

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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
		Vellenga, Kathleen

Health and Human Services members present:

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

Health and Human Services members excused:

Dorn, John	Runbeck, Linda	Vellenga, 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.


 Representative Randy C. Kelly, Chair
 Judiciary Committee

 Representative Paul Ogren, Chair
 Health & Human Services Committee


 Dianne Ruppert, Judiciary Committee Secretary