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Date: 23 March 95

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Assembly Committee on Agriculture

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Moved by Ott Seconded by Olsen

AB 18 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____

AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____

A _____ SR _____ Other _____

A/S Amdt. _____

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Be recommended for:

Passage

Introduction

Adoption

Rejection

Indefinite Postponement

Tabling

Concurrence

Nonconcurrence

Confirmation

	Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
1.	Ott, Alvin (Chair)	X			
2.	Ward, David (Vice-Chair)	X			
3.	Ainsworth, John	X			
4.	Zukowski, Robert	X			
5.	Otte, Clifford	X			
6.	Skindrud, Richard	X			
7.	Hahn, Eugene	X			
8.	Olsen, Luther	X			
9.	Gronemus, Barbara	X			
10.	Baldus, Al	X			
11.	Reynolds, Martin	X			
12.	Springer, Thomas	X			
13.	Wilder, Michael	X			
14.	Dueholm, Robert	X			
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16.					
17.					
18.					
Totals		14	0	0	0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION FAILED



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March 22, 1995

Representative Al Ott
Wisconsin State Assembly
State Capitol
Madison, WI

Re: LRB-1923/1, Relating to Investigation of Animal Cruelty
Complaints.

Dear Representative Ott:

I have had the opportunity to review the above captioned bill and have a few comments in favor of its passage. My opinion on the changes is based upon experience.


Approximately one and a half years ago a non-county Wisconsin resident had concerns that animals were being improperly cared for at a location in Manitowoc County. This individual applied for and was granted a search warrant by a Manitowoc Circuit Judge for portions of, but not all of, the property which the applicant wanted to search. This warrant was applied for under the provisions of Chapter 951. Apparently, although a warrant had been granted by a Manitowoc Judge, the applicant applied for and received another more extensive search warrant from a Milwaukee County judge who she personally was acquainted with. This latter warrant was drafted so broadly that it was on its face unconstitutional and would have allowed the applicant, not law enforcement, to ultimately take possession of the animals and remove them from the State of Wisconsin. Of course, all expenses incurred would have had to be born by the taxpayers of Manitowoc County. Law enforcement had no input into the application for either warrant and having executed the first one (Manitowoc's) was ordered by the Milwaukee Judge to execute the second one within 24 hours of the first execution. At that point local law enforcement expressed concerns about violations of civil rights.

ch. 968.12

I believe that the bill will assist law enforcement in that it will bring Chapter 951 into closer harmony with standard criminal investigation procedures as outline in Ch. ~~912~~. It will also assist in having the public perceive enforcement of Ch. 951 actions in a more positive light, that is, that although the crime may be against an animal it is a crime and should be prosecuted the same way and with the same vigor as crimes against humans.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my support of this bill.

Sincerely,



E. James FitzGerald
District Attorney