

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 w authors of sb 677and 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

David Specht-Boardman
Committee Clerk