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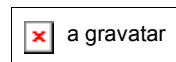
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by KSMeadowlark

Fox 4 Kansas City broke this story during their 9 PM news Friday night but for some reason never put a link to it on their web site. [Today's \(8/21/2005\) Kansas City Star gives these details:](#)

Doctor's troubles create concern

By ALAN BAVLEY

The Kansas City Star

Howard Ellis no longer can practice medicine in Missouri. But that might not stop him from judging the medical practices of doctors in Kansas.

Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius last month named the Leawood physician and entrepreneur to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, where he will sit in judgment of doctors accused of malpractice or improper conduct. Ellis served three terms previously on the board.

The announcement of Ellis' appointment came just two months after he voluntarily retired his medical license in Missouri rather than face a disciplinary hearing on multiple charges of professional misbehavior.

His license issues in Missouri came as a surprise to Sebelius' office, which is looking into Ellis' record.

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Why might Sebelius nominate Ellis to the Board of Healing Arts?

While Ellis was a Republican and contributed to Republican candidates in the 1990s he switched parties in 2004, and is now a Democrat.

Ellis was a good contributor to Sebelius' campaign in 2002, having given her \$4000 according to the [Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission's web site](#):
05-15-2003 ELLIS, HOWARD 1000.00 SEBELIUS, KATHLEEN
07-09-2002 ELLIS, HOWARD 2000.00 SEBELIUS, KATHLEEN
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Recently [the Lawrence Journal-World commented how names of Sebelius' appointees can often be found on her donor rolls](#), and this was true in this case, too.

In 2000 as a "Republican" Ellis signed an August 4, 2000 political mailing from the "Republicans for Dennis Moore". Do "true" Republicans join "Republicans for Democratic Candidate" groups? Or, are these supporters really RINOs (Republicans In Name Only)?

[Open Secrets reports a \\$1000 contribution by Howard Ellis to Dennis Moore](#) in March 2002. Apparently "Republican" Ellis wasn't even willing to wait for the Republican primary in 2002 and support the moderate Republican, Adam Taff.

With such a good Democratic Party track record, why would Sebelius be interested in Howard Ellis, who is trained in obstetrics/gynecology, for the Board of Healing Arts? The answer might be fairly simple: Isn't Sebelius interested in keeping one of the biggest Kansas Democratic Party donors happy?

AFAIK the Kansas Press has never reported a [\\$100,000 contribution made on Aug 15, 2002 to the Democratic Governors' Association's 527 Committee by Dr. George Tiller's Women's Health Care Services](#) clinic in Wichita. Is it possible that this money directly or indirectly benefited Kansas Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Kathleen Sebelius? Tiller had supported Sebelius in

previous elections, but no known money was ever found for Tiller's support for Sebelius as Kansas Governor in 2002.

Remember, at this same time in 2002, the Kansas Democratic Party was involved in a complicated money "laundering" scheme to obfuscate another \$210,000 from Tiller to prevent Phill Kline from becoming Attorney General. Tiller only spent nearly \$300,000 in the Attorney General's race in 2002, which was more than Chris Biggs, who was the Democratic Party candidate. [The Lawrence Journal-World reported about a single \\$153,000 transaction by Tiller](#). A web page explains [details of these complicated money transfers](#) by Kansas Democrats in 2002.

[Sebelius has been trying to "protect" Tiller since the late 1980s when she was a Kansas legislator](#). An Oct 28, 1989 *Wichita Eagle* article announced a Kansas Supreme Court ruling that an unborn child has no legal status in Kansas:

The state's highest court made the ruling in the appeal of Willard Green, a Wichita man convicted last year of two counts of first-degree murder in the death of Zeola Wilson and her 8-month-old fetus. The court reversed the conviction in the case of the fetus but upheld the conviction for the mother.

In its unanimous ruling, the court repeatedly said that killing a fetus was not considered a crime by the Legislature, but that making it a crime could fall within the lawmakers' power.

As a legislator Sebelius made sure no new laws would protect unborn children in Kansas, as described in that *Eagle* article. Pregnant mothers in Kansas should be concerned by Sebelius' lack of concern for their welfare, when they are attacked. (And a Kansan was responsible for the horrific attack of a Missouri woman when her [8-month-old unborn child was stolen](#) last year.)

The late Archbishop Ignatius Strecker of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas wrote the following in [The Leaven](#), March 27, 1992:

"Rep. Kathleen Sebelius of Topeka led the death-march of the

unborn to the abortion clinics in the House of Representatives. She was attempting to make the 'death-marches' to the abortion clinics as legal as the death-marches to the gas chambers of the World War II Holocaust."

...
"What assurance have we, their electors, that these same persons will not use this same legislative forum to vote away other human, social and legal rights that are a part of our 'inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness'. How soon will these legislators vote a mandatory death sentence for the sick, the aging, the poor in society? How could we Kansans have elected such 'negative to life' persons to such responsible positions in our state government?"

There is simply something wrong when the day before a baby is born it can be aborted in Wichita as a "choice."

Is Sebelius still trying to "protect" long-time Democratic Party contributor, Dr. George Tiller, by this questionable nomination to the Board of Healing Arts?

Update: *Wichita Eagle*, Aug 24, [State board member quits over license flag](#)

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6 Responses to "Embarrassing Sebelius Appointment?"

1. [political_mama](#) Says:
[August 24th, 2005 at 10:08 pm](#)

I was so hoping someone else would tackle this one, but since nobody has I will. First, as far as who contributes, it works both ways. There is

NO secret that Gov. Sebelius is pro-choice, therefore it does not surprise me in the least that people who are pro-choice contribute to her campaign. I don't find this reason to suspect that she just hires contributors. I would believe that there are MANY doctors who contribute to her campaign, as most doctors are democrats. 4,000 over three years isn't that much really.

Wonder how much Kansans for Life have given to Phill Kline's campaigns. And ya know what, I wouldn't COMPLAIN about it because that is just how it is.

As far as the 1989 ruling, that was then and there had been no legal precedent in such a case until recently. And look at what a fine mess that law has already started. I actually SUPPORTED that law, till I read that a man was convicted for assisting his girlfriend in an abortion that she was trying to have. THAT is why those laws get a bad name and why pro-lifers fight against them. The law was supposed to protect women who wanted to carry their babies, not make criminals out of men who were trying to help their girlfriends.

Why is it that only women who want to carry babies get your concern for their welfare?

2. [KSMeadowlark](#) Says:
[August 27th, 2005 at 11:54 pm](#)

I think we should respect all human life. Devaluing human life has consequences on our society.

Even devaluing animal life (like being discussed in the *Wichita Eagle* and other paper's letters to the editor) has consequences on our society. E.g, see [William Sample's letter in the Eagle](#), in which he opines:

One must consider the extent society's values and morals have degraded when many pro-life supporters criticize those showing compassion for tortured and injured puppies while many of those showing compassion for these puppies are pro-choice supporters.

Fr. Paul Oborny in [his letter to the Hutchinson News](#) on Thursday says:

There is no room to be “pro-choice.” No one can make the excuse that “I am personally opposed to puppy abuse, but I will not impose my morality on others.”

And what part of a doctor’s Hippocratic oath favors the needless death of a human life?

3. [political mama](#) Says:
[August 28th, 2005 at 3:09 am](#)

So it’s wrong to not want puppies abused? Newsflash .. I don’t want children abused either. And I am pro-choice. I would rather embryos be aborted (when there is no pain) than live a life of horrible neglect and abuse.

I am also pro-euthenasia of unwanted dogs and cats, people who are dying in pain.

See you operate still under the premise that death is just the worst thing that can happen. I operate under the premise that sometimes that’s not the case.

Boy I wish we could have access to the old forum, I wrote a long thing on this in there once.

4. [SalJournal.com Blogs » Blog Archive » Sebelius appoints former PAC Chair of “Republicans for Sebelius” to District Judge](#) Says:
[August 5th, 2006 at 3:44 pm](#)

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6. [Operation Rescue » Blog Archive » Kansas PAC Reveals Gov. Sebelius Rewarded Large Contributors With KSBHA Appointments](#)
Says:
[August 18th, 2006 at 8:31 am](#)

[...] K-TIP reports, “In 2005, Sebelius nominated a doctor facing multiple charges of professional misbehavior to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. Howard Ellis, when no longer able to practice medicine in Missouri, was asked to judge the conduct of other physicians in the state of Kansas. Ellis contributed \$4,000.00 to Sebelius in 2002, calling into question the integrity of the KSBHA.” [...]

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