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2009-10

(session year)

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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Forestry

Assembly Bill 754

Relating to: an income and franchise tax credit for lumber manufacturing facility investments and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Friske, Clark, Meyer, Mursau, M. Williams, Molepske Jr., Berceau, Bies, Brooks, Nerison, A. Ott, Suder, Tauchen, Townsend and Vos; cosponsored by Senator Holperin.

February 16, 2010 Referred to Committee on Forestry.

February 17, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Representatives Clark, Sherman, Milroy, Friske
and Mursau.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Don Friske — Representative, 35th Assembly District
- Gunnar Bergerson — Lake States Lumber Association

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Terry Mace — Wisconsin DNR - Division of Forestry

Registrations For

- Jim Holperin — Senator, 12th Senate District

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 24, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Representatives Clark, Sherman, Milroy, Friske
and Mursau.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Friske, seconded by Representative Sherman that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Clark, Sherman, Milroy,
Friske and Mursau.

Noes: (0) None.

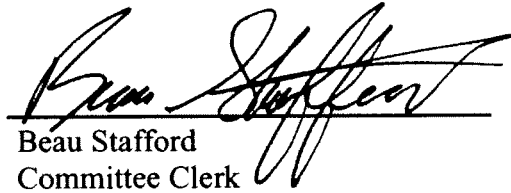
INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Friske, seconded by Representative Sherman that **Assembly Bill 754** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Clark, Sherman, Milroy,
Friske and Mursau.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0


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Vote Record

Committee on Forestry

Date: 2/24/10

Bill Number: AB 754 AA1

Moved by: Friske Seconded by: Sherman

Motion: Adoption of amendment 1

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Representative Nick Milroy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Donald Friske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Jeffrey Mursau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Vote Record

Committee on Forestry

Date: 2/24/10

Bill Number: AB 754

Moved by: Friske Seconded by: Sherman

Motion: Adoption as Amended

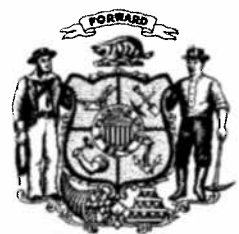
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Representative Nick Milroy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Donald Friske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Jeffrey Mursau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



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Remarks for Assembly Committee on Forestry
Regarding AB 754 – Lumber Mill Expansion Tax Credits
By Representative Donald Friske
February 17, 2010

Thank you Chairman Clark and Committee members.

In an effort to increase the financial capacity of the secondary forest product sector throughout Wisconsin, I have drafted Assembly Bill 754 to provide incentives for lumber mills to expand their businesses through employee hiring and equipment upgrades.

In February 2009, the State enacted a dairy modernization tax credit in an effort to improve Wisconsin's aging dairy operations and position our dairy industry to lead the United States in dairy production for decades to come.

While agriculture is Wisconsin's largest economic driver, its forest product sector is a close second. The value added to our abundant and renewable timber resource creates a Wisconsin based job with every 25 cords of wood harvested. Among those jobs are good paying and family supporting jobs within Wisconsin's lumber and veneer industry.

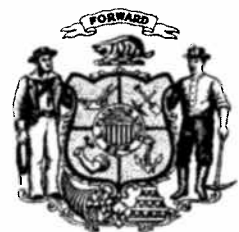
The expected fiscal cost to the State of Wisconsin will be roughly \$1.5 million. However, I fully expect the State to benefit through increased employment opportunities and increased productivity.

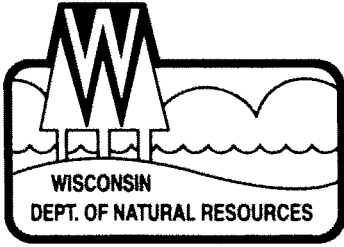
In the depth of this recession, it is important that Wisconsin work to emphasize and take advantage of its economic strengths to pull us up and out of the recession. I believe this bill uses our forest resources and our manufacturing capacity are two essential components to help guide us into our next economic recovery.

Thank you again for your time today to discuss this bill.



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Testimony for Public Hearing – Assembly Committee on Forestry February 17, 2010

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Assembly Bill -754

Relating to: an income and franchise tax credit for lumber manufacturing facility investments and making an appropriation. Introduced by Representatives Friske, Clark, Meyer, Mursau, M. Williams, Molepske Jr., Berceau, Bies, Brooks, Nerison, A. Ott, Suder, Tauchen, Townsend and Vos; cosponsored by Senator Holperin.

The DNR supports the concept of Assembly Bill 754.

The forest industry is very critical part of Wisconsin's economy with shipments of \$20 billion dollars and employing 65,000. We encourage the legislature to help keep this industry growing. The lumber manufacturing sector in Wisconsin, like all other sectors' of the forest industry have been severely hurt during the recession. The hardwood lumber production in Wisconsin has been estimated to have declined by 50%. This industry will need to retool to come back and be competitive in the global market place.