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House Passes Comprehensive Ban on Federal Abortion Funding



A new pro-life bill to permanently prohibit federal funding of abortion was passed by the House of Representatives in a 251-175 vote on May 4th. The bill, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3), was sponsored by Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL). It was supported by 235 Republicans and 16 Democrats, while 175 Democrats opposed it.

The White House issued a veto threat on the bill shortly before the House voted to pass it.

“There are over one million Americans who are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment policy – but President Obama, although he claims to seek abortion reduction, continues to work against that policy,” said NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson. “The White House veto threat demonstrates yet again that President Obama is determined to expand federal subsidies for abortion on demand – despite his verbal smokescreens. The 175 House Democrats who voted against the bill will be firmly marked as supporters of federal subsidies for elective abortion.”

On Mother’s Day, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Ca.), the former Speaker of the House, sent an email urgently requesting \$50,000 to combat this pro-life bill. She wrote,

“This week, Republicans voted unanimously on an extremist anti-choice bill that would deny millions of women access to reproductive health care.”

For many years, federal funding of abortion has been limited by a patchwork of laws – many of which expire annually, because they are incorporated into annual appropriations bills. The best known is the Hyde Amendment, but this law applies only to funds that flow through the annual Health and Human Services appropriations bill, and it expires annually. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) (“Obamacare”), enacted in 2010, opened new pipelines for federal funding of abortion, which are not governed by the Hyde Amendment or any other statutory law. H.R. 3 would codify the principles of the Hyde Amendment on a permanent, government-wide basis, applicable to both longstanding federal health programs and to the new programs created by the PPACA.

Following the House approval of H.R. 3, identical legislation was introduced by pro-life Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Ms.) as S. 906. “Every time we’ve attempted to advance the pro-life cause through legislation it has always started out as an uphill battle,” Wicker said. “It’s unlikely that we’ll be able to get to 60 votes [in the current Senate]. But that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t try. Americans overwhelmingly agree that tax dollars should not be used to support abortion providers. I will continue to advocate legislation that honors and protects human life.”

Obama Attends Dinner with Planned Parenthood President

After his May 10th campaign speech in El Paso, Texas, President Barack Obama attended a fundraising dinner with Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards. According to the Austin Statesman, more than 50 wealthy Democrats paid \$35,800 per person and over \$50,000 per couple to attend. Although the guests attending the event were not announced, after the event Cecile Richards excitedly tweeted, “Dinner with President Obama in my home town! Doesn’t get much [sic] better than that.”

President Obama has a long history of working with Planned Parenthood. In a 2007 campaign address to Planned Parenthood, then Senator Obama was received with thunderous applause and cheering. He said, “On the issue of choice... I will not yield and Planned Parenthood will not yield.” Mr. Obama also promised, “The first thing that

I would do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). That’s the first thing I would do.” This act would nullify any state or federal law that would prevent access to abortion. More recently, Planned Parenthood has been an adamant supporter of Obamacare, which promises to increase significantly the federal funds received by Planned Parenthood.



Obama with Planned Parenthood director, Cecile Richards

Carol Tobias Elected New National Right to Life President *Becomes the organization's 9th president since Roe v. Wade*



Carol Tobias

On Saturday, April 9th, Carol Tobias was elected president of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the national federation of 50 state affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters. Tobias, who becomes the 9th NRLC president since *Roe v. Wade*, succeeds Wanda Franz, Ph.D. of West Virginia.

"I am extremely humbled and honored to be elected president by the National Right to Life board, which represents our nationwide network of state affiliates and local chapters," said Mrs. Tobias. "As the late pro-life Congressman Henry Hyde of Illinois said, National Right to Life 'is the flagship of the pro-life movement.' I'm looking forward to the opportunity to help our pro-life network in its continuing

effort to educate the public and pass laws protecting mothers and their unborn children."

A native of North Dakota, Tobias has served on the NRLC board of directors since 1987. From 1983 to 1991 she was executive director of North Dakota Right to Life and in 1991 was hired as NRLC Political Director, a position she held until 2005. During her tenure as NRLC political director, pro-life majorities were elected to both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. In both 2000 and 2004, she oversaw the efforts of NRLC's Political Action Committee on behalf of George W. Bush.

"The pro-life movement is the greatest social cause of our time," added Tobias. "I am eager to continue National Right to Life's educational, legislative, and political efforts to advance the right to life of the most vulnerable members of our human family – the unborn, the elderly, and the medically dependent and disabled."

New Hungary Constitution Defends the Unborn

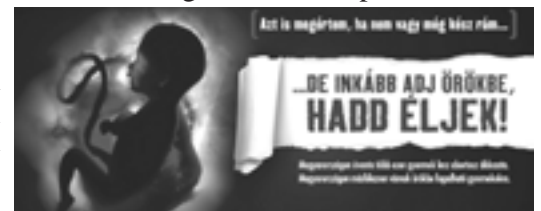
Amid many threats to life in Europe, Hungary adopted a new constitution in April which protects every person from the moment of conception. The new constitution was voted into effect on Easter Monday by a newly elected party majority which earned it the name 'The Easter Constitution.'

Under the section entitled "Freedom and Responsibility," the new constitution says, "Human dignity is inviolable. Everyone has the right to life and human dignity; the life of a fetus will be protected from conception."

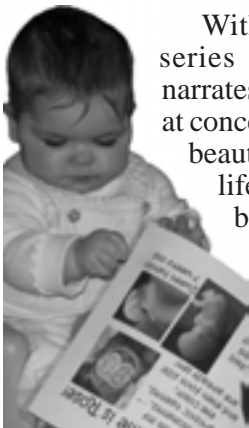
However, various European organizations and "human rights defenders" decry this renewed defense of vulnerable life. Amnesty International is among these opponents and objects that Hungary's new constitution "violates

international and European human rights standards."

The Hungarian government has subsequently launched a new ad campaign which advocates adoption and reminds citizens that every baby has the right to life. The new ads feature a graphic of a baby in utero which says, "I understand if you aren't ready for me... but rather put me up for adoption, LET ME LIVE!" The government hopes that these ads will help reduce abortions in Hungary and re-establish respect for life at all stages.



Rose's First Photo Album



With this 10-page full-color laminated series of posters, join baby Rose as she narrates images of her life from its beginning at conception until the age of two! The album beautifully depicts the continuity of human life through the experience of Baby Rose before and after her birth. All of the posters in the set feature amazing full-color photos and simple yet engaging words from Rose's perspective. Abortion is not mentioned; the posters are positive and appropriate for all ages and audiences. The full set of 10 posters is available at a

bargain price – just \$10 for the set (including shipping)!

All posters are laminated for durability, and they are offered in English or Spanish in four different sizing options: travel (2"x3"), picture (5"x7"), standard (8.5"x11"), and poster (11"x17"). Rose's First Photo Album is a set of 10 different educational posters; the first is an attractive photo collage, and the 2nd-10th posters show Baby Rose's development from her tiniest moments after conception all the way through her development in the womb, then her life as a newborn, and finally as a toddler. For additional information or to place an order, please contact Lara at phone: 202-378-8843 or email: nrlclara@gmail.com.

Bulletin Inserts

July 3 – Today we celebrate our Declaration of Independence that states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. “Clearly, a nation that has legalized abortion on demand has not lived up to its stated beliefs.

July 10 – “Nobody is a nobody; nobody is unwanted. All are wanted by God, and therefore to be respected, protected, and cherished by us.” This quote is a concise summary of our pro-life beliefs by Fr. Richard Neuhaus.

July 17 – “Since the Roe v. Wade decision, the number one cause of death in the African American community is abortion. We have lost over 13 million lives. To put that in perspective, that is one third of our present Black population. 1,452 Black children are lost each day to abortion.” Bishop Martin D. Holley, chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee on African American Affairs

July 24 – In 1896, a frightened 13 year old rape victim ran away from home to avoid being forced to abort her baby. To date, 101 people were given the gift of life because of Lilly Clarke’s heroic decision. Her decedents have made great contributions to our nation and world.

July 31 – What does the Bible teach about abortion, a word it does not mention? Two principal life-affirming Biblical teachings hold that (1) human life is different from other types of life because human beings are made in the very image of God; and (2) children are a blessing. Priests for Life newsletter, 2/07

August 7 – Americans are called, as the U.S. Catholic Bishops have urged, to remind all government leaders “of their duty to exercise genuine moral leadership in society. [This is done] not by unthinking adherence to public opinion polls or by repeating empty slogans but by educating and sensitizing themselves and their constituents to the humanity of the unborn child.” *Living the Gospel of Life*, National Conference of Catholic Bishops

August 14 – “Pennsylvania is not a third world country,” the grand jury investigating Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell insists, “yet the clinic he ran bears a closer resemblance to the killing fields of one-child China than to a legitimate medical facility in the U.S.” Stephen W. Mosher, Population Research Institute Weekly Briefing, 1/31/11

August 21 – Writing a tribute to a Down Syndrome child who died at 16, Lisa B. Laughlin made these profound observations, “I believe she came to Earth to teach us a lesson – the lesson of unconditional love... She needed to remind us not to judge one another but to accept one another exactly as we are.” Lisa B. Laughlin, NRL News, 6/09

August 28 – The life of Dr. Bernard Nathanson reminds us that change is always possible, even profound change. Science prompted him to publicly profess in 1974 that as director of “the largest abortion clinic in the Western world,” I had “in fact presided over 60,000 deaths.” He presented that reality in his film, “The Silent Scream” that captured the image of an unborn child shrinking from the surgical instruments of an abortionist, an image that Nathanson called, “the silent

Suggested Prayers

July 3 – That this nation may re-commit itself on this holiday to the recognition and protection of all people’s inalienable right to life, we pray

July 10 – That the seeds of truth sown by pro-life people may find deep roots in the hearts of those with ears to hear, we pray

July 17 – That all those touched by abortion may turn to our merciful God for forgiveness and peace, we pray

July 24 – That pregnant women may realize that the child in the womb is a priceless treasure, we pray

July 31 – That an ever growing number of people may listen heedfully to the Biblical teachings about the sanctity of life, we pray

August 7 – For those facing difficult situations involving the right to life of another, that they may place their trust in God, we pray

August 14 – That those in active pro-life ministry rely on prayer and sacrifice to help them achieve their goals, we pray

August 21 – That those in the abortion industry may seek God’s truth to lead them out of darkness, we pray

August 28 – That more religious and political leaders may courageously speak out in defense of life, we pray

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More News

U.S. House Says No to Planned Parenthood Funding in 2011, but U.S. Senate Says Yes

The U.S. Senate has voted to continue federally funding Planned Parenthood through the end of the fiscal year, despite opposition from many pro-life and religious groups, including National Right to Life and the U.S. Catholic bishops.

Pro-life lawmakers argued that Planned Parenthood should not continue to receive taxpayer money. In 2009 Planned Parenthood received more than \$363 million from all levels of government, and performed 332,278 abortions, making it the nation's largest abortion provider.

On April 14, 2011, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 241-185 to pass H. Con. Res 36, which would have excluded Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds for the remaining fiscal year. However, the Senate subsequently defeated the measure on a 58-42 vote. The vote was largely along party lines, with 42 Republicans voting to end Planned Parenthood funding, while all 53 Democrats together with 5 Republicans voted to continue funding. The failure of this resolution ensures that Planned Parenthood will continue to receive millions of taxpayer dollars for abortions through the fiscal year.

In an April 13 letter to Congress, Cardinal Daniel

DiNardo, the chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, urged members of Congress to vote yes on the bill.

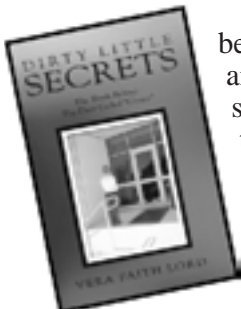
He wrote, "Congress will have to make decisions whether to cut programs that everyone agrees are beneficial... Whether to fund the largest abortion network in the country is not one of those hard choices."



*Daniel Cardinal
DiNardo*

Some groups argue that unless Planned Parenthood receives federal funding, many low-income women will not receive the care they need. Cardinal DiNardo responded, "To the extent that Planned Parenthood does provide any legitimate health services for women, however, those services can be provided by others... therefore the question at issue here is: When low-income women need these legitimate health care services, should the federal government insist that they receive them from the local abortion provider?"

Dirty Little Secrets, The Truth Behind the Door Called Choice by Vera Faith Lord



Dirty Little Secrets takes the reader behind the scenes of an abortion clinic and shares experiences women face who seek abortions. It dispels the myth about the clichés used by abortion peddlers to convince women that abortion is a "simple" and "safe" procedure when in fact it is medically and emotionally dangerous and has life changing affect on women.

Dirty Little Secrets is a must read for anyone who works in the abortion alternatives area and should be given to any women who is thinking about abortion.

Vera Faith Lord is a nationally known speaker, an Associate Member of the National ProLife Religious Council, a regular presenter at the National Right to Life Convention.

Dirty Little Secrets is available on through Vera's website. Go to www.verafaithlord.com and click on "Store" for details.