Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Rural Development

Assembly Bill 344
Relating to: telephone company tax exemption for property used to provide broadband service.

By Representatives Quinn, Ballweg, Edming, Kitchens, Krug, Kulp, Kurtz, Mursau, Oldenburg, Petryk, Plumer, Pronschinske, Snyder, Spiros, Stafsholt, Summerfield, Swearingen, Tauchen, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Zimmerman, Dittrich, Horlacher, James, Katsma, Murphy, Novak and Sortwell; cosponsored by Senators Marklein, Testin, Bernier, Feyen and Petrowski.

July 24, 2019 Referred to Committee on Rural Development

September 05, 2019 Public Hearing Held

Present: (7) Representative VanderMeer; Representatives Quinn, Oldenburg, Pronschinske, Plumer, Vruwink and Considine.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (5) Representatives Kulp, Novak, Kurtz, Milroy and Gruszynski.

Appearances For

- Bill Esbeck - Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association
- Eric Pelle - Mosaic Telecom
- Domenico Fornaro - Mosaic Telecom
- Larry Lueck - Nsight
- Jean Pauk - TDS Telecom

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Bill McClenahan - Access Wisconsin
- John Jacobson - Wisconsin Property Taxpayers, Inc.
- Steve Lyons - Wisconsin Technology Council
- Rob Richard - WI Electric Cooperative Association
- Brian Dake - Wisconsin Independent Businesses
- Andrew Schriner - CenturyLink
September 19, 2019  **Executive Session Held**

Present:  (11)  Representative VanderMeer; Representatives Kulp, Novak, Quinn, Oldenburg, Pronschinske, Plumer, Vruwink, Milroy, Considine and Gruszynski.

Absent:  (0)  None.

Excused:  (1)  Representative Kurtz.

Moved by Representative Kulp, seconded by Representative Plumer that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:  (11)  Representative VanderMeer;
Representatives Kulp, Novak, Quinn, Oldenburg, Pronschinske, Plumer, Vruwink, Milroy, Considine and Gruszynski.

Noes:  (0)  None.

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED**, Ayes 11, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Pronschinske, seconded by Representative Oldenburg that **Assembly Bill 344** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes:  (11)  Representative VanderMeer;
Representatives Kulp, Novak, Quinn, Oldenburg, Pronschinske, Plumer, Vruwink, Milroy, Considine and Gruszynski.

Noes:  (0)  None.

**PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED**, Ayes 11, Noes 0