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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation...

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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

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 - (**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
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- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

* Contents organized for archiving by: Stefanie Rose (LRB) (June 2012)

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

Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Matt Phillips
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Date: 2-1-06

Bill Number: AB 229

Moved by: Breske

Seconded by: Wirch

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

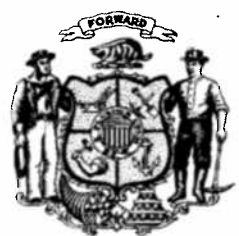
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



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**Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on
Natural Resources and Transportation
Executive Session – January 31, 2006**

Senate Bill 162 (Joint Legislative Council)

Relating to: creating a Council on Transportation Infrastructure in the Department of Transportation.

- **MOTION FOR INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF LRB 2072/1 AS SA 1**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

- **MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 162 AS AMENDED**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

ASSEMBLY BILL 20 (AINSWORTH/ZIEN)

Relating to: displaying attractions on highway specific information signs.

- **MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE OF AB 20**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

Assembly Bill 509 (Rep. Albers and Senator Breske)

Relating to: liability of cities, villages, towns, and counties for damages caused by an insufficiency or want of repair of a highway. (FE)

- **MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE OF AB 509**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

Senate Bill 467 – Authored by Senator Kedzie and Representative Hahn

Relating to: well drilling, pump installing, well inspection and abandonment, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

- **MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF SB 467**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**

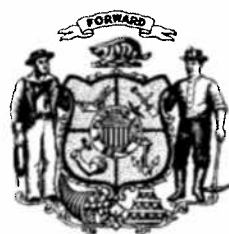
Assembly Bill 229 – Authored by Rep. Musser and Senator Stepp

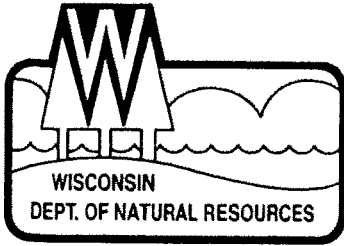
Relating to: assignment of a landowner's eligibility to apply for a turkey hunting license.

- **MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE OF AB 229**
- **SECOND**
- **DISCUSSION**
- **ROLL CALL**



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Department of Natural Resources Testimony – AB 229

Senate Natural Resources & Transportation Committee
Wednesday, February 1, 2006
300 Southeast

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Subject: AB 229 – Landowner Preference: Turkey Hunting

Chairman Kedzie and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation, thank you for the opportunity to testify on AB 229, relating to the transferability of landowner preference for turkey hunting. My name is Kurt Thiede, the Regulation Policy Specialist for the Department of Natural Resources' Bureau of Wildlife Management. Today I am testifying on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources in support of AB 229 as amended by *Assembly Substitute Amendment 1*. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rep. Musser and his staff for working with the Department to amend AB 229.

Since the establishment of the first turkey hunting seasons in the early 1980's, the Department's policy has been to reward landowners by providing them with increased opportunities to obtain turkey hunting permits for the more desirable, early turkey hunting time periods. Currently, 30% of all turkey hunting permits are distributed to landowners, and a majority of the early period permits go to landowners. The intent of this reward is to recognize a landowner's contributions to turkey management, and the landowner's roll in the successful reintroduction of turkeys in Wisconsin. Today, landowners provide turkeys with food and habitat from Prairie du Chien to Door County, from Beloit to Eau Claire and now from Wausau to the shores of Lake Superior. Secondly, the reward is extended out of appreciation for providing non-landowner turkey hunters with access to private property to hunt. Related to this point, by allowing landowners to take advantage of hunting in the early time periods, it is more likely that these landowners will allow other hunters to access their property after the landowner or his designee have hunted in one of the early periods.

Currently, a qualified resident landowner may assign his or her eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to a family member, a person who is residing on the land and renting it, or to a family member of the renter. As amended, this bill, would also allow a qualified resident landowner to assign his or her eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to an applicant under 18 years of age.

There is public support for this proposal. The concept of transferring landowner preference to any youth under the age of 18 was supported in spring 2005 by those attending the 2005 Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (73% in support vs. 27% in opposition). The question passed in 70 out of 72 counties statewide. The support for this proposal was based on providing additional hunting opportunities to youth hunters. Additionally, by limiting the transfer to youths, it would still allow for more non-landowners and non-eligible landowners to obtain permits in the early time periods.

Under the previous version of this bill, a qualified resident landowner would have been able to assign or sell his or her eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to any individual. This presented an equity that concerned the department. Currently, in some turkey management zones, better than 50% of the first period permits go to landowners. The bill would have made it more difficult for a non-qualifying landowner (less than 50 acres), or a person who cannot get landowner preference transferred to them, to get a permit in one of the first 3 time periods.

In addition, the previous version of the bill would have had the potential to create a market for the sale of a landowner's preference. Without the amendment, the bill could have lead to a cash market for those looking to obtain landowner preference, which could create a culture of assigning landowner preference to the highest bidder. Such a system is not consistent with the Department's policy of establishing a system of equal opportunity to the resource.

The substitute amendment that was adopted in the Assembly addressed these concerns by:

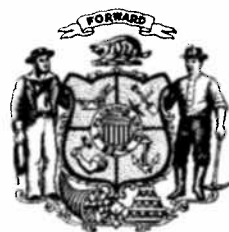
1. Prohibiting the sale of the preference, by including language that currently exists for the transfer of a Class A Bear hunting license (s. 29.184(6m)(c), Stats.), which prohibits the landowner from receiving any consideration for the transfer of the preference;
2. Continuing to allow the transfer of landowner preference to a family member or operator, but also allow the landowner to transfer their preference to any youth under the age of 18.

Finally, the Department would like to register our support for *Assembly Amendment 1 to the Substitute Amendment*. This amendment would allow 2005 Wisconsin Act 82 to go into effect retroactively to January 1, 2006. This simple amendment will provide more options for farmers looking to control deer damage to their agricultural crops and save the already taxed Agricultural Damage Account valuable funds.

Again, I thank you for providing me with the opportunity to testify on this bill today, and again thanks to Rep. Musser for the substitute amendment. I would be happy to offer any additional information or answer any questions.



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Chairman's Notes: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation Public Hearing – February 1, 2006

- Welcome to today's hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.
- 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.
- 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.

Senate Bill 84 (Assembly Bill 120) – Authored by Sen. Olsen and Rep. Petrowski

Relating to: restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles by persons holding instruction permits or probationary licenses and providing a penalty.

Summary: This bill creates an additional restriction that a probationary licensee who is under 18 years of age may not, during the first nine months following issuance of the probationary license, operate a "Class D" vehicle while using a cellular telephone, except to report an emergency. The same exceptions that apply to existing restrictions on the licensee also apply to this new restriction. The bill also stipulates that a person operating a motor vehicle under an instruction permit may not operate the motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone.

Assembly Action – AB 120:

- Passed Assembly Committee on Highway Safety on a 7-1 vote.
- Passed the Joint Committee on Finance on a 10-5 vote.
- Passed the Assembly on an 89-6 vote.

Senate Bill 467 – Authored by Senator Kedzie and Representative Hahn

Relating to: well drilling, pump installing, well inspection and abandonment, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Summary:

- First, it creates a register and licensing system for well drillers and pump installers. Under the bill, only licensed well drillers and pump installers may be registered with the DNR.
- Second, it requires that well drilling be performed by, or under the supervision of, a licensed well driller or pump installer.
- And finally, the bill requires that well abandonment be done by a licensed well driller or pump installer, or is supervised by a licensed well driller or pump installer.

Assembly Bill 229 – Authored by Representative Musser and Senator Stepp

Relating to: assignment of a landowner's eligibility to apply for a turkey hunting license.

Summary: Under the bill as amended, a qualified resident landowner may assign his or her eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to a minor, but the landowner cannot receive consideration for an assignment. In addition, the bill also fixes a drafting error in AB 166, relating to wildlife damage abatement, and specifies that 2005 Wisconsin Act 82 will take effect on January 1, 2006.

Assembly Action:

- Passed the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on a 13-0 vote
- Passed by the Assembly on a voice vote