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**Rep. Black 266-7521**  
**Rep. Miller 266-5342**

## **Black, Miller Condemn Committee's Vote Against Mercury Pollution Limits**

Representatives Spencer Black and Mark Miller today condemned the Assembly Natural Resources Committee's vote against rules to limit mercury pollution in Wisconsin waters.

"The committee's vote today is a real step backward for our environment," said Black, ranking Democratic member of the Natural Resources Committee.

"Their excuse for allowing continued water pollution is that we should wait for the federal government. Waiting for the Bush Administration to protect the environment is like waiting for the Brewers to win the pennant – you can always hope, but don't hold your breath."

Representative Miller added: "The proposed rule strikes a balance between the strong standards wanted by environmentalists and sportsmen, and the weaker standards lobbied for by business groups. The proposed rule is technically and economically feasible."

The Natural Resources Committee voted today against the proposed DNR rule to reduce mercury emissions from four Wisconsin utilities 80 percent by the year 2015.