Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Agriculture and Tourism

Senate Bill 677

Relating to: creating a commercial nitrogen optimization pilot program, providing crop insurance rebates for cover crops, creating a hydrogeologist position, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Senators Cowles, Testin, Ballweg, Bernier, Petrowski, Pfaff, Ringhand, Roys, Smith and Wimberger; cosponsored by Representatives Kitchens, Novak, Tranel, Shankland, Krug, Hong, Milroy, Mursau, Neubauer, Oldenburg, Penterman, Plumer and Tauchen.

November 08, 2021 Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism

November 10, 2021 Public Hearing Held

Present: (9) Senator Ballweg; Senators Marklein, Testin, Petrowski, Bernier, Pfaff, Erpenbach, L. Taylor and Smith.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Mr. Nick Levendofsky - Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Ms Julie Keown - Bomar - Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Erik Kanter - Clean Wisconsin
- Chad Zuleger - Dairy Business Assoc.
- Karen Gefvert - Wisconsin Farm Bureau
- Robert Nigh - WFBC
- Senator Robert Cowles - 2nd Senate District
- Jordan Lamb - Wisconsin Potato And Vegetable Growers Association
- Nikki Wagner - GROWMARK
- Executive Director Tamas Houlihan - Wisconsin Potato And Vegetable Growers Association
- Dr Kenneth Bradbury - Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey at Division of Extension
- Doug Rebout - Wisconsin corn growers association
- Rep Katrina Shankland - AD 71 coauthor testifying with authors of sb 677 and 678
- Representative Joel Kitchens - 1st Assembly District
Appearances Against
- None.

Appearances for Information Only
- Sara Walling - DATCP

Registrations For
- Jennifer Wickman - Cooperative network
- Jordan Lamb - Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association
- Jordan Lamb - Wisconsin Pork Association
- Robert Welch - Wisconsin corn growers association
- Robert Welch - Wisconsin Biofuels association
- Jordan Lamb - Wisconsin Cattlemens Association
- Tom Bressner - WI Agri Business Assn
- Robert Welch - Wisconsin Biomass Energy Coalition
- Jordan Lamb - Wisconsin Soybean Association
- Matt Krueger - WI Land and Water Conservation Assn
- Jordan Lamb - Wisconsin Association Of Professional Agricultural Consultants
- Jason Culotta - Midwest Food Products Association
- Senator Patrick Testin - 24th Senate District
- Jennifer Western hauser - Wisconsin wetlands association

Registrations Against
- None.

Registrations for Information Only
- None.

February 09, 2022  Executive Session Held by Paper Ballot

Present:  (9) Senator Ballweg; Senators Marklein, Testin, Petrowski, Bernier, Pfaff, Erpenbach, L. Taylor and Smith.
Absent:  (0) None.
Excused:  (0) None.

Moved by that Senate Amendment 1 be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:  (9) Senator Ballweg; Senators Marklein, Testin, Petrowski, Bernier, Pfaff, Erpenbach, L. Taylor and Smith.
Noes:  (0) None.
SENATE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 9, Noes 0

Moved by that Senate Bill 677 be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (9) Senator Ballweg; Senators Marklein, Testin, Petrowski, Bernier, Pfaff, Erpenbach, L. Taylor and Smith.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 0

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David Specht-Boardman
Committee Clerk