

1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 59

June 10, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, BLACK, KRUG, HANSON, R. POTTER, BOCK, NOTESTEIN, R. YOUNG and PLOUFF, cosponsored by Senators CLAUSING, JAUCH and RISSER. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1	Relating to: recommending the closing of the navy's Project ELF transmitter.
2	Whereas, the end of the Cold War has eliminated whatever justification existed
3	for the operation of the navy's Project ELF transmitter, near Clam Lake in Ashland
4	County; and
5	Whereas, the federal government has a serious budget deficit and operating
6	Project ELF costs between \$16 million and \$20 million per year; and
7	Whereas, the environmental and public health concerns raised by Project ELF
8	remain unresolved, with the growing body of scientific evidence pointing to adverse
9	effects caused by extremely low frequency electromagnetic fields such as those
10	generated by Project ELF; and
11	Whereas, civilian oversight of the military is a cornerstone of American
12	democracy; and
13	Whereas, public and editorial comment has overwhelmingly called for Project
14	ELF to be closed; and

1	Whereas, the full U.S. senate voted twice in 1995 to cut funding for Project ELF;
2	and
3	Whereas, U.S. Senators Russell Feingold and Herb Kohl have introduced
4	Senate Bill 59, the "Extremely Low Frequency Communications System
5	Termination and Deficit Reduction Act of 1997"; and
6	Whereas, U.S. Representatives Scott Klug, Ron Kind, Gerald Kleczka, Thomas
7	Barrett, David Obey and James Sensenbrenner have introduced House Resolution
8	1446, the "Extremely Low Frequency Termination Act of 1997"; now, therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
10	Wisconsin legislature support the recommendation of this state's congressional
11	delegation that the navy's Project ELF transmitter in Clam Lake, Wisconsin, be
12	closed in 1997; and, be it further
13	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
14	resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation, to President
15	Clinton and to the secretary of the navy.
16	(END)