

Summary

In the video *In My Backyard?*, students will see how the state of Wisconsin steps in to regulate a situation where differing local ordinances create an uneven playing field for the siting of wind turbines. With key interviews on both sides of the issue as well as video testimony from the capitol and the footage of the final vote, this piece provides a comprehensive look into how state policy is formed.

Summary of AB 256: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/AB-256.pdf>

People of Interest

Sen. Jeffrey Plale, 7th Senate District: Author of Senate Bill 185

Rep. James Soletski, 88th Assembly District: Author of Assembly Bill 256

The Senate and Assembly bills are essentially the same bill being debated in the video.

Lynda Barry, Better Plan Wisconsin: Lynda is a lobbyist opposed to the bills.

Ann and Jason Wirtz: Ann and Jason are directly affected by the placement of wind turbines near their property.

Michael Vickerman, Executive Director, RENEW Wisconsin: Michael is a lobbyist in support of the bills.

Eric Callisto, Chairman, Public Service Commission: Eric is head of the agency that would be the deciding factor in the siting of turbines should the bills become law.

Teachable Moments

0:45-1:01	<i>NIMBY</i> explained
1:16-2:00	Need/opportunity for wind energy explained
2:00-3:00	Wirtz family explains their opposition to wind turbines
3:00-4:10	Introduction of Lynda Barry; Better Plan, Wisconsin
4:10-5:00	Reason for uniform siting code explained; <i>NIMBY</i>
5:00-5:59	Explains Senate Bill 185 and the role of the PSC
6:00-9:45	The nuts and bolts of making your voice heard
9:46-11:50	How a bill becomes law
11:51-end	Why it matters

