

Vote Record

AB 156

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations

Date: 5-18-99
Moved by: AB 156 Drz
Seconded by: Wirch
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Clearinghouse Rule:
Appointment:
Other:

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Be recommended for:

- Passage
Introduction
Adoption
Rejection

- Indefinite Postponement
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Confirmation

Committee Member

- Sen. Robert Wirch, Chair
Sen. Gwendolynne Moore
Sen. Richard Grobschmidt
Sen. Gary Drzewiecki
Sen. David Zien

Table with 4 columns: Aye, No, Absent, Not Voting. Rows for each committee member with checkboxes and handwritten marks.

Totals: 3

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

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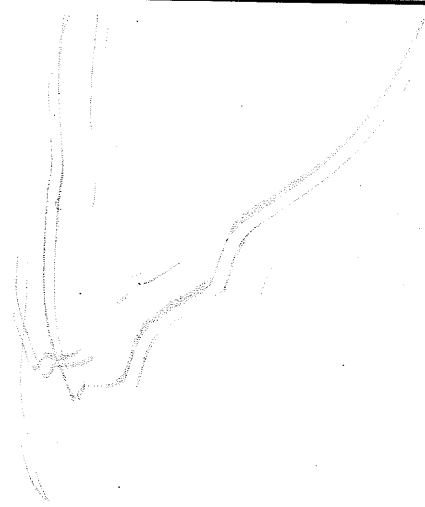
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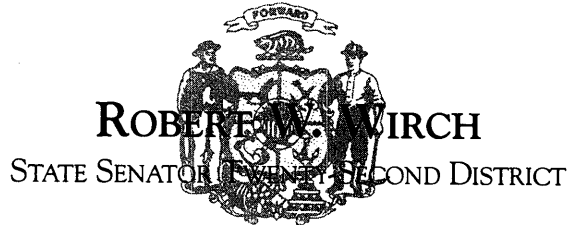
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To: Members, Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations

From: Senate Robert Wirch, Chairman

Date: May 3, 1999

Re: Paper Ballots

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Assembly Bill 156**, relating to candidacy of independent candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor.

Aye No

Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Senate Bill 93**, relating to disclosure of certain activity for the purpose of influencing elections and providing penalties.

Aye No

Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Senate Bill 64**, relating to the amount of funding that a local governmental unit may receive under the safe drinking water loan program.

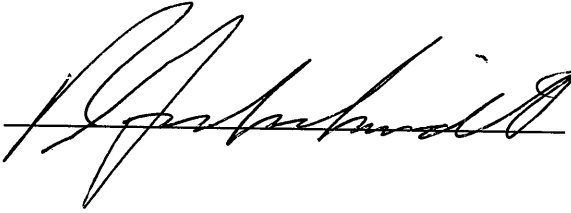
Aye No

Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Senate Bill 48**, relating to the itemized deductions credit.

Aye No
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Motion by Senator Wirch for passage of **Assembly Joint Resolution 15**, relating to requesting Congress to enact legislation that would specify that no portion of the money received by the states as part of the settlement with tobacco companies may be withheld, offset or claimed by the federal government.

Aye ✓ No _____

Signature:  5-4-99



ANTHONY J. STASKUNAS

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**Testimony of Rep. Tony Staskunas, 1999 AB-156
Senate Economic Development, Housing & Government Operations Committee
April 14, 1999**

Mr. Chairperson and Members of the Senate Economic Development, Housing & Government Operations Committee, I am Representative Tony Staskunas of the 15th Assembly District, the author of Assembly Bill 156.

I introduced this proposal because of potential conflicts between the US Constitution and state law. Constitutional concerns have been raised with the 1st and 14th Amendments as they pertain to current statutory language that require independent candidates for Governor to enter into an association to run for office. This statutorily required association restricts ballot access to candidates, which is contrary to Wisconsin's history of good government and representative democracy.

In 1970 Wisconsin State law was changed establishing a requirement that an independent candidate for Governor must secure a running mate in order to be placed on the ballot. This restriction is not imposed on candidates from the Democratic or Republican parties because running mates are decided by primary victories.

In 1978 a candidate filed to run for the seat of Governor as an independent while there was no independent candidate running for Lieutenant Governor. The members of the State Election Board at the time took the 1970 law very literally and denied the candidate the ability to run for Governor in the election because she had no running mate for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

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In 1994 another candidate filed to run for Governor as an independent with no running mate. The members of the State Election Board at that time had no opposition to his candidacy. However, 4 years later the same independent candidate again filed to run for Governor with no running mate. This time he was met with opposition from the State Election Board. The independent Gubernatorial Candidate hired an attorney and successfully fought to keep his name on the ballot without a running mate.

Assembly Bill 156 would clarify our state's election laws for independent candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and would eliminate the potential inconsistency of different State Election Board members' interpretations.

Assembly Bill 156 would permit an independent candidate for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor to file nomination papers without a running mate which is currently the practice for the major political party candidates. If an independent candidate for Governor were elected without a Lieutenant Governor running mate, current law does make provisions for the appointment of a Lieutenant Governor, if the seat is vacant.

This Bill corrects a Wisconsin State Statute enacted almost 3 decades ago that may be unconstitutional under both the 1st and 14th Amendments of the United States Constitution. Wisconsin has a history of political progressiveness and independence that we should preserve for future generations.

The Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee voted unanimously to recommend AB 156 for passage. The full Assembly voted 84 to 11 to pass the bill onto the Senate. I would appreciate your support of Assembly Bill 156.

Mr. Chairperson and committee members, I appreciate your kind attention today. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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