

# 'Gays' lose legal bout

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that ordinances against transvestism--men dressing like women and vice versa--were legal.

The court rejected without comment an appeal by a Houston man, Richard Anthony Mayes, that such laws were a violation of his rights.

The state of Texas argued successfully that the Houston "disguise ordinance" protected a valid state interest, namely helping protect the survival of the race by banning homosexual guises.

Texas also argued there were other sound reasons for the law: "An ineffective disguise may engender catcalls and slurring remarks leading to a breach of the peace."