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Lon Koedler
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4900-17th St.
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Kenosha, WI
(City and Zip Code)
WI Ducts Unlimited
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Bonnie Knoedler
(NAME)

4900-17th St
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Kenosha WI 53144
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COMMITTEE MEETING/AGENDA**THE CAPITOL – ROOM 201SE**

February 16, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER

“The hour of 10AM having arrived, I will call this meeting of the Senate Insurance, Tourism, Transportation and Corrections Committee to order. The clerk will take the role.”

II. Senate Bill 362 Relating to: fiscal estimates for bills containing criminal penalty provisions, establishing a corrections special reserve fund and making appropriations.

By Senators Panzer, Breske, Huelsman, George, Schultz, Risser, Roessler, Plache, Rosenzweig, Baumgart, Cowles, Erpenbach and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Krug, Goetsch, Balow, Ladwig, Plouff, M. Lehman, Lassa, Olsen, Ryba, Bock, Boyle, Pocan, Hebl, Colon, Richards, Miller, Riley, Carpenter, Berceau, Gunderson and Sherman.

III. Assembly Bill 590 Relating to: qualifications for endorsements authorizing the operation of a school bus.

By Representatives Brandemuehl, Spillner, Ryba, La Fave, Kestell, Ladwig, Sykora, Stone, Musser, Hasenohrl, Kedzie, Owens, Albers, J. Lehman, Olsen, Kelso, Freese, Colon, Gronemus, Petrowski, Seratti and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senators Rosenzweig, Huelsman, Breske and Roessler.

IV. Assembly Bill 606 Relating to: expanding the definition of “bed and breakfast establishment.”

By Representatives Spillner, Porter, Reynolds, Ward, Hutchison, Seratti, Olsen, Hundertmark, Goetsch, Gunderson, Jeskewitz, Kaufert, Kelso, Klusman, Musser, Nass, Skindrud, Stone and F. Lasee; cosponsored by Senators Baumgart, Burke, Decker, Huelsman, Rosenzweig, Rude and Breske.

V. Assembly Bill 385 Relating to: time limits on the service of process on the commissioner of insurance (suggested as remedial legislation by the office of the commissioner of insurance).

Law Revision Committee.

VI. Senate Bill 381 Relating to: special distinguishing registration plates associated with Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and making an appropriation.

By Senator Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Kreuser, Seratti, Handrick, Steinbrink, Turner, Kreibich, Lassa, Hoven and Hutchison.

VII. For discussion purposes only, I have included Trans 233 on our calendar today. This rule relates to the division of land abutting a state trunk highway or connecting highway.

- The next meeting of this committee will take place next Wednesday in Reedsburg.
- Thanks to Sen. Schultz for helping to make the arrangements.

VIII. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

IX. CALL TO ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. CLERK WILL TAKE THE ROLL

XI. Chair would entertain a motion to recommend Senate Bill 362 Relating to: fiscal estimates for bills containing criminal penalty provisions

XII. Chair would entertain a motion to concur in AB590 – qualifications for school bus operators.

XIII. Chair would entertain a motion to concur in AB606 – bed and breakfast bill.

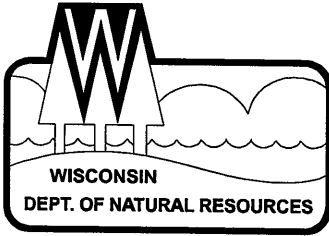
XIV. Chair would entertain a motion to concur in AB385 – Law revision bill.

XV. Chair would entertain a motion to recommend SB381 – Ducks Unlimited License Plate.

XVI. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to SB257 – the pre-need funeral bill. Copies were circulated earlier this week to all of your offices.

Chair would entertain a motion on final passage for SB257 as amended.

XVII. Chair would entertain a motion for concurrence in AB188 – a companion to SB177 which we passed unanimously previously in this committee. Bill relates to septic haulers and certain weight limits.



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Senate Committee on Insurance,
Tourism, Transportation & Corrections

Subject: Senate Bill 381 - DU License Plate

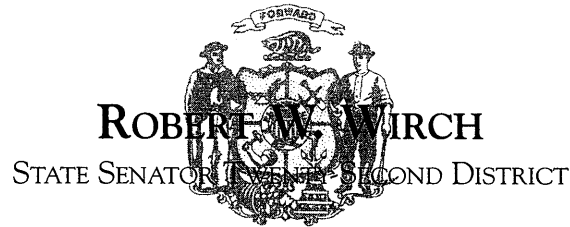
Dear Committee Members:

My name's Tom Hauge, Wildlife Management Bureau Director for the WDNR, and I testify today on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for informational purposes regarding the request of Ducks Unlimited to create a specialized license plate.

I appear as a character witness and will tell you that Wisconsin is very lucky to have such a dedicated organization in our state that is working hard to preserve our valuable wetlands. When I talk about WI DU with my counterparts around the country, it becomes very apparent to me that we are extremely fortunate to have this organization, and specifically these individuals before you today, here and active in our state. They are without a doubt the premier fundraising machine on the planet. And the WDNR and wetland resources of our state greatly benefit from their efforts.

First off, the WDNR has been the primary beneficiary of the almost \$5 million that the organization has spent in the state on wetland habitat projects since 1985. Under the matching concept for the receipt of their funds this actually means a total of \$10 million has been spent on over 150 projects covering more than 45,000 acres. Just to put this in perspective, that is an area almost a quarter again the size of the vast Horicon Marsh. To say they have been our most active partner in the wetland habitat restoration efforts in the state is an understatement. Their funding efforts almost double what we have budgeted to spend on wetlands annually.

The proposed creation of a specialized license plate has no doubt been a painstaking and time consuming effort. The WDNR wishes them all the good fortune in the world as they attempt to move their fundraising for wetlands and wetland wildlife to new levels. They are our #1 partner and the additional funding that they could potentially generate will no doubt be put to good use restoring wetland habitats across the state.



**Testimony before the Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism, Transportation,
and Corrections**

**by
Senator Robert Wirch
Senate Bill 381
February 16, 2000**

Thank you Senator Breske and members of the Committee for allowing us the opportunity to have our concerns heard on this bill.

For over 60 years Ducks Unlimited has worked to protect, restore, and enhance waterfowl populations and the natural habitats critical to them and other wildlife.

Ducks Unlimited has invested more conservation dollars than any other private conservation organization in Wisconsin. Ducks Unlimited provided over \$300,000 for projects to protect waterfowl and wetlands throughout Wisconsin in 1999. With over 50,000 members and a strong grassroots campaign in Wisconsin, Ducks Unlimited has made valuable impacts to our environment. Throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, Ducks Unlimited has conserved 8.8 million acres.

Senate Bill 381 seeks to help spread awareness of this group by issuing the Ducks Unlimited license plate. This bill allows interested persons to obtain the special registration plates supporting Ducks Unlimited Inc.

By issuing this plate, Ducks Unlimited will also be able to raise additional funds for their conservation efforts. Persons obtaining the special license plate will have to pay

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a \$25 annual fee as a tax-deductible contribution to Ducks Unlimited Inc. All moneys received under this annual fee in excess of the initial costs of production of the Ducks Unlimited license plate or \$196,700, whichever is less, shall be deposited in the conservation fund to go towards their efforts.

I strongly support this piece of legislation and hope that the committee will favorably consider Senate Bill 381.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to answer any questions.