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As some Arkansas lawmakers are pushing for a Texas-style abortion restriction here, Planned Parenthood says it's working to fight what it says are unconstitutional bans. It operates two clinics in the state and during a press conference today (Wed), Doctor Janet Cathey said it's preparing to resume offering medication abortions at its facility in Rogers.

News15 0:22 "...of its requirements."

State Senator Jason Rapert, a Republican of Conway, says he has a meeting scheduled next week with Governor Asa Hutchinson. The governor wants to call a special session to consider a tax cut package, but Rapert says while the legislature is together he wants to introduce a bill similar to the recently-enacted Texas law.

News16 0:19 "...they came from."

The governor has said he wants the special session to be focused only on tax cuts and delayed issuing the call to talk with legislative leaders. The U.S. Supreme Court has not taken immediate action to halt the Texas law.

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Arkansas state Senator Jason Rapert says he's scheduled to talk with Governor Asa Hutchinson next week about his desire to introduce a bill similar to a Texas law that has essentially halted abortions. The governor wants to hold a special session for the legislature to consider a tax cut proposal, but said he has held off on issuing the call over concerns about unrelated bills being introduced. Rapert, a Republican from Conway, says he and other lawmakers are adamant about consideration of an abortion bill as soon as possible.

News17 0:23 "...doing right now."

The U.S. Supreme Court has not taken immediate action to halt the Texas law. Meanwhile Planned Parenthood said during a press conference today (Wed) it plans to resume offering medication abortions at its clinic in Rogers. Doctor Janet Cathey said existing laws in the state have already put great challenging on them.

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She also said Planned Parenthood is working to fight what it says are unconstitutional abortion bans.