

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation

Senate Bill 375

Relating to: health insurance coverage of nervous and mental disorders, alcoholism, and other drug abuse problems.

By Senators Hansen, Lehman, Breske, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Harsdorf, Miller, Risser, Robson, Vinehout, Wirch and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Cullen, Fields, Grigsby, Hintz, Kaufert, Mason, Nelson, A. Ott, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Seidel, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Soletski, Toles, Turner, Young, Zepnick and Molepske.

January 04, 2008 Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.

January 17, 2008 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (6) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter,
Taylor, Roessler and Lazich.

Absent: (1) Senator Kanavas.

Appearances For

- Dave Hansen — Sen.
- Sheryl Albers — Rep.
- Barbara Lawton — Lt. Governor
- Clarence Chou — Dr., WI Medical Society
- Megan Miceli — WI Medical Society
- Matt Harmelink — WI Medical Society
- Leslie Bell, Madison
- Clare McArdle, Madison — League of Women Voters of WI
- Frank Mixdorf, New Glarus — NAMI Wisconsin
- Sarah Bowen, Madison — WI Psychological Assn.
- Shel Gross, Madison — Mental Health America
- Paul Mueller, Oconomowoc — Rogers Memorial Hospital
- Jerry Halverson, Fitchburg — Dr., WI Medical Society
- Martha Rolli — Dr., WI Psychiatric Association/WI Med. Society
- Rachel Molander — Dr., WI Psychiatric Assn./WI Med. Society
- Michael Miller, Madison — Dr., WI Medical Society

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- John Easterday — DHFS

Registrations For

- Sarah Diedrick Kasdorf, Madison — WI Counties Assn.
- Rachel Roller — Aurora Health Care
- Mike Murray, Madison — WI Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Tom Petri — WI Primary Health Care Assn.
- Jeremy Levin — WI Medical Society
- Joanne Ricca, Milwaukee — WI State AFL-CIO
- Josh Zepnick — Rep.
- Kathy Kuhn — Medical College of WI
- Sabrina Gentile, Madison — WI Council on Children and Families
- Mickey Biel, Madison — Dane County
- Gail Sumi, Madison — AARP Wisconsin
- Jacquelyn Schutz, Monona — Samaritan Counseling Center
- Linda Hall, Madison — WI Assn. of Family and Children's Agencies
- John Grabel — AFSCME
- Marc Herstand, Madison — NASW WI
- Kim Wadas, Madison — Wisconsin Catholic Conference
- Karen Avery, Madison — Independence 1st
- Molly Cisco, Madison — Grassroots Empowerment Project
- Sarah Arnsdorf, Madison
- Sara Finger, Madison
- Melissa Higgins — Meriter Health
- Kevin Eggleston, Fitchburg — Dr.
- Luke Rollins, Madison — American Heart Assn.
- Carol Roessler — Sen.
- Michael Blumenfeld, Madison — WI Jewish Conference
- Lisa Maroney, Madison — UW Health
- Al Ott — Rep.

Registrations Against

- Dan Schwartzer, Madison — WI Assn. of Health Underwriters
- Dan Schwartzer — Independent Business Assn. of WI
- Dan Schwartzer — WI PPO Assn.
- Bill Smith — National Federation of Independent Businesses
- R.J. Pirlot — Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- Joan Hansen, Milwaukee — Americans for Prosperity

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

January 24, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter,
Taylor, Roessler, Lazich and Kanavas.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Senator Roessler that
Senate Amendment 1 be recommended for introduction and
adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter,
Taylor and Roessler.
Noes: (2) Senators Lazich and Kanavas.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE
AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 2

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Senator Roessler that
Senate Bill 375 be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter,
Taylor and Roessler.
Noes: (2) Senators Lazich and Kanavas.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 2

Kelly Johnson-Becker
Committee Clerk