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Two Pro-Life Bills Hit the House of Representatives As New Challenges Arise

WASHINGTON— The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, has reaffirmed its commitment to the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and vows to continue seeking the bill's passage in the 114th Congress. Meanwhile, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) passed by a vote of 242-179.

On January 23, 2015, National Right to Life President Carol Tobias said, "The House of Representatives did not pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act this week because certain lawmakers who voted for the same language in 2013, and who had promised their pro-life constituents that they would do so again, instead worked to weaken the bill or to prevent it from coming to the floor."



Carol Tobias

"While we are profoundly disappointed that the vote on the bill was delayed, we much prefer delaying the vote to passing a greatly weakened bill," Tobias said. "We thank the House Republican leadership for quickly facilitating passage of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) which is another National Right to Life legislative priority." The House passed H.R. 7 today by a vote of 242-179.

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 36) would generally protect unborn children from abortion beginning at 20 weeks fetal age, based on medical evidence that by that point, if not earlier, the unborn child experiences pain when subjected to dismemberment or other late abortion methods.

"Pro-life citizens across the nation are sharply disappointed with those lawmakers who violated commitments to constituents and derailed a bill to protect babies in the sixth month and later, a bill with broad popular support," Tobias said. Some of these lawmakers may ultimately conclude that they were ill advised to sacrifice the trust of their pro-life constituents so egregiously."

The "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act," authored by U.S. Reps. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) and Dan Lipinski (D-Ill.), is a bipartisan bill that would permanently prohibit taxpayer dollars from being used to pay for abortions in Obamacare health plans starting the next plan year. This bill also protects Americans of conscience by requiring the full disclosure of abortion coverage in Obamacare plans so people can make informed decisions about their health-care plans right now.

EWTN to Air Five-Part NRLC Mini-Series: Become an Expert in Forming the Best Pro-Life Response

By Ernest Ohlhoff

The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) will air a five-part mini-series later this year featuring Olivia Gans Turner, the NRLC's Director of American Victims of Abortion. The 'When They Say, You Say' mini-series was taped at EWTN studios in Birmingham, Alabama in early December. This mini-series is based on a workshop developed by Mary Spalding Balch, NRLC Director of State Legislation and Olivia Ganz-Turner and has been presented at our National Right to Life Conventions and state affiliate conventions for many years.

Olivia and I have been working on this project for almost a year, preparing and refining proposals and content for the mini-series. This series marks an important first for NRLC, and we are exploring other venues in which NRLC can be part of EWTN's programming.

'When They Say, You Say' is built around the basic idea that there are no new questions in the abortion debate and that every question falls into one of five major pro-abortion arguments. Understanding those arguments can help anyone to become an excellent pro-life advocate! ... Continued on Page 2



(left to right) Olivia Ganz-Turner, Producer Taylor Hancock and Ernest Ohlhoff

MOVIE: “The Apology” Three Men Express their Sorrow for Participation in an Abortion



“The Apology” is built around the abortion experiences of three men all of whom are now Christian believers from different faith backgrounds, one of whom is a pastor. So, point number one: the Christian community—or any faith community—has to deal with members of their flocks on this issue because many may have been part of an abortion.

The men say, “I had [x number] of abortions.” To the pro-abortion mind this is just men trying to control the women in their lives after the fact, so determined are they to control them they actual say they had an abortion.

But it’s not. The three are confessing, not “bragging” or trying to put a guilt trip on anyone. They are confronting, head-on, what they were a party to. Just as these women did not become pregnant on their own, in a real sense they did not have the abortion alone: men have failed them by failing to support a decision for life.

Speaking of (and to) his child, one man put it this way: “I should have manned up and should have fought for you...but I didn’t....I didn’t.”

Two Things You Didn’t Know about Girl Scouts USA:

Thinking of promoting the Girl Scouts by ordering some thin mints or samoas? It may seem like you are supporting young women, but if you knew these things about Girl Scout’s USA, you might think twice before buying:

1. Girl Scout’s USA’s curriculum and online materials promote women and organizations that publicly advocate for abortion rights, including Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Population Council.

2. Girl Scout’s USA is a member (alongside the International Planned Parenthood Federation) in the Coalition for Adolescent Girls, which includes “abortion-related care” among its goals.

“What my doctor told me made my decision easy. He said, “I’ve had a lot of people sit in that chair you’re sitting in now and regret their abortions, but not once have I ever met a mother who has regretted having her baby.”

- Darby’s Story (Lifenews)



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EWTN Pro-Life Mini-Series

Understanding those arguments can help anyone to become an excellent pro-life advocate!

Olivia explains how to better present pro-life issues, speak in sound bites, and get the pro-life message across to family, friends, and the public. Suggestions and examples show how to respond in a positive manner when discussing abortion - even the hard issues.

I had the honor of being present during the taping, and I heard many compliments from EWTN staff regarding Olivia’s stage presence, communication skills, and knowledge of the abortion issue.

EWTN producers, directors, audio and camera crews were extremely helpful in taping the five 30-minute segments over a two-day period. Their attention to detail and professionalism helped make the taping process a great success.

EWTN Global Catholic Network, in its 33rd year, is available in over 230 million television households in more than 140 countries and territories. EWTN is the largest religious media network in the world.

--EWTN plans to make the mini-series available for purchase in DVD format.--

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Bulletin Inserts

February 15 – As we begin the season of Lent, these insightful words can serve as a subject for meditation:

“By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems” (Mother Teresa)

“But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand.” (Isaiah 64:8)

February 22 - We want to be part of a society that makes affirmation and protection of human rights its primary objective and its boast. Yet to women faced with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion is often presented as their only “choice.” A large percentage of children pre-diagnosed with Down Syndrome are never given the chance to live outside their mothers’ wombs. Elderly members of our families fear they will become burdensome and seek physician assisted suicide.” (Cardinal Sean O’Malley statement opening Respect Life Month)

March 1 - “Abortion is our nation’s worst, most destructive injustice. And as it destroys the lives of the most innocent, it’s important to remember that its effects continue on to damage the physical, psychological and spiritual health of women (and men), making our great country weaker on all fronts. What our nation needs is for people to aggressively share the truth about the damage abortion does.” (Rebecca Hagelin, Townhall.com 5/8/14)

March 8 - Observing the rationale behind assisted suicide laws, bioethicist Wesley Smith has written, “The most common reasons for committing assisted suicide in Oregon/Washington are: not wanting to be a burden, worrying about losing the ability to engage in enjoyable situations, etc. These existential issues are very important and certainly need attention by caregivers, but they are not “last resort” problems that assisted suicide activists cite, at least as that term is commonly understood.”

March 15 - Speaking about her family’s decision not to abort their unborn child with cleft palate, Missy Robertson of “Duck Dynasty” asserted:

“Who am I to decide that for her? God already decided that, allowed that to happen. I’m so glad for this opportunity – I wouldn’t ask for this, this special challenge in our life, . . . but I’m very grateful for it. I’m grateful for the challenge, and I’m grateful for Mia, as a human being. I can’t imagine our life without her.” (LifeNews, 9/10/14)

March 22 - Abortion of children with disabilities is rampant; however “if we believe that God creates each and every one of us, and that He has a purpose then for each and every one of us, even those who may experience disabilities which others do not, then it is not our place to end that person’s life. To do so is to play God”. (Rebecca Downs, LifeNews, 9/10/14)

March 29 - Christ, as well as the Old Testament prophets, urge us to free the captives, lift up the oppressed, and open the eyes of the blind. On this holy day, we may ask, “Who are the captives, if not those unborn children who are bound over to death by the “choice” of abortion? Who is more blind than an unborn child in the darkness of a womb that has become a waiting room for their death? And who is more oppressed than those unborn children whose oppression has been legitimized by their government, and even their family and loved ones?” (Reflection written for participants in 40 Days for Life)

April 5 - As we celebrate the day that we were given new life by Christ’s death on the cross, it is worth remembering that new life usually comes at a price. Pregnancy, the path to new life, can bring its discomforts, worries, and the pain of giving birth but the beauty of the new life that results is priceless.

April 12 - “Politicians and the Pulpits of Black America have betrayed its people. They have been shepherds leading the sheep to the slaughter,” stated Rev. Luke Robinson, Senior Pastor of Quinn Chapel AME Church of Frederick Maryland. Rev. Robinson, the keynote speaker at the rally at District Heights Church of Maryland, continued “Where are the leaders of righteousness and common sense? There is no way we can continue on this path of destruction and our established leaders have failed miserably.” Though African American women make up 12% of the population, they account for 37% of all abortions. African Americans in the United States are presently beneath the replacement rate of the existing population. LifeNews, 10/27/14

April 19 - In our culture, we’ve lost the basic truth stated in Job (12:10), that every life is made and allowed to live by God’s sovereign authority. We are a people who pride ourselves on our independence, so we have a hard time acknowledging our dependence on God. Worse yet, we have assumed the role of God, deciding whose God-created life continues and whose ends.

April 26 - Commenting on the state of California’s decision to require employers to cover abortion in their health care plans, Atty. Casey Maddox stated, “Forcing a church-affiliated employer to be party to elective abortion is one of the most unimaginable assaults on our most fundamental American freedoms.” He added that California officials are “flagrantly violating the federal law that protects employers from being forced into having abortion in their health insurance plans.” Cited in Chuck Norris column, 10/28/14

Suggested Prayers

February 15 – That women who have come to regret their abortions may turn to Christ who can heal all pain, we pray

February 22 –For all women tempted to abort their unborn child, that they may seek life-giving alternatives, we pray

March 1 – That we as a nation may come to realize that sacrificing babies to abortion is a choice we should not make, we pray

March 8 – For those who make a profit from destroying unborn babies, that they may come to realize the error of their ways, we pray

March 15 – For those who willfully disregard the sanctity of human life, that they may remember God is full of justice and mercy, we pray

March 22 – For all those who serve God by providing pregnant women with alternatives to abortion, we pray

March 29 – That our celebration of Holy Week may deepen our appreciation of all human life for which Our Lord gave His life, we pray

April 5 – That this celebration of new life may lead us to a greater appreciation of the gift and wonder of new life in the womb, we pray

April 12 – That those caught up in the web of abortion may turn to Christ for forgiveness and healing, we pray

April 19 – That the Author of Life may turn the minds of His people to a greater respect for all human life, we pray

April 26 – That we may stop rejecting unborn children with disabilities, but instead love them into life, we pray



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The March for Life on January 22, 2015 drew massive crowds, and the turnout among young people was especially historic. The Youth Rally & Mass for Life at the D.C. Armory the next day drew a crowd of about 10,000 strong, mostly teens and young adults.



National Prayer Service Memorializes Preborn, their Mothers and Fathers

It was the day of the March for Life in Washington, DC. Historic Constitution Hall was the gathering place for clergy and believers from dozens of denominations: Lutheran bishops, Anglican bishops, Catholic priests, Baptist pastors, Pentecostal ministers, and many more.

The event was the National Prayer Service, the premier pro-life prayer event surrounding the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

The morning opened with singing of the Negro Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," with the fitting lyrics: "Facing the rising sun of our new morning begun/ Let us march on till victory is won."

Matthew Ward, a Christian Contemporary Artist best known for his work with the group Second Chapter of Acts, led the group in prayer and song.

The Lighting of the Candle followed, which remembers the innocent lives lost and the hope of reconciliation and healing through Christ. The prayer of the Congregation followed, with Scripture passages read by participating clergy.



Clergy Members at Constitution Hall

The Silent No More Testimony, an outreach of Priests for Life, featured a former abortionist who has found repentance and peace.

The National Pro-Life Recognition Award was given to three individuals who have worked to reveal the link between abortion and breast cancer: Dr. Joel Brind, Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, and Karen Malec.

The service ended with a call to unity in the body of Christ.



Fr. Pavone with Award Winners