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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

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Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Assembly Bill 166

Relating to: wildlife damage abatement assistance.

By Representatives Pettis, Boyle, Ainsworth, Bies, Gronemus, Hahn, Hines, Hundertmark, Mursau, Musser, Nerison and Vos; cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee and Olsen.

May 11, 2005 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

October 6, 2005 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Kimber Liedl — Office of State Rep. Mark Pettis
- Kurt Thiede — WI Department of Natural Resources
- Dan Hirschert, Waupun — USDA - Wildlife Service
- Larry Gohlke, Neshkoro — self
- Paul Zimmerman — Wisconsin Farm Bureau

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Frank Boyle — State Rep., 73rd Assembly District
- Scott Gunderson — State Rep., 83rd Assembly District

Registrations Against

- None.

October 20, 2005 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Stepp, seconded by Senator Breske that **Assembly Bill 166** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (5) Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Dan Johnson
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Date: 10-20-05

Bill Number: AB 166

Moved by: Stepp Seconded by: Breske

Motion: Concurrence

Committee Member

Senator Neal Kedzie, Chair

Senator Cathy Stepp

Senator Dan Kapanke

Senator Roger Breske

Senator Robert Wirch

Aye

No

Absent

Not Voting

Totals:

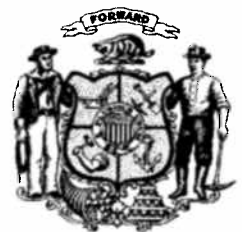
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



**Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on
Natural Resources and Transportation
Public Hearing – October 20, 2005**

- Welcome to today's hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation. Today we are having a public hearing on a number of Transportation related bills. We will also be entering into executive session to vote on a number of Natural Resources bills that the Committee has previously held a public hearing on.
- Committee Clerk will take Attendance. The roll will be left open for members who have yet to arrive.
- I would like to remind individuals wishing to testify to fill out a hearing slip and give it to the member of the Sergeant's Staff.
- Also, because of the number of bills before the committee today, I would encourage everyone to limit their comments to 5 minutes or less. For those that have written testimony, I would encourage you to summarize instead of reading it verbatim.
- It is my intent to take up the items in the order listed on the hearing notice, and will take up Companion bills at the same time.

Assembly Bill 166

Relating to: wildlife damage abatement assistance

- ✓ **MOTION TO RECOMMEND CONCURRENCE**
- ✓ **SECOND**
- ✓ **DISCUSSION**
- ✓ **ROLE CALL**

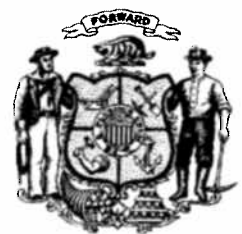
Assembly Bill 178

Relating to: deferral of the use of certain hunting and trapping approvals by certain members of the armed forces

- ✓ **MOTION TO INTRODUCE AND ADOPT SENATE AMENDMENT 1(adds "national guard" to the bill)**
 - **SECOND**
 - ✓ **DISCUSSION**
 - **ROLE CALL**
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- ✓ **MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE AS AMENDED ON AB 178**
 - ✓ **SECOND**
 - ✓ **DISCUSSION**
 - ✓ **ROLE CALL**



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Pettis, Mark

From: Thiede, Kurt A
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 8:19 AM
To: Pettis, Mark
Cc: Woodbury, Bryan J; Peterson, Todd
Subject: Critical Dates - AB 166 (Act 82)

Rep. Pettis,

Yesterday you requested information on important dates in the Ag. Damage calendar year. I've included a timeline below. The last date that we issue shooting permits is Oct. 1. However, January and February are busy times of the year for issuing shooting permits. Due to administrative rules, approximately 50% (around 400) of our shooting permits are issued by the end of February. Bottom line, if the new bill passes, it needs to happen right away.

Annual Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program Calendar

January 1 Begin date of Plans of Administration.

January 3 Last day to donate a deer to the Wisconsin Deer Donation Program.

Shooting permits issued the previous year expire.

February 15 Farmers who experienced \$1,000 or more in deer or elk crop damage in the preceding year are issued shooting permits to abate the damage.

March 1 Wildlife crop damage claims from previous year must be submitted to be eligible for payment.

Counties must submit their final reimbursement request for the previous year to be eligible for payment. After their final request has been audited and paid the counties are paid a 25% advance for the current budget year.

April 1 Counties enrolled in the WDACP submit their 1st quarterly reimbursement request.

June 1 WDACP must complete all wildlife crop damage payments for the previous year.

Annual report due to legislature.

July 1 Counties submit 2nd quarterly reimbursement request.

September 15 Bow season open is typically the start date of the Wisconsin Deer Donation Program.

October 1 Last day to issue a shooting permit.

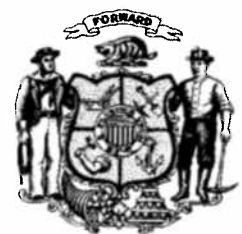
Counties submit 3rd quarterly reimbursement request.

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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Pettis, Mark

From: Thiede, Kurt A
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 7:48 PM
To: Pettis, Mark
Subject: Ag. Damage Information

We believe that the bill could increase the number of deer harvested from damage problem spots as more farmers will likely enroll in the Wisconsin Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) with the lifting of the hunter access requirement for those receiving only shooting permits. Also, some farmers may switch from accepting claims to solely utilize deer shooting permits with the lifting of the access requirement, resulting in fewer claims filed and saving the taxed Agricultural Damage fund valuable dollars. In 2004, 732 shooting permits were issued which resulted in approximately 8,300 deer killed. We anticipate that the number of deer shooting permits could increase by 10% with this legislation. A 10% increase would equate to approximately 830 more deer harvested under deer damage shooting permits.

As this would be a new option for Wisconsin Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) participants, it is difficult to determine exact figures associated with the anticipated fiscal effects. At this time we are only able to provide an estimate of what this modification would mean fiscally. We at least anticipate that this bill will likely decrease in damage claims paid. In 2003 the WDACP paid-out \$1,838,553 in claims. If we use 10% and 25% as assumptions, then a 10% and 25% reduction in claims would save the WDACP approximately \$183,855 and \$459,638 respectively. Again, these are estimates.

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