

THE ASSEMBLY

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to those who face such decisions. May they weigh, well, their actions. I believe that emphasis should be given to the concept that the function of governments of free men is to do for the individual only what he could not do for himself.

In the 125th District which encompasses Cayuga County, Lloyd S. Riford Jr., the Republican-Conservative candidate had no comment. Last May he voted for repeal.

Raymond P. Riordan, running on the Democrat ticket, said he will vote for repeal of the law.

In the 126th District, which represents part of Chemung and part of Tioga Counties, Republican-Conservative L. Richard Marshall said that he would not vote for repeal of the abortion law, commenting, "Repeal would indicate a return to the old law, which permitted abortion only when the woman's life was endangered. I believe other medical factors are involved which deserve equal consideration. I would support modification of our present law rather than outright repeal."

Edward M. Lepkowski, running on the Farm and Labor ticket, will vote for repeal of the law. He cited statistics on abortions in the state and said "There is something wrong in the way we educate people. The need for abortion is not a feasible thing to me."

In the 127th District, which includes Steuben, Schuyler and part of Chemung Counties, Republican Charles D. Henderson will vote for repeal of the law. "If I can be assured that the statute replacing it will provide protection against abortions in the open market and with suitable regulations to assure public health protection," he commented that repeal of the present law together with a return of the old statute will lead to no law or protection against abortion "simply because the old law is almost identical to that of other states whose laws have been declared unconstitutional by the federal courts."

His opponent, J. Ward McConnell Jr., Democrat, will vote for repeal.

In the 128th District, which covers Yates, Tompkins and part of Seneca Counties, Republican Constance E. Cook said she will not vote for repeal. Democrat Thomas G. Studders said he will vote for repeal and remarked "I have met Catholics, Baptists, Methodists and Unitarians, that do not favor our liberal abortion law."

In the 129th District, which represents part of Ontario, part of Seneca and part of Wayne Counties, James F. Hurley, the Republican - Conservative candidate, will vote for repeal of the law. Dr. Milton H. Elzufon, the Democrat candidate, commented "The abortion law should be changed to limit abortions to the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. The decision to have an abortion is a matter which concerns the woman, her physician and her conscience."

In the 130th District, which includes parts of Wayne and Monroe Counties, Republican-Conservative candidate Thomas A. Hanna says he will vote for repeal of the law. "I am for total repeal of the present law," he said.

Democrat Arnold F. Ciaccio said he will vote for repeal of the law.

Liberal Michael L. Slade will not vote for repeal. He commented, "While I might vote for a change in the abortion limit from 24 to 20 weeks and a residency requirement, I will support the present law if the choice is this law or a return to the pre-1970 statute. New York would benefit greatly if the hierarchy of the Catholic Church would spend as much effort on building housing for the needy, on ending the killing in South Vietnam as they have been in overt and covert campaigning on this issue."

In the 131st District, which covers part of Monroe County, Republican - Conservative candidate Jerry Wilson made no comment. Democrat Raymond

J. Lill said he will vote for repeal of the law, adding "I'm really concerned over the life of the unborn. Everyone has the right to life. Life is one of God's most precious gifts to man and he must do everything in his power to safeguard this gift."

Liberal candidate Franklin Florence did not comment.

In the 132nd District, which encompasses part of Monroe County, Republican candidate Dorothy B. Phillips said she will not vote for repeal.

The Democrat, Thomas R. Frey, said he would not vote for repeal. He added, "I would vote to amend the law by shortening the gestation period during which abortions are allowed from 24 weeks to approximately 20 weeks. I would allow exemption for genetic counseling beyond 20 weeks."

Conservative candidate, David E. Halter commented, "I favor removal of all statutory references to abortion so that this state's law is neutral and the termination is regulated by the same codes that now govern other medical procedures. I would also favor repeal of the NYS contraception law so that access to contraceptives will be regulated in the same manner as access to other drugs and health appliances."

The 133rd District covers part of Monroe County. Republican-Conservative candidate Frank A. Carroll will vote for repeal, stating "My record conveys I had voted against abortion reform two years ago. I have consistently maintained this position. I not only voted in the past for repeal of the present New York State abortion law, I also introduced legislation for its repeal, however, my bill was not reported out of committee."

Democrat Ralph Boryszewski did not give us a yes or no on the question, but he commented, "Abortion is a moral issue. The present law does not coerce or force anyone. The law is there for the free choice of the individual, his conscience being his sole guide. The home and Church under modern climate have evidently failed in their prime duty. Pressuring lawmakers will not permanently solve this issue."

Liberal candidate Dr. Lawrence S. Wright will not vote for repeal. He said, "We should not legislate morals. The medical profession should handle such cases as require medical treatment under the conditions of medical safety and surety. The burden has been placed upon the black and the poor, making the present statute necessary."

In the 134th District, also part of Monroe County, Republican-Conservative William M. Steinfeldt said he will not vote for repeal, adding that he "would sponsor a referendum on this subject."

Democrat candidate Joseph G. Macsuga will vote for repeal. He said, "At a time when the Supreme Court has abolished capital punishment, it seems incongruous that N.Y. State Legislators and the governor still condone the killing of unborn children. Thieves, rapists and murderers have been shown mercy, but 500,000 unborn in-

nocents were most unmercifully killed in New York in the past two years." Liberal candidate Janet Schenk had no comment.

In the 135th District, also part of Monroe County, Republican-Conservative Don W. Cook will not vote for repeal of the abortion law saying, "The argument over this issue is basically one of morality, when is a fetus a human being. There is disagreement on this subject within our three major faiths. The answer here is not easy. The rest of the arguments all point to a position that abortion should be allowed. I personally feel the entire question should be put on the voting machine for a referendum, where the people can express themselves on these issues, and the result should be the solution to this tough issue." Democrat candidate Jordan E. Pappas made no comment.

Liberal candidate Nicholas J. Germano Jr. will not vote for repeal, stating "although I personally oppose abortion on moral grounds and would not consider it an alternative for myself if I were a woman, as a legislator, it would not be my

right to impose my moral judgment on others who may not feel the same moral responsibility as I. God Himself guaranteed every man a free will. Let us not deny this right by legislating against abortion. Laws against abortion will not prevent those who seek it from finding it — illegally."

In the 136th District, which encompasses Livingston, Allegany and part of Ontario Counties, Republican candidate James L. Emery will vote for repeal. He said, "I have consistently been supporting that position, having voted against the liberalization of the old abortion law and last year having voted to repeal the present law." Liberal candidate Robert V. Kennedy did not comment.

The 137th District includes Orleans, Genesee and parts of Monroe and Wyoming Counties. The Republican candidate, William C. Knights, did not comment. His Democrat-Conservative opponent Paul J. Weiss said he will vote for repeal, commenting "The state of New York has a responsibility to protect the life of the unborn. The present abortion law legalizes murder."

Our Parish COUNCIL by Bernard Lyons

Guaranteed ways to wreck your parish council:

1. Never think of the Church as "Us"; but, rather as "they."
2. Whenever a question is raised, always ask, "What does Father think about it?"
3. Insist that the council is a "lay council."
4. Also insist that it is merely advisory and that the pastor can veto any motion, suggestion, or project.
5. Never attend meetings, or only go in such a haphazard fashion that no one can depend upon you.
6. If you do go to a meeting, never take anyone with you, and arrive late. (It's even more effective if it disrupts the meeting.)
7. Since you came late, also leave early.
8. Between coming late and leaving early, be sure to sit in the back and trade social news with your neighbors.
9. Plead that you are "too busy" when someone asks you to help on a project or committee. (Points 6 and 7 will help you prove that your schedule is just too full to squeeze in another commitment.)

10. When someone raises a point about helping the poor, equal opportunity in housing, etc., ask, "What's that got to do with religion?"

11. When someone suggests cooperation between parishes or a diocesan program, give them the cliché, "Charity begins at home." (Immediately talk about all the problems in your own parish before they get a chance to say, "Yes, but it shouldn't stay there.")

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