Proposed Abortion Law 'Dead' and 'Buried' At one point at a hearing here, Albany District Attorney John T. Garry II, hurled sharp John T. Garry II, hurled

Albany — (RNS) — Under heavy fire from several of his legislative colleagues, a legisla tor who sponsored the bill to broaden the New York State abortion law said his proposal poses a "crisis in conscience." Assemblyman Albert H. Blu-Mathematical and those Mathematical and those that life begins at the instant Assemblyman Albert H. Blu-Mathematical and conscience wish to Mathematical and those who in good conscience wish to Mathematical and those that life begins at the instant Assemblyman Albert H. Blu-Mathematical and conscience wish to Mathematical and those who in good conscience wish to Mathematical and those Mathema

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He said that opposition to his proposed abortion reform bill "came almost entirely from the Catholic Church." Upon c om pletion of his "Atheists are willing to de-stroy life," he said, "but I don't think that most people want Catholic Church." Upon c om pletion of his stroy life," he said, "but I don't think that most people want catholic Church."

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eight Catholic bishops who tell In their letter the eight bish me how to believe. Who is ops had urged the state's 6.5 going to tell us when a foetus jointly conducted by the Com-have tragic and damaging ef- backers of the abortion reform million Catholics to fight with is a person? I won't take that mittee of Health, chaired by Mr. fects. We ask only that a legal bill that the Catholic Church million Catholics to fight with is a person? I won't take that intere of itentin, during and safe abortion be granted to might relax its position on the evaluation it. He's not equipped." abortion law.

Mr. Murphy said the minds (D.-Queens). (Bishop Sheen wrote his own of every Catholic in New York

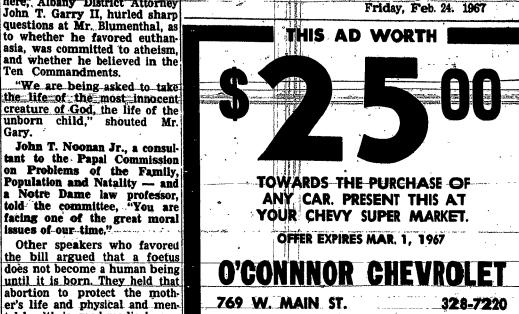
Current New York law permits abortion only when the Carlo (R.Queens) then charged Assemblyman Dominick L. Di the mother's physical or mental "personal crusade."

health could be impaired, in "You want to conform to the cases of incest or rape and un-

wants of the Americans for At a hearing in Albany, the married young girls.

called upon their parishioners on Problems of the Family, to "do all in your power to pre- Population and Natality --- and

"We invite serious reflection issues of our time,"



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those cases in which continu-Three public hearings were ation of the pregnancy could It was hoped, for a time, by

divorce laws.

However, churchmen of vari letter to be read in parish State were open to proposals, churches of the Rochester Dio-cese. It was published in last than we've heard here to change thus the hearings evolved into oration in American family only after two years of closely a debate on theological issues.. life." watching highly-publicized sur-

veys, and state public hearings Those who voiced opposition which are considered the law mits abortion only when the Carlo (R. Queens) then charged that Mr. Blumenthal's propo-Mr. Blumenthal's bill would sals were "abortion on demand." York State Council of Churches, permit abortion in cases where He accused him of having a representing 33 Protestant de-the matching of New Protection of New Protection

nominations, and the Episcopal tant Council of the City of New Even during the hearings Church of New York State. York, Archbishop "Iakovos of emotionalism hit a peak on seve Church of New York State. the Greek Orthodox Archdio eral occasions.



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