

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Labor**

##### **Assembly Bill 67**

Relating to: employment discrimination based on creed; exemption from liability and discipline for health care providers and hospital employees who refuse to participate in sterilization, abortion, assisted suicide, and other procedures on moral or religious grounds; and power of attorney for health care instruments and patient declarations regarding the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures or feeding tubes.

By Representatives Hundertmark, Staskunas, Albers, Bies, J. Fitzgerald, Freese, Grothman, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hines, Huebsch, Kerkman, Kestell, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Ladwig, F. Lasee, M. Lehman, LeMahieu, Loeffelholz, McCormick, D. Meyer, Montgomery, Nass, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Rhoades, Stone, Suder, Underheim, Van Roy, Vrakas, Vukmir, Weber, Wieckert, J. Wood and Ziegelbauer; cosponsored by Senators Roessler, Reynolds, Breske, Cowles, S. Fitzgerald, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Schultz, Stepp and Welch.

February 18, 2003      Referred to Committee on Labor.

March 5, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:     (9)      Representatives Nass, Vrakas, Grothman,  
   Wieckert, Hundertmark, J. Fitzgerald, Sinicki,  
   W. Wood and Van Akkeren.

Absent:      (0)      None.

##### Appearances For

- Rep. Jean Hundertmark, Author
- Mary Klaver, WI Right to Life, Milwaukee
- Ed Kramper, McFarland
- Kathy Markeland, WI Catholic Conference, Madison
- Nicole Reimer, Milwaukee
- Cynthia Jones-Nosacek, Milwaukee
- Therese McGuire, Milwaukee

##### Appearances Against

- Deborah Lukovich, NARAL of WI, Madison
- Bill Bock, Hospice, Inc., Madison
- Chris Taylor, Planned Parenthood
- Wendy Cooper, Madison
- Melanie Ramey, The HOPE of WI, Madison
- Todd McVey, Hospice Care, Inc., Madison

- Rep. Terese Berceau
- Linda Grilley, Comfort Care, Wausau
- Karen Carrig, The HOPE of WI, Cambridge
- Keni Christiansen, Rainbow Hospice, Janesville

#### Appearances for Information Only

- Tom Engels, Pharmacists Society of WI, Madison
- Michelle Mettner, Children's Hospital of WI, Madison

#### Registrations For

- Sen. Tom Reynolds
- Andre Jacque, Madison
- Sen. Carol Roessler
- Sen. Bob Welch
- Matt Sande, Pro-Life Wisconsin, Cambridge
- Susan Armacost, WI Right to Life, Milwaukee

#### Registrations Against

- Lisa Boyce, Planned Parenthood, Madison
- Constance Theinen, League of Women Voters of WI, Middleton
- Nora Cusack, Madison
- Amber Zeddies, Madison
- Lauren Rauk, Madison
- Colleen Hermann, NARAL of WI, Madison
- Sue Moline-Larson, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI, Madison
- Megan Mooney, NARAL of WI, Madison
- Scott Spear, Madison
- Dan Barker, Madison
- Kathryn Osborne, WI Chapter of the American College of Nurse Midwives, Madison
- Jody Whelden, Madison
- Chris Ahmuty, ACLU of WI, Milwaukee

April 23, 2003

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (9) Representatives Nass, Vrakas, Grothman, Wieckert, Hundertmark, J. Fitzgerald, Sinicki, W. Wood and Van Akkeren.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Hundertmark, seconded by Representative Nass that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 (LRB-s0028/2)** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Nass, Vrakas, Wieckert,  
Hundertmark, J. Fitzgerald, W. Wood and  
Van Akkeren.

Noes: (2) Representatives Grothman and Sinicki.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 (LRB-S0028/2)  
ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 2

Moved by Representative Vrakas, seconded by Representative Van  
Akkeren that **Assembly Bill 67** be recommended for passage as  
amended.

Ayes: (8) Representatives Nass, Vrakas, Grothman,  
Wieckert, Hundertmark, J. Fitzgerald, W.  
Wood and Van Akkeren.

Noes: (1) Representative Sinicki.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 1

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Mike Mikalsen  
Committee Clerk