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WCC Protests Votes on Second-Trimester Abortions
The WCC issued a press release strongly protesting the decision of the UW Hospital and Clinics Authority Board to allow second-trimester abortions at the Madison Surgery Center. Readers are urged to continue to contact UW Hospital and Clinics and Meriter Hospital to express their opposition to the plan.

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WCC Supports Minimum Wage Bill
The WCC presented testimony in favor of SB 1, which would increase the minimum wage to $7.60 and to provide for inflation indexing. The bill passed out of Committee and is scheduled for a floor vote on Tuesday, February 10.

Registration forms are now available for Catholics at the Capitol to be held on Tuesday, March 31, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison.

Registration is $33 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. High school and university students can register for $10. The registration deadline is March 12. Registration form.
WCC and Other Religious Leaders Issue Letter on Protecting the Poor

Representatives of four state religious groups—the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, the Wisconsin Jewish Conference, the Wisconsin Council of Churches, and the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin—issued a joint letter to Governor Doyle, urging him to protect the needs of the poor as he prepares the state budget.

Upcoming Hearings of Interest
(N.B. Only bills of interest are flagged. In most cases, committees will be considering other bills as well.)

Senate Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation
10am, Mon., Feb. 9, 411 South
SB-3. (Robson) Health insurance coverage of treatment for autism spectrum disorders.

SB-16. (Risser) Permitting a mother to breast-feed in any public or private location where she is otherwise authorized to be.

Assembly Financial Institutions
10am, Wed., Feb. 11, 328 NW
Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis
Testimony from invited speakers only.

Assembly Housing
10am, Wed., Feb. 11, 400 NE
The State of the Housing Market and Foreclosures in Wisconsin
Testimony from invited speakers only.

Assembly Renewable Energy and Rural Affairs
10am, Thu., Feb. 12, 225 NW
Wisconsin Energy Issues
Testimony from invited speakers only.

Assembly Workforce Development
10am, Thu., Feb. 12, 225 NW
Issues Surrounding Workforce Development
Testimony from invited speakers only.

Senate and Assembly Education
1:30pm, Thu., Feb. 12, 412 E
Joint Hearing on Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education
Testimony from invited speakers only.

New Bills of Interest
SB-3. Autism (Robson) Health insurance coverage of treatment for autism spectrum disorders.
SB-16. **Breastfeeding** (Risser) Permitting a mother to breast-feed in any public or private location where she is otherwise authorized to be.

SB-45. **Health Savings Accounts** (Darling) Creates a non-refundable income tax credit for certain amounts of health savings account contributions that may be deducted or are exempt from federal income taxes. To Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief & Revenue.


AB-22. **Housing, Employment Discrimination** (Schneider) Prohibits discrimination in housing because of arrest or conviction record; creates a Class I felony for discrimination in employment or housing due to arrest or conviction record. To Housing.

**Web Sites of Interest**

[http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml)
- Who are my legislators

[Directory of Senate Members](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/leginfo.html)

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