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| 3/19/2013 | 1 | COMMON COUNCIL | Adopt Under Suspension of Rules 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, and 2.25 | Pass |
| 3/13/2013 | 1 | Council Office | RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS | |

Fiscal Note
No appropriation required.

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Body
WHEREAS, two bills currently pending before the Wisconsin Legislature would provide a property tax exemptions for commercial television and radio broadcasters; and,

WHEREAS, residential owners already pay more than 2/3 of all statewide property taxes, while the share paid by businesses has decreased; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has primarily reserved property tax exemptions for benevolent non-profit organizations and this exemption would benefit commercial for-profit businesses without a public purpose; and,

WHEREAS, commercial broadcasters already enjoy a property tax exemption for digital broadcasting equipment, also without a public purpose; and,

WHEREAS, a property tax exemption for commercial radio and television broadcasters would reduce assessed value in the City of Madison by over \$9 million, shifting more than \$200,000 in tax burden to homeowners and other taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Common Council oppose Assembly Bill 5 and Senate Bill 34, and any other effort by the Wisconsin Legislature to further erode our city's ability to provide services by exempting commercial property from property taxes.