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“Do Nothing, Good-for-Nothing Congress.”

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“Give ‘em Hell”- Part II



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The Truth-O-Meter Says:

 **Toothpaste contains "the poison substance of fluoride."**
Jim Bohl on Wednesday, May 30th, 2012 in a news conference

Milwaukee alderman says fluoride in toothpaste is a poison

The debate over the use of fluoride in Milwaukee's water supply was pretty much a one day affair. Led by Ald. Jim Bohl, in that short time frame, the public heard a barrage of unusual claims about their water, rat poison, and even their toothpaste.

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Indeed, we thought the debate over fluoridation of water had long been settled.

Since 1953, the Milwaukee Water Works has added a tiny amount of fluoride to the drinking water. Many cities have done this for years to boost dental hygiene and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers it one of the most important public health efforts of the past 50 years.

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The Players

Testifying For:

- Dr. Paul Connett
- Dr. Bill Osmunson, DDS
- Dr. Yolanda Whyte, M.D.
- 2 dentists
- EPA Scientist
- M.D. from UW School of Medicine & Public Health
- Pathologist from Medical College of Wisconsin
- 2 naturopathic doctors
- Other medical professional supporters with letters in the record.

Testifying Against:

- State Medical Society of Wisconsin
- Chief Dental Officer- State of Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services
- Wisconsin Dental Association
- Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- M.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin
- Several dentists
- Rep. from Milwaukee Public Schools.
- Marquette Dental School

The Opposition's Arguments

- Alphabet soup of credible organizations in support of water fluoridization....CDC, ADA, AMA, etc.
- When diluted, fluoride is not a poison.
- It is “SAFE & EFFECTIVE”...repeat.
- Poor children's teeth will rot without it.
- There are NO known credible medical studies on the adverse health effects of fluoridated water, short of minor fluorosis.



Council Reluctance for Change. Why?

- Issue is complex to novices.
- When confused, politicians default to the experts (i.e., the medical establishment).
- Don't go out on a limb in politics.

But, like ol' Harry, I wasn't done...



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SUBSTITUTE 1

ALD. BOHL, DUDZIK, ZIELINSKI, KOVAC, PEREZ, BAUMAN, WADE, DAVIS, MURPHY AND HAMILTON

Substitute resolution relating to reduction of the concentration of fluoride in Milwaukee's drinking water.

This resolution directs the Milwaukee Water Works to reduce the concentration of fluoride in Milwaukee's drinking water to a maximum of 0.7 mg/L, or to the new level recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This resolution also directs Milwaukee Water Works and the Health Department to provide infant advisory notices to inform citizens of the potential risk fluoridated water poses to babies under 6 months of age. An advisory notice shall be distributed with annual water quality reports, posted on Milwaukee Water Works and Health Department websites, posted at all Health Department facilities, and provided to citizens receiving well maternal and infant home visits by Health Department staff.

Milwaukee Water Fluoridation

(water treatment additive & natural sources)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Median Detected Value</u>	<u>Highest Level</u>
• 2013	.58 mg/L	.68 mg/L
• 2011	1.05 mg/L	1.36 mg/L
• 2010	1.15 mg/L	1.57 mg/L

Water Treatment Additive (fluorosilicic acid)

• 2013	.38 mg/L
• 2011	.85 mg/L
• 2010	.95 mg/L



**“I never did give them hell. I just told the truth,
and they thought it was hell.” - Harry Truman**