Shawn McGee, Milwaukee
- Douglas Moudry, Milwaukee
- Debra Junek, West Allis
- David Baertlein, West Allis
- Ralph Denson, Milwaukee
- Bob Long, Brookfield
- Kimberly Muelver, Milwaukee

- Matthew Muelver, Milwaukee
- Norbert Bybee, Fox Point
- John Hagen, Grafton
- William Voboril, Milwaukee
- Candace Dainty, Prairie du Sac
- Jim Vint, Milwaukee
- Patrick Kenney, Milwaukee
- R.W. Kussrow, Milwaukee
- Jeffery Beck, Beloit
- Erich Berger, Menomonee Falls
- Steven Klotzbuecher, Milwaukee
- Matthew Fisher, St. Francis
- Jerome Spankowsi, Milwaukee — National Rifle Association
- Donald Sukup, Milwaukee
- Harriet Pedersen, Wauwatosa
- John Resch, New Berlin
- Mark Zangl, Sussex
- Paul Hopp, Menomonee Falls
- Kent Oberle, Milwaukee
- Lorrie Hammord, Franklin
- Bill Brennan, Wauwatosa
- Tim Brunker, Milwaukee
- T. Michael Barrett, Wauwatosa
- Ken Liebergen, Hartford
- Jesse Curtis, Milwaukee
- Eric Obermeyer, Franklin — Wisconsin Rifle & Pistol Association
- E. Charles Roamon, Brookfield
- Thomas Sorensen, Milwaukee
- Gary Furman Sr., Eagle
- Gary Cox, Pell Lake
- Cheryl Siehr, Milwaukee
- Joseph Samolyk, Milwaukee
- John Chojnacki, Oak Creek — Racine County Wide Rifle Club
- Edward Klotzbuecher, Milwaukee
- Judy Christofferson, Milwaukee
- Robert Nienas, Milwaukee
- Gilbert Ecks, Cedarburg
- LeRoy Gross, Fond du Lac
- Darwin Constantine, Milwaukee
- J.T. Miseran, Rubicon — National Rifle Association
- Kenneth Maves, Waukesha — National Rifle Association
- Joel Ellis, Milwaukee — National Rifle Association
- Judith Joerndt, Franksville

- Warren Joerndt, Franksville
- Fred Dainty, Prairie du Sac

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

Adam Plotkin
Committee Clerk





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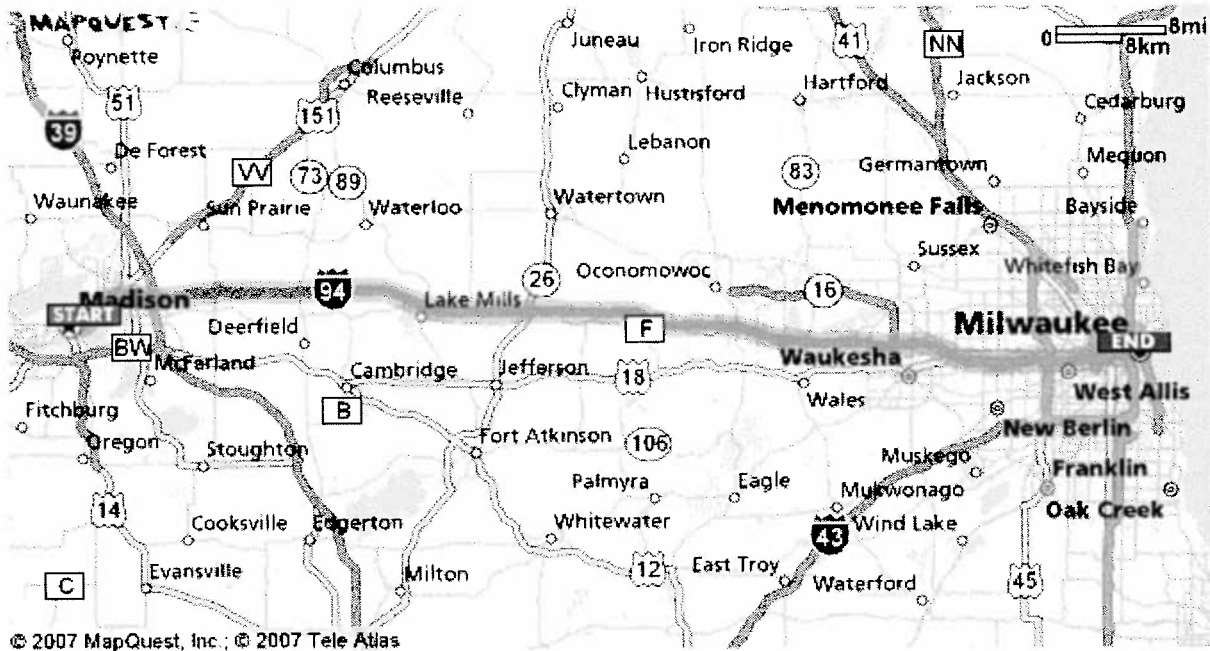


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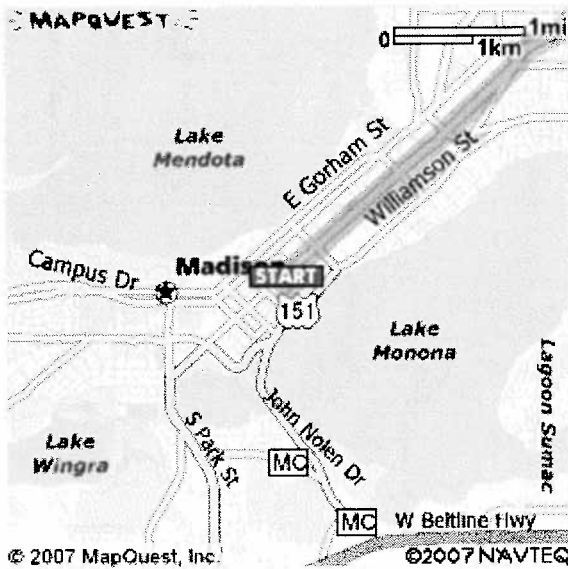
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