with numerous measurements expressed in parts per million (ppm).

Surmising correctly that all the people who know what the words mean don't quite visualize the magnitude of a part per million, Jenkins makes it unmistakably clear to all: "The world's driest martini: one ppm of vermouth would be the equivalent of one ounce of vermouth in 7,800 gallons of gin."

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Statement on Termination of Pregnancy

The following statement was signed by 271 professional biologists who attended the annual symposium meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology. The symposium was held at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, from 7 to 10 June 1972.

As developmental biologists, one of our major social concerns is to identify and promote those conditions that favor normal development of the human embryo and fetus, and that culminate in the physical health and well-being of the child, mother and family. These conditions include a legal framework within which a woman, in consultation with her physician, can elect to terminate an undesirable pregnancy.

We the undersigned, attending the 31st Symposium Meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology, commend the stand taken by the Federal District Court of Connecticut in the recent case of "Women vs. Connecticut." In that case, Judge J. Edward Lumbard concluded ". . . that the state's interests are insufficient to take from the woman the decision after conception whether she will bear a child, and that she as the appropriate decision maker, must be free to choose." We feel that this decision is a definitive statement that deserves national attention.

The signatures are available upon request from the Society for Developmental Biology. They include the officers of the society, as well as prominent developmental biologists from colleges, universities, and professional institutions throughout the country.

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