# **Assembly**

# **Record of Committee Proceedings**

# **Committee on Agriculture**

#### **Assembly Bill 575**

Relating to: requiring the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to establish standards for products sold as honey, prohibiting the labeling as Wisconsin certified honey of a product that has not been determined to meet the standards, prohibiting the labeling as honey of a product that does not meet the standards, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

By Representatives Garthwaite, Vruwink, Barca, Ballweg, Brooks, Clark, Hilgenberg, Kerkman, Knodl, Molepske Jr., A. Ott, Pasch, Roys, Schneider, Steinbrink, Tauchen, Turner, Young and Zigmunt; cosponsored by Senators Vinehout, Lehman, Miller and Schultz.

November 10, 2009 Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

#### November 12, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (9) Representatives Vruwink, Radcliffe, Garthwaite, Jorgensen, Danou, A. Ott, Nerison, Murtha and Brooks.

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Absent: (2) Representatives Molepske Jr. and Tauchen.

#### Appearances For

- Phil Garthwaite Representative, Wisconsin State Legislature
- Matt Egeter Mr., Rep. Peter Barca Staff
- Paul Dietmann Mr., Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection
- Lee Heine Mr., Wisconsin Honey Producers Association
- Tim Fulton Mr., Wisconsin Honey Producers Association

#### Appearances Against

• None.

### Appearances for Information Only

None.

### **Registrations For**

None.

### Registrations Against

• None.

## Registrations for Information Only

• None.

## January 21, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (11) Representatives Vruwink, Radcliffe,

Garthwaite, Jorgensen, Molepske Jr., Danou,

A. Ott, Nerison, Murtha, Tauchen and Brooks.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Jorgensen, seconded by Representative Garthwaite that **Assembly Bill 575** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (11) Representatives Vruwink, Radcliffe,

Garthwaite, Jorgensen, Molepske Jr., Danou, A. Ott, Nerison, Murtha, Tauchen and

Brooks.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 11, Noes 0

Christian Plata Committee Clerk