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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: REQUEST THE NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD RE-CONSIDER  
ITS DECISION NOT TO WRITE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
DEFINING THE INTENT OF THE MINING MORITORIUM LAW

The Problem:

The stated responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources is: "to IMPLEMENT state and federal LAWS that PROTECT AND ENHANCE Wisconsin's natural resources."

The Mining Moritorium Bill was a very controversial piece of legislation. On the one side was its author and strong statewide citizen support for protecting their surface and groundwaters from the long-proven hazards of metallic sulfide ore mining. On the other side were legislators and the governor, influenced by well-financed pro-mining lobbyists who saw the bill as another obstacle in the way of permitting the proposed Crandon mine. The bill was debated late in the session, prior to adjournment before the fall election, and with political compromise the wording was changed altering its true intent and purpose. The people got a Mining Moritorium Law, but when its final content was studied they felt betrayed and the pro-mining group was smiling.

It is the DNR Board's "Public Trust and Agency Responsibility" to write Administrative Rules for that law so that it WILL PROTECT AND ENHANCE Wisconsin's natural Resources. Until that is done the DNR has no authority to implement that law for it will not protect the people's vital resources.

The Question:

SHOULD THE NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD PROCEED WITH DRAFTING  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR THE MINING MORITORIUM LAW,  
WIS. STAT. 293.50, SO THAT IT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED TO  
FULFILL ITS INTENT OF PROTECTING THE PEOPLE'S NATURAL  
RESOURCES FROM UNSAFE METALLIC MINING?

Submitted on: \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_, In \_\_\_\_\_ County.

County Vote: By \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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