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Clark Votes “Yes” for Independent DNR

MADISON – Today the Wisconsin State Assembly considered an override of Governor Doyle’s veto on Assembly Bill 138 which restores appointment of the Department of Natural Resources Secretary to the Natural Resources Board. The Assembly veto override vote fell 8 votes short of the required 2/3 majority (58-38), and thus Governor Doyle’s veto of AB 138 will stand.

The DNR Secretary was appointed by the Natural Resources Board until 1995 when the Legislature delivered the Secretary’s appointment authority to Governor Thompson. Since then, bills have been introduced in every subsequent Legislature to restore appointment authority back to the Natural Resources Board.

Rep. Fred Clark (D-Baraboo) voted in favor of overriding the Governor. “Restoring an independent DNR is an issue that has had strong and consistent support from my constituents. While we did not sustain the veto override, the majority of members who supported this bill still sent a clear message about the ongoing value of an independent DNR.”

Representative Fred Clark represents the 42nd Assembly District which covers parts of Sauk, Columbia, Marquette and Adams County. If you would like to get in touch with Rep. Clark about upcoming bills or need assistance with state government matters you may call him at 1-888-534-0042, email him at Rep.Clark@legis.wi.gov, or stop by his office at 418 north in the Wisconsin State Capitol.

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