

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Natural Resources

Assembly Bill 844

Relating to: groundwater management, water conservation, and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Black, Mason, Clark, Hebl, Milroy, Pasch, A. Williams, Soletski, Pocan, Parisi, Pope-Roberts, Zepnick, Berceau, Dexter, Roys, Smith, Hixson and Fields; cosponsored by Senators Miller, Jauch, Robson, Lehman, Risser and Taylor.

March 12, 2010 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

March 31, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (14) Representatives Black, Danou, Molepske Jr.,
Steinbrink, Hraychuck, Mason, Milroy, Clark,
J. Ott, Gunderson, Huebsch, LeMahieu,
Mursau and Nerison.

Absent: (1) Representative Hebl.

Appearances For

- Rep. Spencer Black, Madison — 77th Assembly District
- Brian Wolf, Kenosha — Long Lake
- Steve Suchomel, Medford — Town of Little Black
- Brett Hulsey, Madison — Dane County
- William P. O'Connor, Madison — Wisconsin Association of Lakes
- Ken Bradbury, Brooklyn
- Susan Wurzer, Amherst — Friends of Tomorrow-Waupaca River, Inc
- Daniel P. Bach, Madison — Lake Beulah Protective Association
- Don Hammes, Middleton — Dane County Conservation League; Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Dan Trudell, Oregon
- Eric Ebersberger, Madison — DNR
- Larry Lynch, Madison — DNR
- Sarah Lloyd, Wisconsin Dells — WI Farmers Union
- Jerry Knuth, Plover — Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Jennifer Giegerich, Madison — WLCV
- Mike Geier, Wautoma — Waushara County Watershed
- Lori Grant, Madison — River Alliance of Wisconsin

- Erin O'Brien, Madison — Wisconsin Wetlands Association
- Marilyn Williquette, Milwaukee — Long Lake & Fish Lake
- James Kerler, Lake Mills — Sierra Club John Muir Chapter
- Jodi Habush Sinykin, Milwaukee — Midwest Environmental Advocates
- Susan K. Wolf, Kenosha — Long Lake
- Jessica Rice, Summit
- Barbara Feltz, Stevens Point — Friends of the Little Plover
- Herbert Zautke, Milwaukee
- Amber Meyer Smith, Madison — Clean Wisconsin

Appearances Against

- Michael Benkholtz, Windsor
- Kristine Wech, Kewaunee
- Art Thelen, La Farge
- Jim Mlsna, Hillsboro
- Deric DuQuaine, DePere
- Kelli Mitchell, Hillsboro
- John Pagel, Kewaunee
- Paul A. Lange, Watertown — City of Watertown
- Ken Blomberg, Plover
- Michael Copas, Portage — Wysocki Produce Farm
- Lawrie Kobza, Madison — Municipal Environmental Group-Water Division
- David Jelinski, Madison — Dairy Business Association
- Dan Mahoney, Plover — Villages of Plover and Whiting, City of Stevens Point
- Greg Steele, River Falls — AgStar Financial Services
- John Schottler, Somerset
- Jerry Emmert, Baldwin — Dairy Business Association
- Ron Kuehn, Madison — WI Potato & Vegetable Growers, WI Cranberry Growers, WI Cattlemen, WI Pork Association

Appearances for Information Only

- George Kraft, Amherst — University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- Ray Schmidt, Stevens Point
- Jim VandenBrook, Mt. Horeb — DATCP

Registrations For

- Mickey Beil, Madison — Dane County
- Stephen Born, Madison
- Matt Brusky, Milwaukee — Citizen Action of Wisconsin
- Natalie Byrne, Madison
- Kristen Crowell, Waukesha

- Kiek Cychos, Stevens Point
- Edward Daub, Madison
- Kathy Daggio, Madison
- Casey Eggleston, Madison — Nature Conservancy
- Joel Gratz, Madison
- Matt Guidry, Stevens Point — UWSP
- Seth Hoffmeister, Stevens Point — UWSP
- Robert Kraig, Milwaukee — Citizen Action of Wisconsin
- Matt Krueger, Madison
- Kerry Larson, Plover — McCain Foods USA, Inc
- Laura MacFarland, Madison — River Alliance of Wisconsin
- Ezra Meyer, Madison
- J. Meyer, Madison
- Sen. Mark Miller, Monona — 16th Senate District
- Lucy Moore, Madison
- Heather Mullee, Milwaukee
- David Pausch, Madison
- Allan Peissis — Town of Little Black, Taylor County
- Nathan Richter, Madison
- Joseph Syverson, Madison — Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters
- Anne Sayers, Madison — Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters
- Jeff Smith, Madison — Trout Unlimited
- Beverly Speer, Madison
- Jorna Taylor, Milwaukee
- Kim Warkentin, Fitchburg
- Allison Werner, Madison
- Angela West Blank, Middleton — WLCV
- Sharon White, Madison
- Julian Zelazny, Madison — WI Land and Water Conservation Association
- Rep. Josh Zepnick, Milwaukee — 9th Assembly District
- George Meyer, Madison — Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Matthew Dannenberg, Watertown — Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

Registrations Against

- Larry Alsum, Friesland — Alsum Farms, Inc. & Alsum Produce, Inc.
- Patrick Althoff, Stevens Point — Mortenson Brothers Farms
- Jill Amundson, Babcock — WI Moss Co, Inc
- Robert Anderson, Brooklyn — Village of Brooklyn
- Scott Baier, Elk Mound

- Robert Ballinger, Hancock — Seneca Foods Corp.
- Jeff Beiriger, Milwaukee — Wisconsin Water Well Association
- Jim Bible, Black River Falls — Brockway Cranberry Inc.
- Brad Boycks, Madison — Wisconsin Builders Association
- Mary Brazeau Brown, Wisconsin Rapids — Glacial Lake Cranberries
- Rep. Ed Brooks, Reedsburg — 50th Assembly District
- Steven Bormester, Reedsburg — Eatzeside Foods, Inc.
- Robert De Mars, Baraboo — Village of West Baraboo
- Andy Diercks, Coloma — Coloma Farms
- Steve Diercks, Coloma — Coloma Farms
- Heidi Dobbs, Wisconsin Rapids
- Karen Doers, Warrens — Hawkins Lake Corp
- Wesley Dorner, Green Bay
- Pieter Droegkamp, Menominee Falls — Abbot & Cobb Seed Co.
- Brad Faldet, Waupaca — Faldet Farms Inc.
- Mike Finnesay, Plover — Okray Family Farms
- David Fritsch, Plover — Plover Water Department
- Nick George, Madison — Midwest Food Processers Association
- Gordon Gunniss, Kenosha
- Allen Jr. Haga, Plover
- Scott Halverson, Stevens Point
- Kim Halverson, Stevens Point — City of Stevens Point & Water Department
- William Hatch, Necedah — Cranberry Creek Cranberries Inc
- Mark Hobbs
- Richard Indermuehle, Manitowish Waters — Alder Lake Cranberry
- Roger Jacob, Stevens Point — Del Monte Foods
- David Jensema, Oshkosh
- Jeremy Klug, Lomira — Village of Lomira
- Tom Lochner, Wisconsin Rapids — Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association
- Jeff Lyon, Madison — Wisconsin Farm Bureau
- Dwane Maatz, Antigo — Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association
- Scott Manley, Madison — WMC
- John Manske, Madison — Cooperative Network
- Wes Meddaugh — WI Potato & Vegetable Growers Association
- Michael Moss, Wisconsin Rapids — Elm Lake Cranberry Co.

- R. Joe Murray, Madison — Wisconsin Realtors Association
- Doug Nelson, Stevens Point — McCain Foods USA
- Jeromy Nickelsen, Belgium — Lakeside Foods, Inc.
- Dale O'Brien, Plover — Portage County
- Lance O'Brien, Plover — Hamerstei Farms
- Bob Oleson, Palmyra — WI Corn Growers Association
- Pat Osborne, Madison — Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin
- Jeremie Pavelski, Arkdale — Heartland Farms, Inc.
- Michelle Philibeck, De Pere
- Rob Poehnelt, Sun Prairie — Wisconsin Crop Production Association
- Terry Quam, Lodi — Marda Angus Farm
- Bailey Quam, Madison
- Ray Schmidt, Stevens Point — Portage County Planning & Zoning
- Ray Schueth, Edgerton — Seneca Foods
- Sara Sierert, De Pere
- Terry Siglinsky, Fort Atkinson — Fort Atkinson Water Utility
- Lois R. Slattery, Rudolph
- Curt Soik, Stevens Point — Myron Solk & Sons Inc.
- Nickolas Somers, Stevens Point — Plover River Farms Inc.
- David Sterr, Lake Delton
- Dan Thompson, Madison — League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- Thomas Walker, Madison — WI Transportation Builders Association
- Mike Wehler, Plain — WI Pork Association
- Luke Weiland, Wisconsin Rapids — WSCGA
- Bob Welch — WI Corn Growers Association
- Kirk Willard, Wisconsin Rapids — Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.
- James Wysock, Custer
- Mark Zblewski, Ripon
- Darrell Firkus, Plover — Worzella & Sons

Registrations for Information Only

- Pat Cardiff, Lake Geneva

April 22, 2010

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

John Maycroft

Committee Clerk