

Assembly Hearing Slip

(Please print plainly)

Date: 2-9-95
Bill No. AB 39
Or
Subject

Name: John Manske
306. M. Effin
Street Address or Route Number: Madison 53703
City & Zip Code: WI Federation of Co-ops
(Representing)

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering in favor:
- Registering against:
- Speaking for information only; Neither for nor against:

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Name: Sen. Scott F. Fitzgerald
139 South
Street Address or Route Number: Madison
City & Zip Code: 53702
(Representing) 13TH Senate District

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Please call Sen. Fitzgerald when he is ready to testify
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Or
Subject

Name: Larry Sweet
P.O. Box 406
Street Address or Route Number: Port Jervis Wis. 55345
City & Zip Code: CST Coop for W. Technology
(Representing)

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David Wantland

(Name) 1701 Towanda Ave

(Street Address or Route Number) Bloomington, IL 61702

(City & Zip Code)

(Representing) GROWMARK/FS

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Or Subject FERTILIZER FEED FEES

REP DAUD WARD

(Name) 304 N

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City & Zip Code) AUSTIN

(Representing)

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Or Subject Food/Feed Fees

Russ Weisenfil

(Name) 2317 Int. hwy #109

(Street Address or Route Number) Madison, WI 53704

(City & Zip Code) WI Agribusiness/ WI Entira

(Representing) + Chemical ASSN.

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Date: Feb 9-95
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(Name) Rep Brandenberger
(Street Address or Route Number) _____
(City & Zip Code) _____
(Representing) _____

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(Name) Ray Schmitt
(Street Address or Route Number) 6200 Gesholt Drive
(City & Zip Code) Madison, WI 53713
(Representing) WI Agri Service Assn

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(Name) LUTHER OLSEN
(Street Address or Route Number) 12021 Hwy 49
(City & Zip Code) Reilick 54923
(Representing) Olsen Mill Inc

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Assembly Committee on Agriculture

DATE 2/9/95

Moved by Ward Seconded by Otte

AB 39 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____

AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____

A _____ SR _____ Other _____

A/S Amdt _____

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A/S Sub 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			
15.					
16.					
17.					
18.					
Totals		14	1		

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FEBRUARY 8, 1995

TO: MEMBERS, ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
FROM: JOHN MANSKE, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 39

The Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives is a trade association that represents 735 cooperatives of all types. Among those members are about ninety local farm supply cooperatives and the regional farm supply cooperatives CENEX/Land O'Lakes, Growmark, and Farmland Industries. **The membership of WFC adopted a resolution at our 1994 Annual Meeting that supports the legislative effort now known as Assembly Bill 39. This followed action by our Farm Supply Committee, which generated the proposed resolution. I therefore strongly urge you to support Assembly Bill 39.**

Our members believe that the sellers of fertilizer and commercial feed should have the right to choose to disclose to the purchaser of those inputs the fact that state fees are collected from the industry for the distribution of these products. Currently \$1.00 a ton is collected per ton of fertilizer sold to help fund such programs as groundwater management and agricultural chemical mixing & loading site cleanup, as well as others. Also, annual inspection fees of 25 cents per ton are collected on the distribution of commercial feeds in Wisconsin. I have not heard a solid argument for continuing to deny this type of information to the ultimate consumer of these products.

We believe that this bill authored by Representative Ward is consistent with the logical goal of increasing the free flow of information in the marketplace.

Thank you for your consideration of this good legislation.



David Ward

Wisconsin State Assembly

Chair: Assembly Committee on Mandates

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

February 9, 1995

Testimony of State Representative David Ward on Assembly Bill 39, pertaining to disclosure of fertilizer and commercial feed fees on invoices.

Thank you Chairman Ott and fellow members of the committee for this opportunity to testify on Assembly Bill 39 pertaining to fertilizer and commercial feed fees on invoices.

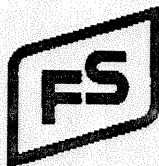
Under current law, manufacturers or distributors of commercial feed and fertilizers are required to pay annual inspection fees of 25 cents per ton for feed and \$1.00 per ton for fertilizers to the Department of Agriculture for regulation and research. Current law then prohibits these distributors from itemizing these fees on consumer invoices.

AB 39 repeals the statutory language that prohibits feed and fertilizer dealers from disclosing the cost passed down to the consumer and gives purchasers of feed and fertilizer the ability to determine how much of their business expenditures are going to state imposed fees and regulations.

As Bruce Barganz, a farm supply sales manager in Jefferson said, "this bill provides the consumer, in this case farmers, with an additional source of marketplace information. If the costs of their inputs are rising due to government fees, they have the right to know the amount and purpose of these fees. What purpose would be served by withholding this information."

Farmers continue to fund programs that are for the public's health and safety and help to provide a safe and affordable food source. It is only fair that they are made aware of what those programs are and how much they are paying for them.

I ask you to join me in supporting this legislation and to keep government open to the citizens of Wisconsin. Thank you for your time and consideration.



JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMCO COOPERATIVE

P.O. BOX 359 222 E. PUERNER ST. JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN 53549 (414) 674-7000

February 7, 1995

The Honorable David Ward
304 N. State Capital
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Assembly Bill 39

Dear Representative Ward:

I am Bruce Barganz, farm supplies marketing manager for Jefferson County Farmco Cooperative, which is an agricultural supply and grain marketing cooperative employing 67 people at six locations serving five counties in southeastern Wisconsin. This cooperative serves over twenty-five hundred patrons in this trade territory.

I was very pleased to learn of your introduction of Assembly Bill 39 during January of 1995. During your campaign for reelection, you made a commitment to work toward an open and honest state government. I feel that introducing this bill coincides with that commitment.

Under current law, if a manufacturer or distributor sells fertilizer or commercial feed to a producer, they are required to pay a fee to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP). Current law then goes on to prohibit indicating the charge for these fees on the invoice or sales receipt.

Your proposal would certainly provide the consumer, in this case the farmer, an additional source of marketplace information. If the costs of their inputs are rising due to governmental fees, they have a right to know the amount and purpose of these fees. What purpose would be served by withholding this information?

As a farm supplies dealer, we favor the disclosure of these fees that we are required to pay and are more than willing to take the time to explain to our patrons the programs that these fees support.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Barganz
Bruce Barganz
Sales Manager

