



# KARL VAN ROY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**For Immediate Release**  
**Contact: Rep. Karl Van Roy**

**August 31, 2005**  
**1-888-534-0090**

## **VAN ROY CORMORANT BILL PASSES COMMITTEE**

MADISON – The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources voted in favor of Assembly Bill 486, the Wisconsin Cormorant Bill, by a vote of 13-2 this afternoon. State Rep. Karl Van Roy (R – Howard) says that the overwhelming bipartisan support shown for the bill today bodes well for the bill’s chances of passing the full Assembly this fall.

“Both Democrats and Republicans on the Assembly Natural Resources Committee realized today what my constituents have been saying for years,” said Van Roy. “These birds are overpopulating and laying waste to fish populations and our Lake Michigan ecosystem.”

Van Roy introduced the Cormorant Bill along with State Senator Alan Lasee and area Reps. Judy Krawczyk and Garey Bies earlier this year when several constituents raised concerns about Cormorant overpopulation. After numerous studies pointed to Cormorants as the culprit behind fish population declines, habitat destruction, and pollution, the Federal Government issued a public depredation order granting Wisconsin the authority to manage its population.

“Wisconsin is one step closer to joining the rest of the Great Lakes states in recognizing and remedying the Cormorant problem,” said Van Roy. “I feel confident that we will take the next step of passing this bill on the Assembly Floor soon.”

###