

# Abortion up to conscience, not government, says Sanders

BURLINGTON — Bernard Sanders, the Liberty Union candidate for governor, said Thursday that abortion is an issue that should be of concern only to a woman and her physician — and not the government.

Sanders said that if he were elected governor he would urge the legislature to take abortion out of the realm of government jurisdiction and make it a matter of individual conscience.

Said Sanders, "It strikes me as incredible that politicians think that they have the right to tell a woman what she can or cannot do with her body. This is especially true in Vermont where we have a legislature which is almost

completely dominated by men.

"Abortion is an issue which brings out deep feelings in people, and I respect the feelings of those people who are opposed to abortion on moral grounds. I feel, however, that these people should not be allowed to impose their sense of morality or religious feelings on people who hold a different opinion."

Sanders added that it is obvious that thousands of women in Vermont do believe in abortion and will have abortions whether they are legal in Vermont or not. "The question is whether they will be forced to go to those states where abortions are legal, or whether they can be treated in their home state."

He made his statements in Burlington where he appeared on a radio show and participated in a forum.

## *Lawmakers blame not water-pollution*

MONTPELIER (UPI) — Vermont lawmakers have pointed to poor administration as the source of problems under the state's landmark 1970 water pollution control law.

"The fault is not the act, it's the people working under it," Sen. Thomas Crowley, D-Chittenden - Grand Isle counties, said