

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care**

##### **Assembly Bill 207**

Relating to: employment discrimination based on creed; and exemption from liability and discipline for health care professionals and health care facility employees who refuse to participate in sterilization, abortion, assisted suicide, and other procedures on moral or religious grounds.

By Representatives Hundertmark, Staskunas, LeMahieu, Vukmir, Nischke, Suder, Gundrum, Kleefisch, Kestell, Kerkman, Underheim, Nass, Van Roy, Ballweg, Krawczyk, Hahn, Gottlieb, J. Fitzgerald, Kreibich, F. Lasee, Wieckert, Lothian, Loeffelholz, Gunderson, Montgomery, Hines, Vos, Freese, Moulton, McCormick, Nerison, Bies, Albers, Ziegelbauer, Petrowski, Wood, Strachota, Owens, Mursau, Vrakas, Honadel, Ott and Towns; cosponsored by Senators Roessler, Reynolds, S. Fitzgerald, Lazich, Zien, Cowles, Kanavas, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kapanke, Leibham, Stepp, Brown and Kedzie.

June 15, 2005            Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

September 15, 2005    **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)     Senators Roessler, Darling, Brown, Erpenbach and Carpenter.

Absent:     (0)     None.

##### Appearances For

- Carol Roessler — Senator, 18th Senate District
- Jean Hundertmark — Representative, 40th Assembly District
- Meghan Fillorandt, Madison — Self
- Bill Heifner, Oregon — Dr., Self
- Mathew Lee, Wauwatosa — Dr. , Self
- Ed Kamper, McFarland — Dr., Self
- Mary Klaver — Wisconsin Right to Life

##### Appearances Against

- Murray Katcher — Dr., Department of Health and Family Services
- Ron Hermes — Department of Health and Family Services
- Wendy Cooper — Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice of Wisconsin
- Karin Clark-Edmiston — Center for Conceiving Health

- Chris Taylor — Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin
- Chris Taylor — Public Interest Law Section
- Helen Marks Dicks — Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups
- Kelda Helen Roys — NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin
- Meg Robertson, NP, Monona — Self
- Tim Simpson — Reverend, WI. Christian Alliance for Progress
- Denise Borsheim, Menomonee Falls — Self
- Marc Herstand — National Association of Social Workers, Wisconsin Chapter

#### Appearances for Information Only

- Kathy Markeland — WI. Catholic Conference

#### Registrations For

- Mary Aleckson, Whitewater — Self
- Susan Armacost — WI. Right to Life
- Christine Koranda — UW Madison Medical School
- Joe Leibham — Senator , 9th Senate District
- Patti Chmielewski, Johnson Creek — Self
- Rosemary McNeill, Burlington — Self
- Rose Celmerowski, Burlington — Self
- Jan Holzbauer — WI. Council of Catholic Women
- Beverly Searl, Fond du Lac — Self
- Richard Bono, M.D., Madison — Self
- Emily Doll, Madison — Self

#### Registrations Against

- Joelle Butler, Milwaukee — Self
- Nora Cusack, Madison — Self
- Frederick Kessler — Representative , 12th Assembly District
- Dan Rossmiller — Public Interest Law Section of the State Bar of WI.
- Dan Rossmiller — Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section of the State Bar of WI.
- Annie Laurie Gaylor, Madison — Self
- Dan Barker, Madison — Self
- Jackie Nesbitt, Madison — Self
- Linda Kleinschmidt — Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
- Coral Choinski, Madison — Self
- Robin Klinge — Wisconsin NOW
- Michael Blumenfeld — Wisconsin Jewish Conference
- Scott Froehlke — WI. Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Judy Skog — Self
- Jack O'Meara — WI. Association of School Nurses

- Barbara Beckert, Milwaukee — Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations
- Ruth Castel-Branco, Madison — Self
- Tanya Atkinson, Milwaukee — Self
- Nicole Safer, Madison — Self
- Robert Phillips, Marshfield — Dr., Marshfield Clinic
- Dennis Trudell, Madison — Self
- Kelly Peters, Madison — Self
- Andrea Kaminski, Madison — League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
- Emily Hynek, Eau Claire — Self
- Sue Moline — Reverend, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI.
- Sara Finger, Madison — Self
- Christine Sinicki — Representative , 20th Assembly District
- Lauren Rauk, Madison — Self
- Jabe Best, Madison — Self
- Elizabeth Schilling , Madison — Self
- Alyssa Rotschafer, DeForest — Self
- Manal Stucgaitis , Madison — Self
- Lisa Maroney — UW Hospital and Clinics
- Kelsey Lensmire, Madison — Self

September 20, 2005 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (3) Senators Roessler, Brown and Carpenter.  
 Absent: (2) Senators Darling and Erpenbach.

Moved by Senator Brown, seconded by Senator Roessler that **Assembly Bill 207** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (3) Senators Roessler, Darling (polling) and Brown.

Noes: (2) Senators Erpenbach (polling) and Carpenter.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 2

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Jennifer Stegall  
 Committee Clerk