The meeting of the Joint Health and Human Services/Judiciary Committee was called to order on September 15, 1989, at 2:10 PM, by Representative Paul Ogren, Co-Chair, at the Rochester Community College, Rochester, Minnesota.

Judiciary members present:

Kelly, Randy (Chair)  
Bishop, David  
Greenfield, Lee  
Hasskamp, Kris  

Limmer, Warren  
Macklin, Bill  
Orenstein, Howard  
Pappas, Sandy  

Rest, Ann  
Seaberg, Art  
Swenson, Doug  
Wagenius, Jean  

Judiciary members excused:

Blatz, Kathleen  
Brown, Chuck  
Carruthers, Phil  
Conway, Jeff  

Dempsey, Terry  
Forsythe, Mary  
Janezich, Jerry  
Marsh, Marcus  

Milbert, Bob  
Miller, Howard  
Peterson, Jerome  
Pugh, Thomas  
Veilenga, Kathleen  

Health and Human Services members present:

Ogren, Paul (Chair)  
Boo, Ben  
Cooper, Roger  
Dauner, Marvin  
Greenfield, Lee  
Gruenes, Dave  

Gutknecht, Gil  
Hasskamp, Kris  
Henry, Joyce  
Jefferson, Richard  
Macklin, Bill  
McLaughlin, Peter  

Omann, Bernie  
Onnen, Tony  
Orenstein, Howard  
Ostrom, Don  
Svigum, Steve  
Swenson, Doug  
Williams, Diane Wray  

Health and Human Services members excused:

Dorn, John  
Kelso, Becky  
Nelson, Clair  

Runbeck, Linda  
Segal, Gloria  
Tompkins, Eileen  

Veilenga, Kathleen  
Welle, Alan  

Representatives Paul Ogren and Randy Kelly, Co-Chairs welcomed the audience and explained the purpose of this legislative hearing on a very difficult issue is to give legislators a review of where we are and where we have been regarding abortion legislation.

Emily Shapiro, House Research, gave an overview of Minnesota Abortion Law. Ms. Shapiro’s overview touched on funding, performance and parental consent.

Jack Tunheim, Chief Deputy Attorney General, gave the Committee an overview on the Webster decision. The Webster decision did not change legal standards. It did not overrule present law. There are four provisions in Webster:

1. Life begins at conception.
2. Public funds or facilities cannot be used for abortions.
3. Public funds cannot be used for abortion counseling.
4. Viability testing is constitutional.

The Committee adjourned at 3:40 PM.