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1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 28

March 21, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives Boyle, Bock, Notestein, Krug, Wirch, R. Young, Baldus, F. Lasee and Albers, cosponsored by Senators Risser and Clausing. Referred to Special committee on State-Federal Relations.

Relating to: recommending the closing of the Navy's Project ELF transmitter.

Whereas, the end of the Cold War has eliminated whatever justification existed for the operation of the Navy's Project ELF transmitter, near Clam Lake in Ashland County; and

Whereas, the federal government has a serious budget deficit and operating Project ELF costs between \$16 million and \$20 million per year; and

Whereas, the environmental and public health concerns raised by Project ELF have increased with the growing body of scientific evidence pointing to adverse effects caused by extremely low frequency electromagnetic fields such as those generated by Project ELF; and

Whereas, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee voted on March 2, 1995, to eliminate funding for Project ELF; and

Whereas, section 2924 of Public Law 101–510 states that in selecting any military installation for closure, "the Secretary of Defense shall take such steps as are necessary to assure that special consideration and emphasis is given to any official statement from a unit of general local government adjacent to or within a military installation requesting the closure or realignment of such installation"; and

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1	Whereas, U.S. Senators Russell Feingold and Herb Kohl and U.S.
2	Representative David Obey have recommended to the U.S. Defense Base Closure
3	and Realignment Commission (BCRC) that the Project ELF transmitter be closed;
4	and
5	Whereas, the Project ELF transmitter meets the 3 principal criteria that are
6	considered by the BCRC for base closures, namely, a lack of military or national
7	security need, an unjustifiable federal expense, and a potential environmental or
8	health hazard; now, therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the assembly, the Senate concurring, That the members of the
10	Wisconsin Legislature recommend that the Navy's Project ELF transmitter in Clam
11	Lake, Wisconsin, be closed in 1995; and, be it further
12	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
13	resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation, to President
14	Clinton and to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

(END)