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Thank you for downloading this sample Conservation Congress meeting resolution and instruction sheet!

Changes for 2001

There was an effort this past year to cut down on the length of Conservation Congress meetings. This effort resulted in a reduction in the number of resolutions on the statewide printed ballot.

The good news is that resolutions may *still* be introduced from the floor at individual county meetings with the following restrictions:

- Resolutions must not exceed 250 words, and
- Only two resolutions may be submitted per individual

The resolution on the next page meets the 250-word limit, but if you want to introduce more than two resolutions, you'll need to enlist a friend.

Good luck. And thanks for placing this issue on your county's meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Todd Hanson

RESOLUTION: REQUIRE ADEQUATE FUNDS UP-FRONT IN THE MINING
IRREVOCABLE TRUST BASED ON HIGHEST RISK

The Problem:

Currently, there is no minimum requirement as to the amount of up-front funds to be placed in the "Mining Irrevocable Trust". At one time the Natural Resources Board required a fee of \$2.00 per ton for all waste to be placed in a tailings pond and all waste to be used for backfilling the mine. But later, the DNR reduced the required trust fees to 25 cents per ton for waste going into an engineered mine waste dump and only five cents per ton for waste used for mine backfilling, using a "risk rule based on a reasonable" worst case scenario.

Recent tests have confirmed that the backfilled mine, as proposed, will pollute groundwater in an ever-enlarging plume forever and the mining company proposed to install wells into the polluting waste and perpetually pump out and repurify the water. The mining company's liability is to terminate after forty years. The probable environmental risks of the tailings ponds are undetermined.

Based on the past history of metallic mining of sulfide ore and studies of the proposed Crandon mine environmental damage will occur and could be irreversible. The citizens of Wisconsin must not be put in a position by the DNR in which they could end up footing the cleanup bills after a foreign mining company made big profits and left the state.

The Question:

SHOULD THE DNR BOARD INCREASE UP-FRONT MINING IRREVOCABLE TRUST FEES TO ASSURE CLEANUP OF WORST-CASE DISASTERS AT NO COST TO WISCONSIN CITIZENS?

Submitted in _____ Co. By _____

Date: _____, 200__ Address _____

County Vote: _____ City-State _____ ZIP _____

Yes _____ No _____ Telephone # _____ - _____ - _____