



Good Evening All,

What's in Men's Briefs? – Legislative Process!

Today we start the process in earnest. We are less than 4 days away from elections and I hope you plan on making your vote count. More than once in my life, I've had to make a decision on balancing what is important to me. Never have I wavered from making a decision that puts my child's needs first. At this time of selecting a politician to represent me, again I'm in that balancing situation and again I will chose to put my child's needs first.

The political structure of getting things changed in Madison is easy to comprehend. The ruling party decides on the makeup of the committees that handle changes to laws – or Bills, as they are known. These are committees such as Colleges and Universities, Forestry, Transportation and of course Children and Families.

Contrary to popular belief, these politicians do not make up these bills. They are in fact, made up by "We the People". The chairperson of these committees is assigned from the ruling party and generally aligns with party philosophy. History proves that any bills that are brought forward by a politician not of the ruling party do not succeed. Bills that are supported by, if not authored by the chair of the destination committee, typically have the best chance of success.

Over the next 7 days, we wait to see who will be the ruling party, and who will be appointed chair of committees. Although both parties have their good and bad points, mine is not one to tell you who to vote for. What I will say though is, that the best success we've ever had on having the Father/child relationship being treated equally and changing the laws so as to stop the child abuse that a vindictive primary parent can do to marginalize - if not sever - a child's relationship with its minor parent is with the Republican party.

Back in 2007, after a heated floor session, the Republican controlled Assembly voted to pass our Equal Placement Bill. Unfortunately, it stalled in the Senate until time ran out. Reading the [Landwehr v. Landwehr](#) Supreme Court Case, gives us the clearest vision of what the current legislation expects us to conform too.

The motion was to modify placement time to maximize the Father's placement up to 50%, so both parents and their relationships with their children would be treated with the same respect, fairness and equality with each other. The Wisconsin Supreme Court's interpretation of this Father's request was "[s]uch a dramatic change in public policy should not have to be made by inference."

So a Father's desire for both parent's and their relationships with their children to be treated equally in the Family Court arena is a dramatic change in public policy! I am very much looking forward to "We the People" choosing our representatives. After all, it's our daughters who demand equality.

Cheers

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THE BEST PARENT IS BOTH PARENTS