

Doctors Endorse Bill on Abortions

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Should a licensed doctor working in an accredited hospital be free from any restrictions of law in deciding when to perform an abortion?

That is the issue being considered by the Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee as it conducts hearings on a proposed abortion law described by its backers as the first of its kind in the nation.

Four Doctors

Four doctors testified in support of the proposal Tuesday, calling it ideal for physicians as it would leave it up to a doctor's conscience whether an abortion should be performed.

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Dr. William Kane, Hays, a Roman Catholic, said he is opposed to abortions but supports the bill.

Kane said he can support the measure because it does not give legislative endorsement to the act of abortion and because it lets the doctor decide whether to perform an abortion or refuse to perform one.

No Restrictions

The measure would permit a doctor licensed to practice medicine and surgery to perform an abortion in a licensed and accredited hospital. It would set no other restrictions by law.

However, Dr. Edward F. Steichen said the American Medical Assn. sets forth conditions to be followed in an accredited hospital.

Steichen said three doctors must certify in writing that an abortion should be performed and that their report is reviewed later by a committee of five physicians.

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CHARLES G. CANNON
... redirects talents

Ex-Forgery, Now Artist, Wins Show

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C. F. Thompson, Herington city utilities commissioner, touched off a probe when he charged that city utility employes had set meters back to gain lower monthly rates. He also charged mismanagement of city affairs.

Brings Data

Thompson appeared at the Dickinson County courthouse here Monday with a briefcase full of data he said he gathered by searching city files.

Bogan told Thompson the commissioner probably will be called as a witness if it seems advisable later. Thompson was not permitted access to the grand jury, which conducted its first full session Tuesday.

The jury's probe may not be limited to that Herington matter. Court observers said the fact that persons other than Herington residents were subpoenaed indicates the scope of the investigation may be a wide one.

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Kane said that because the Colorado law sets conditions under which an abortion may be performed, many doctors are afraid they may be sued if they refuse to perform an abortion.

Question Posed

"Why not put regulations for doctors into the law?" he asked.

And he answered with another question: "Why not specify regulations for taking out a gall bladder?"

Krantz said there are 5,000 abortions in Kansas each year.

But he said the proposed law would make it more difficult to obtain an abortion in Kansas because the operations would have to be performed in an accredited hospital.

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Cannon, who has been painting professionally for 20 years, entered two paintings in the show. Prison officials arranged their shipment to Florida.

"Freighters" carried a \$3,500 price tag, and the other entry, depicting a brownstone building that he said "could have been in Denver, Washington or New York," was priced at \$2,500.

Cannon said "Freighters" pictured an old Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad boxcar, probably used for the last time about 1920.

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Two members of the attorney general's Consumer Advisory Council provided most of the disagreement.

All Castigated

Noble Drake, representing the State Chamber of Commerce, said "all businessmen are castigated for the misdeeds of a few." He urged enforcement of the 1968 Kansas Buyer Protection Act — not enactment of further laws against business fraud.

Gerald Robinson, Topeka Office of Economic Opportunity director, said that unless the Legislature puts more teeth in the Kansas act, it "would be tantamount to condoning robbery."

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