

# Homophobia Revealed in Senate Debate from page 1



Julie Cooper, Anne Wallace and a Goddard student were three non-gays who testified for S.278

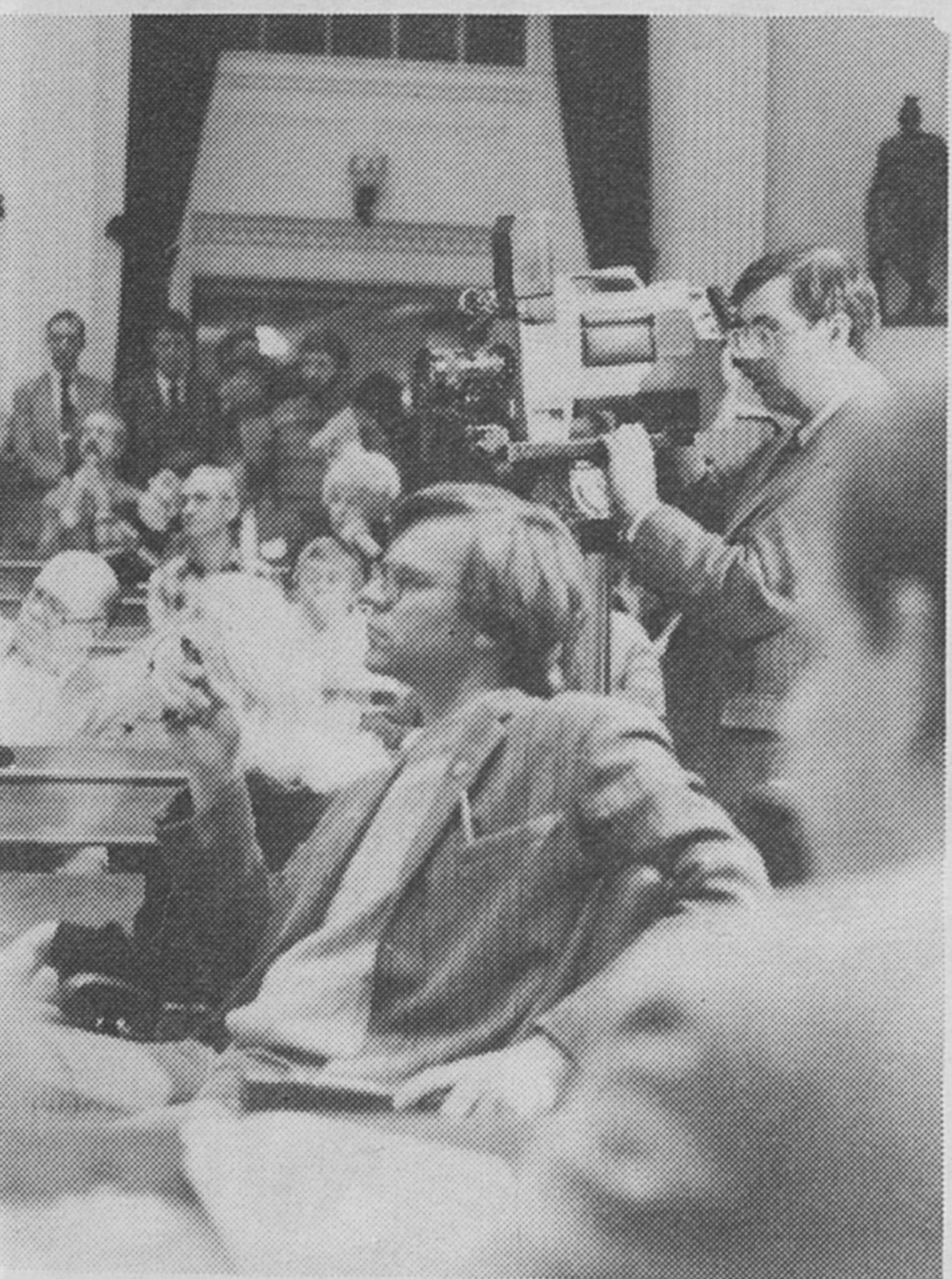
Vermont, Ketcham pointed out that perhaps the same anxiety may have been expressed about Blacks when Vermont was deciding to prohibit slavery as part of the Vermont constitution, but obviously, given that Vermont has the fewest Black citizens of any state, no such thing had occurred.

Even more bigoted remarks were made by Senator Francis Howrigan of Franklin County, who suggested that the bill would promote AIDS and referred to gay people as "the society of cornholers," a comment which met with shocked silence by other Senators and a raised gavel on the part of Lt. Governor Howard Dean, who was presiding over the session.

The Senate vote, which included six of eleven Senate Republicans voting in favor on the second reading, was viewed by State House insiders as a very strong showing for the bill. Momentum is good in the House, which tends to be much more conservative than the Senate.

Representatives need to hear from supporters right now. Every member of the House needs to be receiving letters and phone calls urging them to support S.278, and to help ensure that it gets out of committee and onto the floor for a vote this session.

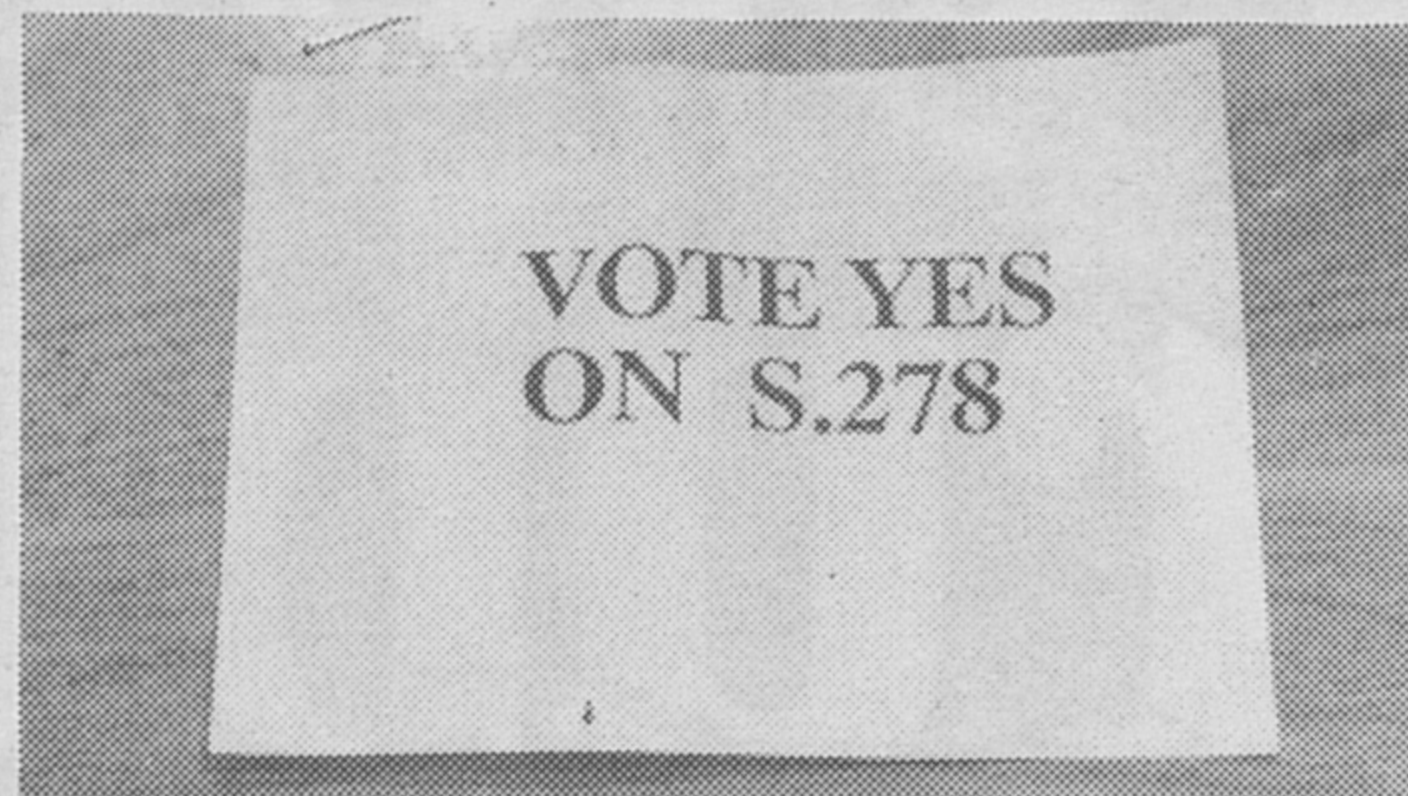
You can leave messages for your representatives by calling toll free 1-800-322-5616 (the Sargeant-at-Arms office). Such messages require that you leave your name and town. If you don't know who your representatives are, call your town clerk. Letters may be sent to any Representative at The Statehouse, Montpelier, VT 05602 or to their home address. On weekends and Mondays many Representatives are at home and take telephone calls from constituents.



Sen. Will Hunter and TV cameras look on.



Supporters wore blue tags as identification.



## Anderson Takes Gay Concerns to Democratic Platform Committee

Terje Anderson, a Burlington gay community and political activist, has been named as Vermont's temporary member of the Democratic National Platform Committee. He will serve as Vermont's representative until a permanent member is selected in early June.

Anderson was elected by the Democratic State Committee to represent Vermont in national party deliberations over positions it will take. Governor Madeleine Kunin has been selected by the Democratic National Committee to serve as one of the four national vice-chairs of the Platform Committee.

Anderson, a supporter of presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, pledged to work for "a progressive platform which addresses real issues, instead of the substanceless document that some of the na-

tional party leadership seems to want." He said that he will concentrate his work on "health care, inclusion of lesbian and gay civil rights, a meaningful plank on AIDS related issues, support for women's rights and reproductive freedom, and economic justice issues."

In 1984, Anderson served as one of six openly gay or lesbian members of the national platform committee and as vice-chair of the lesbian and gay caucus at the San Francisco Democratic Convention. He said he plans to seek election to the position of permanent committee member in June.

In addition to Anderson, other openly lesbian or gay members of the Platform Committee selected so far are Dale McCormick of Maine and Carole Migden of California.



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