

Court Allows Abortion at City Hospital

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — The U.S. Supreme Court has left standing — by declining to hear an appeal of a lower federal court ruling — the decision that requires the city-operated hospital in Virginia, Minn., to allow abortions to be performed there.

The court's action is expected to have a major effect on municipally-run hospitals throughout the seven-state Eighth Judicial Circuit and could lead to similar rulings in other parts of the U.S.

Its action, from which only Justice Byron White dissented, means that:

* The city-run Virginia Community Hospital must continue to allow abortions to be performed there, based on the original ruling by the late U.S. District Court Judge Philip Neville last year, which was upheld by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

* The ruling is now a legal precedent affecting all public, government-operated hospitals through the Eighth Circuit, according to Randall Tighe, counsel for the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union; St. Paul, which filed the suit. However, Tighe pointed out, other municipal hospitals still can maintain in court that their circumstances are different and seek to have the current ruling overturned.

* The case can be cited in other judicial circuits but only in trying to win similar rulings. The court's action is not binding outside the Eighth Circuit — Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota. This is because the U.S. Supreme Court ruled only against accepting the appeal; it did not accept a full review of the case. A high court ruling becomes the "law of the land" only after a full hearing.

Despite these limitations, Tighe said he is pleased by the court's action.

The principle of law we fought for — that public hospitals as government agencies must not deny to an individual the use of

its facilities for an abortion — has prevailed," he said. Joseph Lampe, executive director of the anti-abortion Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Minneapolis, said that "strictly speaking" the ruling is

binding only on the Virginia hospital since other municipal hospitals may have different circumstances. "There are likely to be additional suits," he said.

But he added that this and

other court setbacks "reinforce our feeling that the only thing that is going to check the spread of abortion will be a constitutional amendment overruling last year's Supreme Court decision on abortion."

That historic ruling held that states no longer could prohibit abortion during approximately the first six months of pregnancy. But it did not deal directly with whether a hospital must allow abortions to be performed there.



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GOVERNOR WILSON FOR MANY YEARS A GOOD FRIEND OF ALL RELIGIONS IN HIS STATE.

It is vital that every voter in New York has accurate facts on the candidates in the coming election. Why? Because there are important differences. And it is vital that every voter in New York realizes that a vote for Governor is a vote for Lt. Governor. Why? Just look at these differences.

GOVERNOR WILSON

★ **Supports** the "Right to Life" concept; opposes "abortion on demand"; believes Governor Rockefeller "made a mistake in signing the bill which changed our Abortion Law." And so does Ralph Caso.

★ **Supports** the concept of voluntary prayer in public schools (a Federal Amendment). And so does Ralph Caso.

★ **Supports** New York's tough drug laws. And so does Ralph Caso.

★ **Signed** into law legislation restoring the death penalty for certain crimes. **Supported** by Ralph Caso.

★ **Supports** opposition to busing "for other than educational purposes." And so does Ralph Caso.

★ **Supports** restriction of obscenity and pornography. And so does Ralph Caso.

★ **Supports** State aid to parochial schools. And so does Ralph Caso.

CONGRESSMAN CAREY

★ **Refused** to sign a petition to release the "Hogan Amendment" which would establish the "Right to Life" as a basic concept; blasted the Buckley Amendment designed to prohibit Medicaid payments for abortions. Running mate Krupsak publicly favors liberal abortion laws.

★ **Voted against** consideration of a Constitutional Amendment to permit voluntary school prayer. Running mate Krupsak supports Carey.

★ **Proposed** repealing the tough drug laws. Running mate Krupsak concurs.

★ **Criticized** the Governor for signing the legislation restoring the death penalty for crimes like killing a police officer. Running mate Krupsak concurs.

★ **Voted consistently**—a dozen times—for busing "to achieve racial balance." Running mate Krupsak concurs.

★ **Ridicules** laws restricting obscenity and pornography. Running mate Krupsak concurs.

★ **State Senator Krupsak, Carey's running mate, voted against** State aid to private schools, including parochial schools.

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Hornell News

COFFEE HOUR

Dansville — The Senior Sounding Board, sub-committee of the Human Development Committee of St. Mary's Church Council, sponsored a Sunday morning coffee hour recently for senior citizens of the parish. Leaflets concerning various social services were supplied and community leaders of these services were on hand to discuss issues and answer questions. Helen Wolff was chairman.

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Dansville — Father O'Connell, pastor of St. Mary's, recently installed the following as Eucharistic Ministers: Sister Patricia Cause, Donald Bartolo, Richard Derowitseh, Russell Bonjorno, Cletus Fries, James Shessler and Robert Wiseman.

RETREATS

Hornell — The Cenacle Retreat House lists Women's Retreats for Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 15-17. St. Ann's women may contact Mrs. Joan Fillmore for information, at 324-3680.

PENNY SALE

Wayland — The Rosary Society will hold a Penny Social on Wednesday, Nov. 20, and anyone having items to donate is asked to get them to Caroline Trautlein or Deanie Traphagen by Nov. 10. Handmade articles, baked goods, knick-knacks, jewelry, stationery, Christmas decorations, etc. will be needed.