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## THREE SCHUTT BILLS PASS STATE ASSEMBLY

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**Madison, WI** – Yesterday, three bills, authored by Representative Ellen Schutt (R-Clinton), were passed by the State Assembly.

Assembly Bill 131 removes the requirement of county boards to appoint a member of the Farm Service Agency to their County Land Conservation Committee. Instead, counties will now be allowed to appoint any person who is engaged in an agricultural use.

"I'm glad we could make this update to County Land Conservation Committees, and guarantee that farmers have a direct voice in county government. Farmers are our lands greatest champions, and it is important that they are provided a seat at the table when government is deciding on soil and water conservation policies."

Assembly Bills 141 and 142, prohibit state and local governments from banning the use or sale of a device or vehicle based on energy source. This legislation prohibits government intervention into the free market and protects consumers, distributors, and manufacturers from government bureaucrats seeking to ban common, affordable items.

"These two bills make sure that going forward, consumers will continue to have the freedom to decide what type of vehicle, lawn mower or kitchen appliance they want to have. These bills allow the free market to work, and prohibit government at all levels from picking and choosing winners and losers by mandating what type of vehicle or device are allowed to be sold based on its energy source."

These three bills now move to the Senate for final approval.

The 31st Assembly District includes the City of Elkhorn, portions of the Cities of Beloit, and Whitewater, the Villages of Clinton and Darien, the Towns of Bradford, Clinton, Johnstown, La Prairie, Turtle, Darien, Lafayette, La Grange, Richmond, Spring Prairie, Sugar Creek, and Whitewater, and portions of the Town of Beloit.