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## Select Committee on Health Care Reform...

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Select Committee on Health Care Reform**

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(2005 Senate Bill 698)

**Sen. Mark Miller**, 2005 Senate Bill 388

**Mr. J.P. Wieske**, Council for Affordable Health Insurance

July 26, 2006

#### **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Roessler, Darling, Olsen, Erpenbach,  
and Miller.

Absent: (0) None.

#### Appearances For

- **Rep. Curt Gielow, Rep. Jon Richards, Mr. Joe Leann, Ms. Lisa Ellinger**, Wisconsin Health Plan (2005 Assembly Bill 1140)
- **Mr. David Newby** with AFL-CIO, Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan (2005 Senate Bill 698)
- **Rep. Terry Musser**, SB 698
- **Mike Rayome**, SB 698
- **Sen. Mark Miller**, 2005 Senate Bill 388

#### Appearances Against

- None.

#### Appearances for Information Only

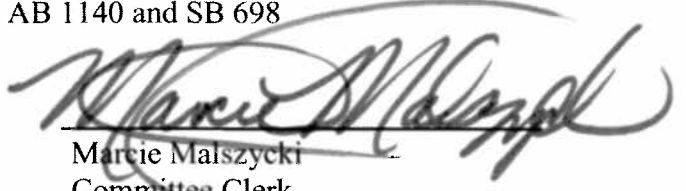
- **Art Taggart**, SB 388
- **J.P. Wieske**, Council for Affordable Health Insurance

#### Registrations For

- **Herman Holtzman**, SB 388
- **Jim Kelleman**, SB 388

#### Registrations Against

- **Herman Holtzman, AB 1140 and SB 698**

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Marcie Malszycki  
Committee Clerk



## Stegall, Jennifer

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**Subject:** FW: Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

**Attachments:** Stegall, Jennifer.vcf

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**From:** Stegall, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2006 2:27 PM  
**To:** Volz, David; Schulze, Connie; Knutson, Tryg; Kuhn, Jamie; Smith, Heather; Lipp, Elizabeth; Rose, Laura; Sweet, Richard  
**Cc:** Bill Smith; Dan Schwartz; Dianne Kiehl; Eric Englund; Erik Hekkers (Assurant Health Ins); Jordan Lamb; Juliana (Daimler Chrysler); Laura DeGolier; Mike Hert; R.J. Pirlot; Sabrina Gentile (Wi. Farm Bureau Federation); Sheri Krause (WASB); Steven Lorenz; Susan McMurray; Tim Shaw (Allied Health); Victor Perez, Assurant; Alice O'Connor; Alison Prange; Andrew Franken; Ann Medeiros; Bob Andersen; Bryan Brooks; Cathleen Dettmann; Ellen Henningsen; Eric Borgerding; George Petak; Gina Dennik-Champion; Greer, Rosie; Greg Aronin (Johnson and Johnson); Guarasci, Patrick - Office of Governor Jim Doyle; Hermes, Ron; Hillary Conley; Huffer, Linda; Jack; Jason Johns; Jason Westphal; Jeff Ranous; Jeremy Levin; Jim Hemes; Jim Tenuta; Jodi Bloch; Jodie Tierney ; John D. Forester; Joseph Win (AHIP); Julie Swiderski; Karla (Ministry Health Care); Kate Venne; Katie Boycks; Katie Walby; Laurie Kuiper; Linda Hall; Linda Klein-Schmidt; Lisa Macaulay; Lisa Maroney; Lisa Roys; Little, Kevin; Liz Schumacher Meriter; Louie Schubert; Mark Grapentine; Mark Reihl (carpenters union); Martin, Larry - DRL; Mary Klaver RTL; Maureen McNally; mbrooks@wda.org; Michael Blumenfeld ; Michael Heifetz; Michael Welch; Michelle Mettner; Moyer, Andrew - Office of Governor Jim Doyle; Nancy Wenzel; Paul Merline; Paul Westrick; Peter Christianson; Peter Theo; Robert Phillips; Snyder, MaryAnne; Tom Engels; Tom Fonfara; Tom Frazier; Tom Moore; Tony Driessen; Tony Langenohl; Vaughn Vance  
**Subject:** Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Hi,

In addition to the hearing scheduled for June 16th, the Senate Health Care Reform Committee will also meet on July 26th.

An official hearing notice will be sent out regarding each of these hearings in the near future.

Thanks,

**Jennifer Stegall**  
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**Malszycki, Marcie**

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**From:** Davidrnewby@cs.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2006 11:29 PM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler  
**Subject:** Health Care Committee Hearing

Carol,

I'm very pleased that the Committee will hear testimony on the major reform plans currently before the Legislature.

In order to prepare a presentation I need to know how much time each of us will have and whether PowerPoint equipment will be set up (or whether we need to bring our own).

I'm hoping that I'll have time to present our PowerPoint (at least 20 minutes), with additional time for Rep. Terry Musser and Mike Rayome, Regional Human Resources Director for Graphics Packaging in Wausau (Russ Decker will be out of state and unable to attend). And obviously, we need time for Committee Members to ask questions!

Please let me know asap what the arrangements and time constraints will be.

David

P.S. Thanks for taking the time to have a briefing on the Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan week before last.





**Malszycki, Marcie**

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**From:** Volz, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2006 9:23 AM  
**To:** 'Lisa Ellinger'  
**Subject:** RE:

Oh, it's never a bother. Sure, we can accommodate you. I don't believe any other group had a similar request so that should be just fine.

Dave

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**From:** Lisa Ellinger [mailto:lisa\_ellinger@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** Volz, David  
**Subject:**

Dave:

I hope this is the last time I pester you about the hearing. Could we present to the committee first? Some of our presenters have to be on their way before noon.

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Lisa Ellinger  
The Wisconsin Health Project  
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## Select Committee on Health Care Reform

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The committee will hold a public hearing on the following items at the time specified below:

Wednesday, July 26, 2006  
10:00 AM  
411 South  
State Capitol

**The Committee will hear from invited speakers only to present and discuss various health coverage proposals:**

1st ✓ **Rep. Curt Gielow, Rep. Jon Richards, Mr. Joe Leann, Ms. Lisa Ellinger,**  
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Power Point ✓ **Mr. David Newby** with AFL-CIO, Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan  
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Senator Carol Roessler  
Co-Chair

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Senator Alberta Darling  
Co-Chair



**Malszycki, Marcie**

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**From:** Leipnitz Dental [leipnitz@charterinternet.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 12:09 PM  
**To:** Sen.Roessler  
**Subject:** Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Sen. Carol Roessler – I am contacting you to let you know I have reviewed the Wisconsin Health Plan and am supporting AB1140. I work full time for a dental clinic and there are no health benefits offered. My husband farms and works a part-time job off farm. At this time we do not have health insurance as we are unable to afford the monthly premiums. The policies we have researched have premiums that are greater than our monthly farm mortgage. We hope your committee will seriously review the health care proposals and act upon this very important issue for many families, not just ours. Thank you – Beth Ford, N7303 330<sup>th</sup> Street, Menomonie, WI 54751 / modelt@pressenter.com



**Malszycki, Marcie**

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**From:** John Frey [John.Frey@fammed.wisc.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2006 8:48 AM  
**To:** Sen.Darling; Sen.Erpenbach; Sen.Miller; Sen.Olsen; Sen.Roessler  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Health Plan (assembly bill 1140)

Dear Senators:

Although I will be unable to be present personally for the hearings on this bill, I wanted to mention my strong support for moving it forward.

I have practiced medicine for 36 years and have been at UW Madison in Family Medicine for 13 years, recently leaving as chair of the Department to engage in more community projects that relate to health in underserved populations. My practice is at Wingra clinic in Madison but my work has been with our department statewide. In all the communities where we have residency education programs, our clinics never refuse to care for any members of the community and have provided very high quality care and have gotten patients MOST of what they need, but the challenge is growing. The Wisconsin Health Plan is a coherent, thoughtful and committed effort to get care to all - and I can't tell you how often my patients and our communities suffer from increasing barriers to care - and those, given the current insurance climate and attitudes about the cost of health, will only grow.

No plan is without fault but if we don't set the goal of universal coverage and then commit to getting there, we will argue about the details and forget the goal - and that has been the problem with health care in the US as well as Wisconsin. Please give your support for this plan, keep it moving forward and give communities and those of us who work in those communities hope that the future is not going to be worse than the present. I would be happy to speak with each of you at whatever point it would be helpful about this bill or other issues related to care of communities.

Sincerely,

John Frey

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--University of Wisconsin, Department of Family Medicine--

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7/25/2006





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**REP. BENEDICT'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE REFORM**

July 26, 2006

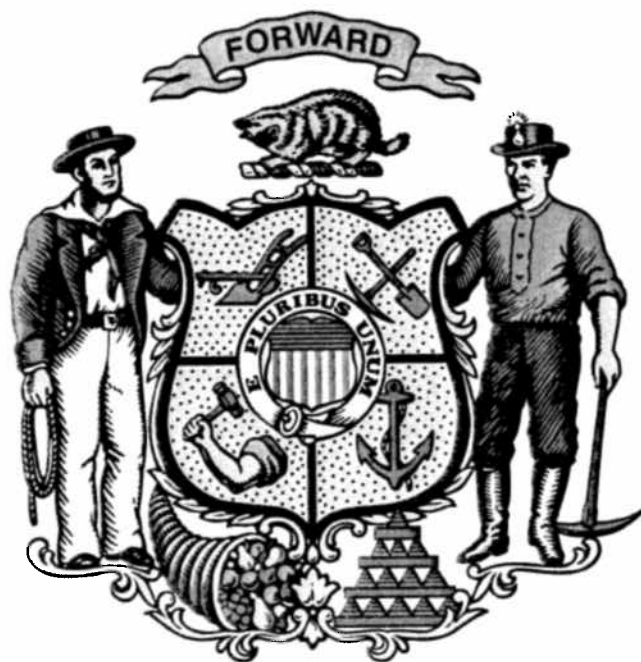
Thank you for this opportunity to say a few words in support of the Wisconsin Health Security Act, Senate Bill 388. I'd like to make two brief points.

As a citizen and a legislator, I am excited that this bill - that would lay the groundwork to create a single-payer, universal health care system - is getting a public hearing. I believe that this type of health care system will deliver better, more comprehensive health care to all Wisconsin citizens at a lower cost than our current mosaic of various plans paid for by a mixture of federal and state insurance programs and private dollars. The main savings will come from significantly reduced administrative and insurance costs.

My second point is from that of a physician. I practiced medicine for 25 years, and it is my opinion that the practice of medicine will be enhanced, with improved quality of care for the patients, and a higher level of career satisfaction for practicing physicians with a system such as the proposed Wisconsin Health Security Act.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify in support of this proposal. I would be happy to entertain any questions you may have.





**Malszycki, Marcie**

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**From:** Lisa Macaulay [lmacaulay@wphca.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 4:09 PM  
**To:** Malszycki, Marcie

Marcie -

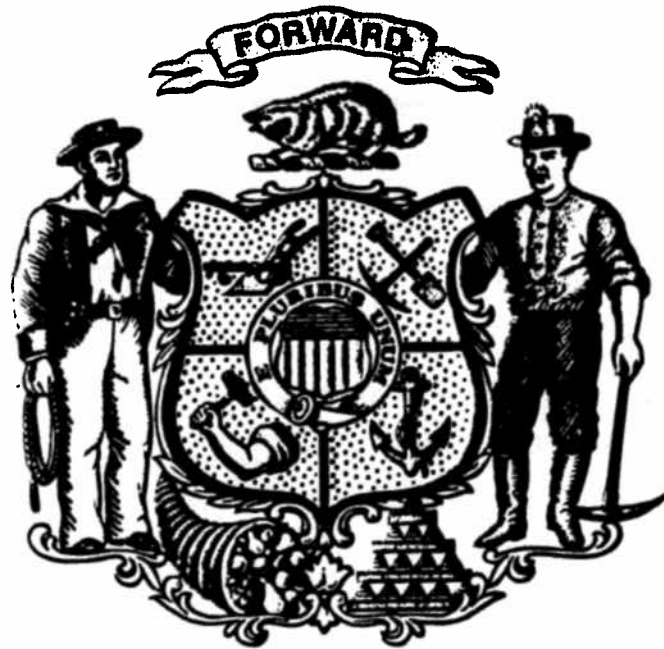
✓ At today's public hearing J.P. Wiske gave his power point presentation but did not have copies. He did mention that he would be forwarding your office a copy of that. Would it be possible for me to get a copy of it? I tried to get down all of his points on the plans that were presented today, but I couldn't write fast enough.

I checked CAHI's website in case it was available there, but did not see it.

Thank you in advance.

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# MARK MILLER

## WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

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July 26, 2006

Senate Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Thank you for convening a Special Senate Committee on Health Care Reform.

With me today are Dr. Linda Farley and Mr. Art Taggart. Both are representing the Coalition for Wisconsin Health, a coalition of physicians, health care workers, organized labor, religious groups, and health care advocates.

The coalition is the primary force behind the crafting of the Health Security Act, which I introduced in this session as SB 388. Rep. Chuck Benedict, a licensed physician, introduced the companion bill in the Assembly.

Dr. Farley described the status of health care in the US and Wisconsin. As you can see, we are paying for a Cadillac health care system, but getting a seriously flawed product. We pay more for health care than any other country, but get less for it.

There are three basic approaches to improving health care for all Wisconsin residents. One is to ignore the problem. A second is to continue to try to patch up a system that is serving fewer and fewer Americans well. The third approach is to implement comprehensive change that restructures the system.

The Health Security Act, like the Richards/Gielow bill and the AFL-CIO proposal proposes to reform the entire system, but it goes further than either of these proposals.

The Health Security Act, if adopted, would create a state-wide health insurance plan administered by a state agency. The plan would include all Wisconsin residents.

We all recognize that the larger the insurance pool, the greater the ability to efficiently manage health care and to achieve cost savings. The Health Security Act would create the largest possible pool in Wisconsin... a pool that includes all Wisconsin residents regardless of age, gender, marital status, employment status, health status, or parental status.

It would effectively eliminate the inefficiencies associated with private insurance underwriting which are designed to shift high-cost individuals to someone else. It would eliminate the need for labor and management to negotiate health care benefits. It would allow people to work at the job that best serves their talents rather than the job that provides health benefits. It would encourage entrepreneurship and the creation of new small businesses. It would put employers on a level playing field with respect to providing health benefits to their employees. It would eliminate medical bankruptcies. It

would reduce health care costs for employers that currently provide health care benefits. It would encourage preventive health care and early diagnosis. It would eliminate the incentive to use expensive hospital emergency rooms for routine health care. It would redirect the extraordinarily high administrative costs associated with our current system to paying for health care services for patients rather than administration.

What is the mechanism for accomplishing this?

1. ~~Creation of a new Wisconsin Department of Health Care Planning and Financing under the direction and supervision of an appointed health policy board. This is a model similar to the University of Wisconsin System under the direction and guidance of the Board of Regents.~~
2. All Wisconsin residents are members of the state-wide health plan.
3. All reasonable medical services are covered including preventive care, dental, vision, medications, mental health services, and long-term care.
4. Persons may select the licensed provider of choice.
5. No provider may impose a surcharge for services that are delineated in the plan.
6. The department determines the revenue necessary to implement the plan and which services are medically necessary. It will also determine the reimbursement provided for the services rendered.
7. Mechanisms are created to assure quality, efficiency, cost containment, and regional responsiveness.
8. Revenues are drawn from current revenues for health care deposited into the state administered health insurance account. These revenues include:
  - a. Federal and State monies currently spent on health care
  - b. Employer contributions equivalent to what employers currently pay, in aggregate for employee health care.
  - c. Taxpayer contributions comparable to, but not more than, what individuals currently pay, in aggregate, for health care costs.

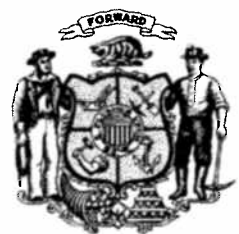
Transition from the current system to the new system occurs over two years to allow for negotiation with the federal government to permit inclusion of persons under federal programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, veterans and other federal health care programs. It would allow for the transition from current private insurance contracts to the new system. Senator Feingold and Representative Baldwin have introduced legislation that encourages state efforts to provide health care for all state residents. If either of these bills were to pass, then this process of negotiating with the federal government would much more likely result in a true state-wide plan.

Colleagues, I am sure you recognize that we need to move beyond stop-gap measures if we are to move our state and our country into a competitive position with respect to providing health care for all. All of the industrialized countries except the US have done so. The health care outcomes in those countries are better than here in the US. While it is true that the US has the best medical technology anywhere in the world, this has not resulted in equitable distribution of health care.

Wisconsin has a tradition of being a laboratory for the country. Wisconsin was the origin for programs adopted nationally. Among these are Unemployment Compensation, Workman's Compensation, the progressive income tax, social security, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. *Reflection of W-2 W. Way*

I would like to see Wisconsin once again provide national leadership on an issue that is foremost among our public policy concerns.

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**Malszycki, Marcie**

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**From:** Wagner, Mike  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2006 2:56 PM  
**To:** Malszycki, Marcie  
**Subject:** Phone Call

David Newby from AFL-CIO  
If CR needs anything from their testimony yesterday (i.e. more copies of testimony)...feel free to call him  
414-771-0700 ext 11

**Mike Wagner**  
**Office of Sen. Carol Roessler**  
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