



WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

March 21, 2001

Representative Scott Jensen
Assembly Speaker
211 West, State Capitol
HAND - DELIVERED

Representative Neal Kedzie
Chair, Assembly Committee on the Environment
307 North, State Capitol
HAND - DELIVERED

Dear Speaker Jensen and Representative Kedzie,

As you know Senate Bill 37, to restore protection for Wisconsin wetlands in light of the U.S. Supreme Court *SWANCC v. Army Corp of Engineers* decision, was passed by the State Senate on February 13th on an overwhelming and bipartisan 27-6 vote. Since that time the bill has been before the Assembly Committee on Environment.

It is our understanding that the refusal to consider this legislation by either the Environment Committee or the full Assembly is based on concerns regarding technical aspects of the legislation.

In another attempt to facilitate Assembly action to protect Wisconsin wetlands as the building season begins we make the following offer:

- The Assembly would act to pass Senate Bill 37 without amendment tomorrow (Thursday March 22nd).
- The Senate and Assembly leadership would appoint a working group to address technical concerns of the Assembly Republicans and draft trailer legislation.
- The agreed to trailer legislation would be passed by both houses in the first week of the May 1-10 floor period.
- If you have already identified your suggested technical changes to SB 37, Senator Baumgart is available to meet this afternoon to attempt to reach an agreement. We would be happy to attach any agreement reached to this letter prior to your floor action tomorrow.

If you have any questions regarding our offer please feel free to contact either Senator Baumgart or myself. In the interest of expeditious and bipartisan legislative action to prevent the destruction of Wisconsin wetlands we hope you will seriously consider our offer.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Chuck Chvala in black ink.

Chuck Chvala
Senate Majority Leader

Handwritten signature of Jim Baumgart in black ink.

Jim Baumgart
Chair, Senate Committee on Environmental Resources