

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Tourism, Recreation and State Properties**

##### **Assembly Bill 495**

Relating to: duties of ski area operators and participants in snow sports, liability of ski area operators, and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Strachota, Brooks, LeMahieu, Kerkman, Ballweg, Kestell, Petrowski, Doyle, Severson and Williams; cosponsored by Senators Grothman, Galloway, Wanggaard, Schultz and Kedzie.

January 25, 2012      Referred to Committee on Tourism, Recreation and State Properties.

February 8, 2012      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (12)    Representatives Kaufert, Loudenbeck, Bies, Meyer, Klenke, Tiffany, Steineke, Clark, Zepnick, Doyle, Hulsey and Hebl.

Absent:     (0)     None.

Excused:   (2)     Representatives Bernier and Steinbrink.

##### Appearances For

- Pat Strachota — Rep., 58th Assembly District
- Rob Walz, Portage — Cascade Mountain
- Jim Hubing, Madison — National Ski Patrol
- Emily Husar Marth, West Bend — National Ski Patrol
- Mike Husar, West Bend — National Ski Patrol
- Bruce Firestone, East Troy — Alpine Valley
- Chet Gerlach, Madison — Wisconsin Ski Industries Assoc.

##### Appearances Against

- Ed Vopal, Green Bay — Wisconsin Association for Justice
- Monica Kamal, McFarland
- John Cates, Madison

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Bridget Prendergast, Madison
- Andy Franken, Madison — Wisconsin Insurance Alliance
- Andrew Cook, Madison — Wisconsin Civil Justice Council
- Dan Martin, West Bend

- Jim Engel, Kewaskum
- Randy Axelson, Portage
- Andrew Martin, West Bend
- Donald McKay, Mount Horeb
- Eli Nedeau-Owen, Lodi — Devil's Head Ski Hill
- Joe Vitt Engl, Merrimac — Devil's Head Ski Hill
- Hans Hauschild, Burlington — Wisconsin Ski Industries Assoc.
- Russ Sobotta, Mequon

Registrations Against

- Elaine Jensen, Evansville
- Genie Ogden, Madison

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 15, 2012

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

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Adam Field  
Committee Clerk