

Right to Life Leader Urges Action on Bill

By KATHLEEN POWERS

The chairman of the State Assembly Health Committee is purposely delaying action on a bill which would require parental consent for abortions performed on women under 18 years of age, claims the NYS Right to Life Committee.

Johanna Jankowski, chairman of Right to Life, in a press conference on Tuesday accused health committee chairman Herbert Miller of holding the bill in limbo even though it has already passed the state Senate. Ms. Jankowski said the reason for Miller's delaying action is because "he is not interested in getting involved in controversial legislation."

Miller's office had no comment to make on Ms. Jankowski's accusation.

The bill in question, A3111B, would amend the public health law to prevent abortions from being performed on "a person under 18 years of age without first obtaining the consent of a parent or legal guardian." The only

exception under the bill would be if the delay caused by getting the parental consent would cause permanent and serious injury of the pregnant woman.

Ms. Jankowski said that abortions are being performed on thousands of young women in New York State without parental consent. She said that the young women are often not sophisticated but instead "frightened, unsuspecting children." She said these young women should be encouraged to seek the advice of their parents, "not a school nurse or a guidance counsellor, or population zealots who are fostering a lack of confidence in the family structure."

"When questioned on whether parental advice would have to be followed by a physician under the proposed bill, Ms. Jankowski said she did not know. She said she presumed if a girl's parents wanted her to have an abortion and she was undecided, or wanted to deliver her child, the case would have to be tested in the courts."

realistically — with abundant research — before we vote to make it binding in the State of New York. I ask that we consider the following bills which were introduced to the Maryland state legislature the first year after the voters of that splendid land ratified a state-level ERA in 1972.

SB 353 is a bill to make a wife criminally liable for the support of her husband. SB 355 is a bill to make a wife liable for her husband's debts, with no provisions to exempt her if he has abandoned her, or if she has children to support. SB 396 deletes the present protection of a wife's property from the debts of her husband. SB 343 'equalizes' alimony payments so that the woman is required to pay. SB 293 requires the wife to make weekly payments in support of her husband and family.

SB 287 makes women automatically a part of the state militia. (No exemptions for pregnancy. No provisions for small children. No provisions for separate barracks and facilities.) SB 357 eliminates the right of a female mental patient to be accompanied by a woman while in transport to and from any facility.

SB 397 eliminates the rights of female prisoners to separate facilities in county jails, correction or detention houses, and reformatories. SB 304 integrates male and female criminals of all ages in state prisons. (No provisions made for separate sleeping and other facilities.) SB 327 integrates boys and girls in state training and rehabilitation centers. SB 457, SB 324 and SB 325 are bills requiring female prisoners to work on the road gangs.

SB 282 will eliminate preferential life insurance premium rates now permitted for women. SB 432 will repeal certain protective labor legislation, and 'equalize' the compulsory labor laws.

State Bill 320 will 'equalize' the laws against forced prostitution.

These are but a few of the 227 Maryland state laws now undergoing the process of constitutional equalization.

If women are faced with discriminatory practices and/or laws, we can isolate such practices and/or laws, and deal legislatively with them. But let's not throw out the laws which we now enjoy — the laws which protect the dignity and the nobility of womanhood.

Certain 'equalities' are in reality a step backward.

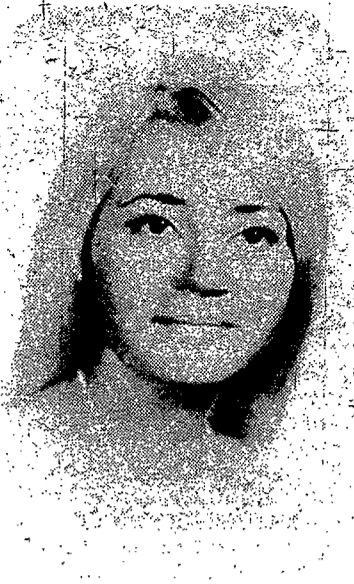
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Parish to Say 'Farewell'

Honeoye Falls — The parishioners of St. Paul's are preparing an official "Farewell Day" for Father Michael Hogan, departing pastor, Sunday, June 22. The 12:15 liturgy that day will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, brother of Father Hogan. Celebrating the Mass of Thanksgiving and Gratitude along with the bishop will be Father Hogan, and the three former

Deacon Interns at St. Paul's: Fathers Gary Shaw, William Darling, and Thomas Koester.

The Liturgy Committee in conjunction with the Adult Choir and the Folk Group has prepared a musical program for the liturgical celebration; and from 1 to 4 p.m., following the Eucharist, the Rosary Society has planned a reception in the church hall.



MRS. BROWN

Deaths

Kathleen Brown

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester, on Saturday, June 7, for Kathleen Ann Kinsella Brown who died Wednesday, June 4, 1975.

Mrs. Brown was killed in a camping accident in Boucks Falls, N.Y.

A graduate of Good Counsel School, St. Agnes High School and D-Youville College, she was most recently employed as a public health nurse for the Schoharie County Health Dept.

She is survived by her husband Donald of West Fulton, N.Y.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kinsella of Long Pond Road; a sister, Patricia Davies; a brother, Thomas E. Kinsella; her grandmothers, Mrs. George W. Kinsella and Mrs. Mattie Randall; also aunts, uncles and cousins.

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The more deeply I look into the ERA controversy the more convinced I have become that the sincere and dedicated women who speak for the pleasant-sounding amendment have not done extensive legal research.

They tend to speak in soaring simplicities about 'democratic concepts' and 'necessary constitutional protections'. It is expected and 'in all probability' are found in abundance in their literature. And cute phrases like 'fact and fable' slip dangerously close to condescension (which is in itself a form of discrimination).

It will behoove all of us I believe to remember that the wheels of legislation do grind slowly, but precisely. Specific language must be used at all times in all statutes. No criteria, no definitions must be overlooked or left to the discretion of the reader. For instance, if the United States Supreme Court in its famous Griswold v. Connecticut decision (381 U.S. 479, 1965) had intended to guarantee a constitutional right to privacy in public institutions such as prisons, schools and restaurants, it would have so stated. The Griswold decision is limited to the display and sale of contraceptives to married couples, limited to the marital relationship in the marital home.

Of course like all laws, the ERA, if passed, will touch upon human relationships. And we had best study it thoroughly and

CORRECTION

In last week's column, an important paragraph in Life, Liberty and Law was inadvertently omitted.

The fourth paragraph should have read:

No one answered the first question concerning specific discriminations. But according to the United States Library of Congress, the following legislation extending women's rights and furthering women's liberation has been enacted or is now pending:

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