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)  Limmer, Warren  Rest, Ann
Bishop, David  Macklin, Bill  Seaberg, Art
Greenfield, Lee  Orenstein, Howard  Swenson, Doug
Hasskamp, Kris  Pappas, Sandy  Wagenius, Jean

Judiciary members excused:

Blatz, Kathleen  Dempsey, Terry  Milbert, Bob
Brown, Chuck  Forsythe, Mary  Miller, Howard
Carruthers, Phil  Janezich, Jerry  Peterson, Jerome
Conway, Jeff  Marsh, Marcus  Pugh, Thomas
Limmer, Warren  Macklin, Bill  Vellenega, Kathleen
Macklin, Bill  Orenstein, Howard
Orenstein, Howard  Swenson, Doug
Pappas, Sandy  Wagenius, Jean

Health and Human Services members present:

Ogren, Paul (Chair)  Gutknecht, Gil  Omann, Bernie
Boo, Ben  Hasskamp, Kris  Omen, Tony
Cooper, Roger  Henry, Joyce  Orenstein, Howard
Dauner, Marvin  Jefferson, Richard  Ostrem, Don
Greenfield, Lee  Macklin, Bill  Swiggum, Steve
Gruenes, Dave  McLaughlin, Peter  Swenson, Doug

Health and Human Services members excused:

Dorn, John  Runbeck, Linda  Vellenega, Kathleen
Kelso, Becky  Segal, Gloria  Welle, Alan
Nelson, Clair  Tompkins, Eileen

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.