

Protestors Lock to Railings at Capitol, Get Arrested

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Two protesters at the state Capitol have been arrested after they used rigid bike locks to chain themselves to railings in the Senate chamber.

The demonstrators were among several dozen in a public gallery Thursday morning. When the Senate gavelled to order, they began shouting "Kill the bill," and locked themselves to separate posts.

The protesters positioned the U-shaped locks around the back of their necks and secured the front prongs around the rails. Authorities used a special cutting device to free them after about an hour.

Capitol police identified the two as a 20-year-old Beaver Dam man and a 23-year-old Elroy woman.

Police say six others were also arrested on disorderly-conduct charges.

Authorities also added bike locks and handcuffs to the list of items prohibited in the Capitol.