## Maher v. Roe (1977)...6/3.

Upheld a Connecticut prohibition of the use of public funds for abortions except those that are "medically necessary." The statute was challenged on grounds of due process and equal protection based on a claim that a state which provides Medicaid funds for childbirth must also fund abortion. The Court reasoned that the state is free to use its power of funding to encourage childbirth over abortion. "A woman has at least an equal right to choose to carry her fetus to term as to choose to abort it."

## **Beal v. Doe** (1977)...6/3.

Upheld a Pennsylvania statute that restricted the use of Medicaid funds for abortion to those that are "medically necessary," rejecting challenge that this policy violates Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

## **Poelker v. Doe** (1977)...6/3.

Upheld a St. Louis policy against performing abortions in public hospitals.