

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Natural Resources

Assembly Bill 504

Relating to: the appointment of the secretary of natural resources.

By Representatives Gunderson, Davis, Black, Huebsch, Ballweg, Berceau, Cullen, Gronemus, Hahn, Hebl, Hines, Hilgenberg, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jeskewitz, Kaufert, Kestell, Kleefisch, LeMahieu, Mason, Moulton, Mursau, Nerison, Newcomer, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Pridemore, Roth, Schneider, Shilling, Smith, Soletski, Suder, Tauchen, Turner, Van Akkeren, Van Roy, Vruwink, Wieckert, Jorgensen, Petersen and Nygren; cosponsored by Senators Breske, Cowles, Lehman, Leibham, Plale, Risser and Wirch.

September 13, 2007 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

October 10, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (14) Representatives Gunderson, J. Ott, Bies, LeMahieu, M. Williams, Moulton, Nerison, Mursau, Black, Molepske, Steinbrink, Hraychuck, Hebl and Mason.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Rep. Scott Gunderson — 83rd Assembly District
- Rep. Spencer Black — 77th Assembly District
- Bill Torhorst — National Wild Turkey Federation
- Greg Kazmierski — Safari Club International- Dairyland Chapter
- Carl Schoettel — Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association
- Scott Maves — National Wild Turkey Federation- WI Chapter
- Herb Behnke, Shawano
- George Meyer — Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Ralph Fritsch — Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Sandy Heidel, Onalaska
- Jeff Nania — Wisconsin Waterfowl
- Gary Steffen — Wisconsin Science Professionals
- Ed Harvey Jr. — Wisconsin Conservation Congress
- Dave Ladd, Dodgeville
- Jim McCaulley — Conservation Congress
- Scott McAuley — Wisconsin Trappers Association
- Richard Wedepold, Madison

- Tom Thoresen — Wisconsin League of Conservative Voters, Association of Retired Conservationists
- Dick Raudhuin, Sturgeon Bay
- Jennifer Giegerich — Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters
- Todd Zeuske — Wisconsin Bowhunters Association
- Brad Wagner — WWA & Wisconsin Conservative Congress-Dane County
- John Weber, Buffalo City
- Mark Noll — Buffalo County Conservation Club
- Kendra Wochos — Midwest Environmental Advocates
- Chas Weier — Wisconsin Federation of G.L. Sport Fishing Clubs
- Dan Cichantek — Manitowoc County Fish and Game
- Frank Reith — Wisconsin Conservation Congress, WI League of Conservative Voters
- Larry Osegard — Wisconsin Conservation Congress
- Gary Klonowski, Madison
- Don Hammes — Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Edward Frank — Wisconsin Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society
- Merlin Becker — Wisconsin Woodland Association
- Gene Echler — Sheboygan County Conservation Association
- Ken Anderson — Vilas County Delegation, Conservation Congress
- John Wetzel — La Crosse County Conservation Alliance, Brice Prairie Conservation Association
- Jim Swanson — WI Muzzle Loader Association
- Daniel D. Carroll — Wisconsin Trappers Association, Conservation Congress
- Perry Pierre, Seymour
- Caryl Terrell — Sierra Club- John Muir Chapter
- Dr. Lyle Nauman — Izaak Walton League, Wisconsin Division
- Thomas R. Hansen, Green Bay
- Bob Haase — Musky Clubs Alliance, Trout Unlimited Control- Wisconsin Chapter
- Gerald Hellenbrand — Capital City Muskies Inc.
- Robert Wallen, Windsor

Appearances Against

- Scott Manley — Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- Bob Fassbender — Wisconsin Economic Development Association

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Constance F. Threinen, Middleton
- Philip H. Lewis — Marshall Erdman Academy of Sustainable Design
- Elizabeth Lewis — Friends of the Dane County Parks
- Gary Miller — NRA
- Marc A. Schultz — Lake Onalaska Protection District, Brice Prairie Conservation Association
- Charles Paine, Menasha
- Rod Vander Loop, Green Bay
- Joe Zanter, Sparta
- Bob Miller, Sparta
- Charles O'Brien — WI Deer Hunters Inc.
- Anne Sayers — Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters
- Thomas Krauskopf, Madison
- Dick Koerner — W County Conservation Congress
- Rep. Brett Davis — 73rd Assembly District
- Richard Chengweth — Scenic Wisconsin
- Betsy Lawton — Midwest Environmental Advocates
- Wendy Weisensel, Barnueled
- Dave Marshall, Barneveld
- Brandon Scholz, Madison
- Ken Wiesner, Madison
- Marsha Cannon, Madison
- Karen Etter Hale — Madison Audubon Society, Wisconsin Audubon Council
- Dale P. Morey, Poynette
- Sen. Roger Breske — 12th Assembly District
- Al Phelan — Conservation Congress of Dane County, WI Wildlife Federation
- William Johnson, Pardeeville
- Pete Peck — Houndsmen and Pen Owners
- Carla Peck — Houndsmen and Pen Owners
- Joe Caputo — Conservation Congress
- Eric Uram — Yahara Fishing Club
- Rachael Carlson, Madison
- Erin O'Brien — Wisconsin Wetlands Association
- Ray Heidel, Onalaska
- Mary Linton — Wisconsin Wetlands Association
- Dick Koerner, Neenah
- Bill Buksyk, Neenah
- Jerry Awlite — Conservation Congress
- Harold Drake — Dodge County Sporting Alliance

- Scott Zimmermann, Reeseville
- Wayne Schroeder — Conservation Congress
- Sherman Jacobson, VanDyne
- Michael Arrowood — Walleyes For Tomorrow
- John Glennon, Oregon
- Tim Hurlil, Seymour
- Gwen Campbell — WI Trappers Association, Inc.
- Doug Burrows — EC Rod & Gun Club, WI Wildlife Federation
- Robert Haase — Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, Control Wisconsin Trout Unlimited
- Robert Wilbenschaid — Calumet County Conservation Congress
- Paul Wilbenschaid, Nashotah
- Carolyn Brown — Wisconsin Muzzle Loaders Association
- Charlie Brown — WI Muzzle Loaders Association
- George Borchert, Van Dyne
- Betty Schneider, Oskosh
- Erika Froening — Jefferson County Raccoon and Fox Hunters, Heartland Houndsmen Federation
- Wes Domine — Conservation Congress, WTA
- Lawrence Freitag — Wisconsin Wildlife Association, Wisconsin Federation of Sport Fishermen
- Thomas Gulash — Northeast Wisconsin Great Lakes Sportsfishermen
- Ken Risley — Green County Conservation Congress
- Lola Lechner — Wisconsin Bow Hunters
- Mary Jo Kopecky, Madison
- James Houck — Walworth County Conservation Congress
- Peter Ziegler, Slinger
- Richard E. Olson, Madison
- Tim Eisele, Madison
- Dale Zaug — Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association
- Robert Baumeister, Madison
- Jerry Knuth — Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Kent Klepinger, Stoughton
- William Schapfel, Hixton
- Darrel Eherhardt — Jackson County Conservation Congress
- Jill Leverance, Brooklyn
- Bradley Hasheider — Conservation Congress
- Michael Rogers — Conservation Congress, NWTF, Wisconsin Hound Hunters
- Bill Kirchmeyer — Conservation Congress WBH
- Lynne Hettrick — Wisconsin Waterfowl Association

- Harry Meinking — La Crosse County Conservation, West Salem Rod & Gun Alliance
- John T. Daniel, Cross Plains
- George Gayant — Isaak Walton League
- Gerald Ernst — State Div. IWLA
- Dale Schaber, Appleton
- Joan Baudhuin, Sturgeon Bay
- Darlene Thenell, Sturgeon Bay
- John D. Thenell, Sturgeon Bay
- Peter McKeever — Milwaukee County Conservation Coalition
- Curt Meine — Aldo Leopold Foundation
- Dan Gunderson — Wisconsin Outdoors Alliance
- Don Last — Madison Parks Foundation
- Larry Gohlke — Conservation Congress, Wisconsin Waterfowl Federation
- Becky Abel, Madison
- Stephen Miller, Madison
- Gary Werner, Madison
- Andrea Kaminski — League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
- Charles Newling, Briggsville
- Lori Grant — River Alliance of Wisconsin
- Jessica Garrels, Madison
- Jeff Smith — Wisconsin Trout Unlimited
- Joe Caputo — Conservation Congress
- Jayne Mieser — Wisconsin Conservation Congress
- Burt Bushke — Wings Over Wisconsin
- Peter Murray, Madison — Wisconsin Association of Game Warden
- David Jeston — Friends of the Lower Wisconsin River
- Charles Pils, Madison
- Dave Hrachuck — Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Polk County
- Wally Trudeau — Conservation Congress
- Timothy J. Huettl, Seymour

Registrations Against

- Pat Osborne — Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin
- Rep. Frank Lasee — 2nd Assembly District
- Thomas Ciske — Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce
- Nick George — Midwest Food Processors Association
- Tom Larson — Wisconsin Realtors Association
- Brad Boyce — Wisconsin Builders Association

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

December 19, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (14) Representatives Gunderson, J. Ott, Bies, LeMahieu, M. Williams, Moulton, Nerison, Mursau, Black, Molepske, Steinbrink, Hraychuck, Hebl and Mason.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Nerison, seconded by Representative Moulton that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (13) Representatives Gunderson, J. Ott, Bies, M. Williams, Moulton, Nerison, Mursau, Black, Molepske, Steinbrink, Hraychuck, Hebl and Mason.
Noes: (1) Representative LeMahieu.

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 13, Noes 1**

Moved by Representative J. Ott, seconded by Representative M. Williams that **Assembly Bill 504** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (13) Representatives Gunderson, J. Ott, Bies, M. Williams, Moulton, Nerison, Mursau, Black, Molepske, Steinbrink, Hraychuck, Hebl and Mason.
Noes: (1) Representative LeMahieu.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 13, Noes 1

Mike Bruhn
Committee Clerk