

MEMO

TO: Stacey Robinson, NARAL
FROM: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison
DATE: November 16, 2000
SUBJECT: Governor Musgrove's Statement

Per your request, Governor Musgrove's statement is provided below.

"I am pro-life, personally and in regard to public policy. The state government should promote the family and responsibility. The state should not be in the business of providing abortions or allowing them for purposes of birth control or gender selection. The state should place restrictions on access such as those we currently have: parental notification, waiting periods, and other forms of regulations."

As a state legislator, Governor Musgrove joined an amicus curiae brief in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* (1992) urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overrule *Roe v. Wade*.

Please contact me at 601-359-2528 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SIMMONS
BOYD

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: POSITION STATEMENTS REQUESTED BY THE NATIONAL ABORTION AND
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE (NARAL)

DATE: 10/30/00

CC: MADER
FILE

The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) requested a written statement from the Governor describing his position on 1) abortion; 2) requiring insurers to cover contraceptives to the same extent they cover other prescription drugs; and, 3) comprehensive sexuality education (defined as age-appropriate, medically accurate sexuality education that includes complete information about contraception as a means of preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, as well as information on abstinence.) These statements will be included in NARAL's 2001 edition of Who Decides? A State-by-State Review of Abortion and Reproductive Rights (to be published in January).

Last year's edition contained statements from then-Governor Fordice, Lt. Governor Musgrove and Mike Moore. According to NARAL's 2000 publication, Governor Musgrove responded to the inquiry regarding abortion, but not those regarding insurance coverage of contraceptives or sexuality education. NARAL printed the following as his statement on abortion:

"I am pro-life, personally and in regard to public policy. The state government should promote the family and responsibility. The state should not be in the business of providing abortions or allowing them for purposes of birth control or gender selection. The state should place restrictions on access such as those we currently have: parental notification, waiting periods, and other forms of regulations." As a state legislator, Lt. Governor Musgrove joined an amicus curiae brief in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* (1992) urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overrule *Roe v. Wade*.

Please advise as to if the Governor wishes to submit this same statement on abortion this year and if he wants to submit statements this year regarding insurance coverage of contraceptives or sexuality education. NARAL has requested that we submit these statements by Wednesday, November 1.