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### Abortion

Two states trying cases before Supreme Court

**Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON — Long-awaited arguments before the Supreme Court over state efforts to regulate abortions developed into a discussion of technicalities Tuesday and the justices suggested they may not resolve the disputes.

The cases involve attempts by Pennsylvania and Illinois to expand, by threat of criminal sanctions, their regulatory powers over doctors who perform abortions.

At one point during public argument sessions, Justice Thurgood Marshall pointed to procedural problems in the Illinois case and exclaimed, "What is before us is exactly nothing."

In both cases, almost all questions from the justices centered on procedural matters and not on the under-

lying — and always divisive — constitutional issues.

The cases have been closely watched by "pro-life" and "pro-choice" forces since the court last spring agreed to review them.

The Reagan administration last July urged the justices to use the cases to overturn their landmark 1973 decision legalizing abortion — a bold move widely viewed as having no chance of succeeding.

Lower courts, relying on the 1973 ruling, said the Pennsylvania and Illinois regulations represented too much interference with women's constitutional right to end their pregnancies.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year struck down five provisions of Pennsylvania's 1982 abortion control law.

Those provisions would have required:

- That doctors obtain the "informed consent" of women seeking abortions after telling them about "detrimental physical and psychological effects which are not accurately foreseeable" and about medical assistance benefits available for prenatal care and childbirth.

- That doctors file various reports for the public record about each abortion they perform.

- That young girls seeking abortions first get the consent of their parents or a judge.

- That doctors performing third-trimester abortions, which are rare, use procedures least risky to a fetus capable of existing outside the womb.

### Polish premier resigns position to concentrate on Party business

**Associated Press**  
WARSAW, Poland — Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who crushed the Solidarity union with the steel fist of martial law, will resign as premier today to concentrate on his work as Communist Party chief, party and diplomatic sources said.

He will be replaced as premier by Zbigniew Messner, deputy premier and a member of the party's ruling Politburo, the sources reported on condition of anonymity.

Western diplomats said Jaruzelski, by deciding to step down as head of the government, was signaling the end of the Polish political crisis that led to the declaration of martial law and suppression of the free union movement in December 1981.

They said the move also was designed to strengthen the party which lost nearly 1 million members after a summer of labor turmoil in 1980 gave birth to Solidarity. The union

now is outlawed and most of its leaders have been driven underground.

The government change, which the sources said was approved Tuesday at a Communist Party Central Committee meeting in Warsaw, was expected to be made public today.

Messner, 56, has been responsible for coordinating the economic reform program since Jaruzelski made him deputy premier in November 1983.

### U.S. House representatives run into snag while criticizing 'other legislative body'

**Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON — There are rules and there are rules, and in the House of Representatives the rule is, thou shalt not criticize the U.S. Senate by name.

The other body is "the other body," and no one is permitted to get more specific than that, as Rep. Thomas Neal, D-N.C., learned when he complained in debate that "the Senate" was holding up action on a housing bill.

The chair intervened to state that "any statement critical of the other body is not within the rules, and critical comment of inaction or inactivity by the other body mentioned here would violate the rule."

Whereupon, Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, inquired whether it would satisfy the rule if House members "preface whatever critical evaluations we make if we take judicial knowledge that the other body is honorable and illustrious but misbegot-

ten in its judgments."

As debate continued, House members continued to point out that the Senate was foot dragging.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., apparently decided that if you cannot call the Senate, "the Senate," you might as well call it "something else."

"Why are we legislating?" he asked. "Because it takes under the Constitution the action of both this body and 'something else' to become law."

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