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RE: HB 3168

Chairman Witt and members of the Committee:

On behalf of my fellow senior citizens, I urge you to support HB 3168 relating to the use of electric motors on certain lakes.

Passage of this bill will allow the State Marine Board to permit electric motors on waters where they are now forbidden.

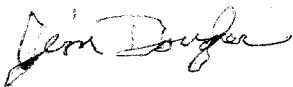
In doing so the Board will accomplish two things:

- 1) make a reasonable concession to senior citizens to accommodate the physical conditions which go along with getting older; and
- 2) increase safety by allowing an electric motor to assist rowing when storm winds come up suddenly and one is a long way from the landing - a frequent occurrence in the high lakes.

At age 82, I would benefit both ways if electric motors were allowed. Even when I was 65 or so, I could not keep from being blown down the lake and onto a pile of driftwood no matter how hard I rowed. Broke a rod in the process as well.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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