

## COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION

Assembly Parlor, Capitol  
10:30 A.M.

November 3, 2011

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Fitzgerald, Suder,  
Kramer, Ballweg, Knodl, Barca,  
Seidel, and Roys

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE STAFF PRESENT: Bob Karius, Committee Clerk

### **CALL TO ORDER** (Agenda Item 1)

Speaker Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 10:38 A.M.

### **ROLL CALL** (Agenda Item 2)

The Roll was taken and Speaker Fitzgerald indicated for the record that 8 committee members were in attendance.

**MOTION TO MOVE THAT THE ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE APPROVE A POLICY TO ALLOW WEAPONS OR SIGNS IN ANY SPACE WITHIN THE STATE CAPITOL, THAT IS ASSIGNED TO THE ASSEMBLY, ITS MEMBERS OR OFFICERS, UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS PROHIBITED BY LAW OR ASSEMBLY POLICY FROM CARRYING THE WEAPON OR SIGN.**

(Agenda Item 3)

Moved by Representative Barca, seconded by Representative Roys that motion for the Assembly policy regarding 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 be amended to include the words "or sign" after the word "weapon" as it appears both times in the first sentence of the policy, and to appropriately modify all interpretations of Assembly Rule 26 to similarly allow for individuals to possess and display signs to be recommended for adoption.

Roll Call was taken and the motion failed, Ayes, 3, Noes, 5.

**MOTION TO MOVE THAT THE ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION  
COMMITTEE AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO ADD THE WORD  
"CONCEALED" IN FRONT OF THE WORD "WEAPON".**

**(Agenda Item 4)**

Moved by Representative Suder, seconded by Representative Kramer that motion for the Assembly policy regarding 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 Assembly policy regarding carrying weapons be amended to include the word "concealed" in front of the word "weapon" as it appears in the title and the first sentence of the policy to be recommended for adoption.

Roll Call was taken and the motion was adopted, Ayes, 8, Noes, 0.

**MOTION TO MOVE THAT THE ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION  
COMMITTEE SPECIFY WITHIN THE POLICY TO NOT ALLOW  
LOADING AND UNLOADING WEAPONS IN THE ASSEMBLY  
CHAMBERS.**

**(Agenda Item 5)**

Moved by Representative Barca, seconded by Representative Roys that motion for the Assembly policy regarding 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 specify not to allow loading and unloading weapons in the Assembly Chambers be recommended for adoption.

Roll Call was taken and the motion failed, Ayes, 3, Noes, 5.

**MOTION TO MOVE THAT THE ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE APPROVE ASSEMBLY POLICY REGARDING CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS. GENERAL POLICY: EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BELOW, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON IN ANY SPACE WITHIN THE STATE CAPITOL THAT IS ASSIGNED TO THE STATE ASSEMBLY OR THE STATE ASSEMBLY'S MEMBERS OR OFFICERS, UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS PROHIBITED BY LAW OR ASSEMBLY POLICY FROM CARRYING THE WEAPON.**

**ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES OFFICES: AN ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE MAY POST A SIGN IN A PROMINENT PLACE NEAR THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE TO THE OFFICE, STATING A WEAPON RESTRICTION FOR THAT OFFICE. THE CHIEF CLERK SHALL PROVIDE UNIFORM SIGNAGE FOR USE BY ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THIS POLICY.**

**(Agenda Item 6)**

Moved by Representative Suder, seconded by Representative Kramer that motion for the Assembly Organization committee to approve Assembly policy as amended regarding 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 Assembly policy regarding carrying concealed weapons be recommended for adoption.

Roll Call was taken and the motion was adopted, Ayes, 5, Noes, 3.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**(Agenda Item 7)**

Speaker Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 11:35 A.M.

Prepared by Assembly Chief Clerk Staff



**Act 35 specify not to allow loading and unloading weapons in the Assembly Chambers** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (3) Representatives Barca, Seidel and Roys.  
Noes: (5) Representatives J. Fitzgerald, Suder, Knodl, Kramer and Ballweg.

ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 5

Moved by Representative Suder, seconded by Representative Kramer that **Motion for the Assembly Organization committee to approve Assembly policy as amended regarding 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 Assembly policy regarding carrying concealed weapons** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Representatives J. Fitzgerald, Suder, Knodl, Kramer and Ballweg.  
Noes: (3) Representatives Barca, Seidel and Roys.

ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 3

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Bob Karius  
Committee Clerk

## ASSEMBLY POLICY REGARDING CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS

### GENERAL POLICY

Except as provided below, an individual may carry a concealed weapon in any space within the State Capitol that is assigned to the State Assembly or the State Assembly's members or officers, unless the individual is prohibited by law or Assembly policy from carrying the weapon.

### ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICES

An Assembly representative may post a sign in a prominent place near the public entrance to the office, stating a weapon restriction for that office. The Chief Clerk shall provide uniform signage for use by Assembly representatives under this policy.