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Roger Axtell

(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**2009-10**

(session year)

**Senate**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Health, Health Insurance,  
Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue  
(SC-HHIPTRR)**

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue**

**Axtell, Roger**, of Janesville, as a member of the UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority and Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2010.

January 06, 2009      Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

April 14, 2009      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (0)    None.  
Absent:    (0)    None.

#### Appearances For

- Roger Axtell, Janesville

#### Appearances Against

- Glenn Grothman — Sen.

#### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

#### Registrations For

- Libby Gerds — Office of Governor Jim Doyle
- Shayla Dvorak — Office of Governor Jim Doyle

#### Registrations Against

- Joel Kleefisch — Rep.
- Dan LeMahieu — Rep.
- Mark Gottlieb — Rep.
- John Nygren — Rep.
- Don Pridemore — Rep.
- Michael Czysh, Waldo
- Greg Wagner, Middleton

#### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 14, 2009

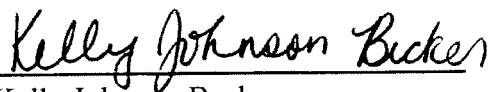
**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa,  
Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.  
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Robson, seconded by Senator Carpenter that  
**Axtell, Roger** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes: (4) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson and  
Lassa.  
Noes: (3) Senators Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 3

  
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Kelly Johnson-Becker  
Committee Clerk

**Vote Record**  
**Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property  
Tax Relief, and Revenue**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: Robson

Seconded by: Carp.

AB \_\_\_\_\_

SB \_\_\_\_\_

Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

AJR \_\_\_\_\_

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Appointment Axtell

AR \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage       Adoption       Confirmation       Concurrence       Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction       Rejection       Tabling       Nonconcurrency

Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<b>Senator Jon Erpenbach, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Tim Carpenter</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Judith Robson</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Julie Lassa</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Mary Lazich</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Ted Kanavas</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Alberta Darling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Totals:**      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

April 14, 2009

AXTELL

Dear Senate Committee on Health,

I am registering today in opposition to the appointments of Roger Astell, Mike Weiden, and Sheldon Wasserman to the UW Hospital and Clinics Board.

The UW Hospital and Clinics have a history of proudly holding themselves to the highest standards of care and healing. The act of abortion, which all medical science agrees is an act of destruction, is contrary to the UW's stated purpose. It is beyond all reasonable comprehension to the above candidates who are openly in favor of the destruction of life to serve on this Board.

I urge you to please reject Roger Astell, Mike Weiden and Sheldon Wasserman as candidates to the UW Hospital and Clinics Board. Thank you.

Regards,

Greg and Ann Wagner

Middleton, Wi.

**Testimony of Senator Glenn Grothman**  
***In Opposition to the Appointment of Mike Weiden and Roger Axtell to  
the UW Hospital and Clinics Board***  
**April 14, 2009**

Dear Senate Health Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I ask you to vote "no" on the appointment of Mike Weiden and Roger Axtell and vote "yes" to Pablo Sanchez to the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Board.

On February 4, 2009, on an 11-3 vote, the UW Hospital and Clinics Board voted to perform second trimester abortions at its joint-owned Madison Surgery Center. I believe that the day in which those eleven people who chose to vote "yes" and send the University down the path of barbarity will be remembered as the most despicable day in the University's existence. Mr. Axtell and Mr. Weiden were two of those votes.

I will point out that from 15 to 22 weeks after conception a baby becomes more obviously human to the point where today at 22 weeks, babies are surviving outside the womb. Over half the people in the state of Wisconsin consider themselves pro-life, and when it comes to late-term abortions, the numbers must increase dramatically. I have spent quite a bit of time on campus talking to university students about this matter, and even here, I find very little support and a great deal of disgust at the UW's plans for late-term abortions. The University Hospital is the state's medical facility and it would obviously be highly inappropriate to use it to commit what the vast majority of the state thinks is wrong and half believe is murder.

Critics of my position claim it is just a religious principle. This is an insult to the atheists and the agnostics in this state. If you look at a model of a four or five month old fetus, I think you will agree that many nonreligious people feel that killing these youngsters is abhorrent as well. I also want to remind you that even in secular European countries where some abortions are allowed such as France, Germany, Norway, Greece, Switzerland, Russia, Italy, and many smaller countries, abortions after the 12<sup>th</sup> week are not allowed.

Other critics of my position claim that no other clinic in south central Wisconsin would perform these late-term abortions. The University Hospital should stop and think why this is so and decide if they want to develop the reputation for doing something that the dozens of other clinics in this region apparently have decided is too immoral and repugnant. Again, whole countries exist without these late-term abortions being offered. The idea that south central Wisconsin could not survive without them is absurd.

One further item of note, the UW Hospital and Clinics themselves have admitted that 80% of the late term abortions that will be performed at the Madison Surgery Center are elective, (this means that there is not a medical reason for the abortion) and many of the remaining 20% of abortions are performed on babies who do not have life-threatening conditions.

Mr. Weiden's and Mr. Axtell's decision to support second trimester abortions will forever blacken the reputation of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University Hospital and Clinics in the minds of millions of our residents. These two individuals should not serve on this Board.

In addition, I ask you to support the appointment of Pablo Sanchez and thank him again for his support for life.

Thank you.

# Abortions in North America and Europe

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## AMERICA:

- Canada—Permitted without restriction as to reason (law does not indicate gestational limit)
- Mexico—Permitted without restriction as to reason (federal system; abortion law determined by states; abortion allowed in cases of fetal impairment; abortion allowed in cases of rape)
- United States—Permitted without restriction as to reason (federal system; abortion law determined by states; law does not limit previability abortions)

## EUROPE:

- Albania—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- Andorra—Prohibited altogether or to save the woman's life
- Austria—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 14 weeks)
- Belarus—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- Belgium—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 14 weeks)
- Bosnia/Herzegovina—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Bulgaria—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- Croatia—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Cyprus—Permitted on physical and mental health and socioeconomic grounds (abortion allowed in cases of fetal impairment; abortion allowed in cases of rape)
- Czech Republic—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Denmark—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Estonia—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- Finland—Permitted on physical and mental health and socioeconomic grounds (abortion allowed in cases of fetal impairment; abortion allowed in cases of rape; abortion allowed on additional enumerated grounds relating to such favors as the woman's age or capacity to care for a child)
- Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- France—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 14 weeks)
- Germany—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 14 weeks)
- Great Britain—Permitted on physical and mental health and socioeconomic grounds (abortion allowed in cases of fetal impairment)
- Greece—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Hungary—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- Iceland—Permitted on physical and mental health and socioeconomic grounds (abortion allowed in cases of fetal impairment; abortion allowed in cases of incest; abortion allowed in cases of rape; abortion allowed on additional enumerated grounds relating to such favors as the woman's age or capacity to care for a child)
- Ireland—Prohibited altogether or to save the woman's life
- Italy—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 90 days; parental authorization required)
- Latvia—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)



## Abortions in North America and Europe Continued

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### CONTINUED:

- Lichtenstein—Permitted on physical health (abortion allowed on additional enumerated grounds relating to health; parental authorization required; parental authorization required in favor of the woman's age or capacity to care for child)
- Lithuania—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- Luxembourg—Permitted on physical and mental health and socioeconomic grounds (abortion allowed in cases of fetal impairment; abortion allowed in cases of rape; parental authorization required)
- Malta—Prohibited altogether or to save the woman's life
- Moldova—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- Monaco—Prohibited altogether or to save the woman's life
- Montenegro—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Netherlands—Permitted without restriction as to reason (law does not limit previability abortions)
- Northern Ireland—Permitted on physical and mental health
- Norway—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Poland—Permitted on physical health (abortion allowed in cases of fetal impairment; abortion allowed in cases of incest; abortion allowed in cases of rape; parental authorization required)
- Portugal—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 10 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Romania—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 14 weeks)
- Russian Federation—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- San Marino—Prohibited altogether or to save the woman's life
- Serbia—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Slovak Republic—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Slovenia—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks; parental authorization required)
- Spain—Permitted on physical and mental health (abortion allowed in cases of fetal impairment; abortion allowed in cases of rape)
- Sweden—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 18 weeks)
- Switzerland—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)
- Ukraine—Permitted without restriction as to reason (gestational limit is 12 weeks)

Notes: For gestational limits, duration of pregnancy is calculated from the first day of the last menstrual period, which is generally considered to occur two weeks prior to conception. Thus, statutory gestational limits calculated from the date of conception have been extended by two weeks.

Boland R and Katzive L, Developments in laws on induced abortion: 1998-2007, International Family Planning Perspectives, 2008, 34(3): 110-120

**Senate**

**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property  
Tax Relief, and Revenue**

**Axtell, Roger**, of Janesville, as a member of the UW Hospitals and Clinics Authority and Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2015.

March 15, 2010      Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy,  
Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

March 24, 2010      **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present:    (7)      Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa,  
Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

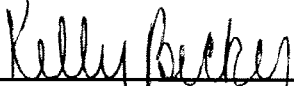
Absent:    (0)      None.

Moved by Senator Erpenbach, seconded by Senator Lassa that  
**Axtell, Roger** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes:    (4)      Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson and  
Lassa.

Noes:    (3)      Senators Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 3

  
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Kelly Becker  
Committee Clerk

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# Vote Record

## Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: Lassa

Seconded by: Kanavas

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Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

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SJR \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

Sanson, S.  
Lemerond, J.  
Grant, K.  
Bogost, G.  
Stebbins, A.  
Zanoni, L.  
Lehman, M.  
Greenfield, E.  
Vidaillet, H.  
Roble, P.

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- Passage       Adoption
- Introduction       Rejection

- Confirmation
- Tabling

- Concurrence
- Nonconcurrence

- Indefinite Postponement

Committee Member

**Senator Jon Erpenbach, Chair**

**Senator Tim Carpenter**

**Senator Judith Robson**

**Senator Julie Lassa**

**Senator Mary Lazich**

**Senator Ted Kanavas**

**Senator Alberta Darling**

Aye

No

Absent

Not Voting

**Totals:**

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Linhart, S.  
Genereaux, J.  
Coppens, K.  
Axtell, R.  
Conta, D.  
Ritchie, K.  
Kolve, S.  
Berg, M.  
Weber, G.  
Nesbit, J.  
Nelson, J.  
Kachelski,  
Flaherty, K.

Motion Carried

Motion Failed