

## Senate

## Record of Committee Proceedings

## Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy

# Assembly Bill 651

Relating to: parental liability for acts of their minor child, recovery of damages for certain criminal actions, increasing the jurisdictional amount in small claims court, garnishment, attorney fees, exemption from execution of accounts, civil actions by collection agencies, earnings garnishment, retail theft, recovery in actions involving worthless checks, and revocation of fish and game approvals for which payment is made by worthless checks.

By Representatives Montgomery, Olsen, Musser, Hines, LeMahieu, Hahn, Gard, Vrakas, Rhoades, Grothman, Bies, Townsend, McCormick, Hundertmark, Owens, Krawczyk, J. Fitzgerald, Kestell, Suder, Albers, Powers, Gunderson and Gielow; cosponsored by Senators Stepp, Kanavas, Schultz, Lassa, Welch, Breske, Hansen, Roessler and Cowles.

February 06, 2004      Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

February 17, 2004      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Zien, S. Fitzgerald, Stepp, Carpenter  
and Coggs.

Absent: (0) None.

### Appearances For

- Wayne Corey, WI Independent Businesses, Madison
- Representative Tom Hebl, 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
- Doug Johnson, WI Merchants Federation, Madison
- Doug Johnson, Midwest Hardware Association, Madison
- Terry Gerrits, Asset Protection & Recovery
- Bill Smith, National Federation of Independent Business (WI), Madison
- David McDormer, Madison
- Representative Phil Montgomery, 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
- State Senator Cathy Stepp, 21<sup>st</sup> Senate District

### Appearances Against

- Bob Andersen, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Madison

## Appearances for Information Only

- None.

## Registrations For

- State Senator Bob Welch, 14<sup>th</sup> Senate District
- Kathi Kilgore, WI Innkeepers Assn., Madison
- Paul Merline, WI Restaurant Assn., Madison
- Chet Gerlach, Association of Wisconsin Tourism Attraction
- State Senator Ted Kanavas, 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District

Registrations Against

- None.

February 23, 2004

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD – POLLING**

Moved by Senator Zien that **Assembly Bill 651** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (3) Senators Zien, S. Fitzgerald and Stepp.

Noes: (2) Senators Carpenter and Coggs.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 2

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John Hogan  
Committee Clerk