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BORN-ALIVE... BILL

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, designed to save abortion survivors, was blocked from a vote in the Senate by the abortion lobby.

Passed by the House of Representatives, this bill would have required doctors to administer lifesaving medical care to every baby. The bill, (S.6/H.R. 21) is now considered “provisionally dead” due to the failed cloture vote. This means it is unlikely to go forward without significant changes.

As a result, babies will be left to suffer and die as infanticide continues.

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S EXECUTIVE ORDERS FOR LIFE

During his campaign, President Donald J. Trump promised to protect and defend a vote of the people on the life issue. In a series of executive orders, he continued to support the sanctity of every human life by signing into law the following:

- ENFORCEMENT OF THE HYDE AMENDMENT to end the use of Federal taxpayer dollars to fund or promote elective abortion.
- ENDING FEDERAL FUNDING OF ABORTION OVERSEAS: reinstating the Mexico City Policy to stop the use of federal taxpayer dollars for abortion overseas.
- PROTECTED TAXPAYERS FROM FUNDING ABORTION: returned the issue of life to a vote by the people of each State.

CHICAGO OFFICIALS TO REMOVE NAME FROM COURTHOUSE

In DuPage County IL, officials voted to remove the name of the late Rep. Henry J. Hyde from the Chicago county’s Wheaton courthouse. Why? He was pro-life.

Hyde, a Republican who represented Illinois for more than 30 years, is best known for the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funds from being used for abortion in most cases.

The Board’s 10-5 vote approved the renaming. The Board Chair that the Hyde Amendment is “very offensive to women, particularly women in Illinois.”

CENTER FOR MEDICAL PROGRESS CHARGES DROPPED

The State of California agreed to drop all charges against David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt for their undercover videos of conversations with Planned Parenthood officials. The prosecution against the pro-life activists was first launched in 2016 by then-Attorney General Kamala Harris.

The journalists produced a series of undercover videos recorded at abortion conventions and trade shows. Using false IDs and names, they secretly recorded various conversations during which two companies admitted illegally selling aborted fetuses from Planned Parenthood in Southern California.

Daleiden commented that “the end of the case will allow him to focus on “CMP’s mission to report on the injustices of taxpayer-funded experiments on aborted babies and continue to expand our groundbreaking investigative reporting.”

US MAIL IGNORING FEDERAL LAWS

According to its website, one of the jobs of the United States Postal Service (USPS) is to “*prevent the flow of illicit drugs and contraband through the mail stream*” and to “*eliminate the mailing of opioids and other illicit drugs and it works closely with other law enforcement agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to share intelligence, coordinate cases and conduct joint enforcement operations*”. Two statutes restrict mailing or shipping abortifacient matter through the United States Postal Service.

How can pharmacies like Walgreens and CVS mail the abortion pill on behalf of prescribers? Why are abortion providers in multiple states openly shipping these drugs unlawfully into states that prohibit them or restrict telehealth dispensing?

Obviously, there has been no enforcement of this federal law.



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MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Place: St. Anne’s Rectory Meeting Room
450 E. Washington Ave. Bethlehem, 18017

STARVING DEMENTIA PATIENTS?

Moves in bioethics to require caregivers to withhold food and water by mouth from a patient made incompetent by dementia if that patient, has signed such a request, even if the patient willingly eats, enjoys meals, or asks for food. It is sometimes called “voluntary stop eating and drinking by advance directive”.

Now, as supposedly some form of compromise, there is a proposal on the table to barely feed.

“Minimal Comfort Feeding (MCF) ... is the provision of only enough oral nutrition and hydration to ensure comfort... Eating and drinking is not scheduled; rather, caretakers offer food and liquids only in response to signs of hunger and thirst. Patients are neither wakened for regular mealtimes nor encouraged to eat or drink. Instead, they are offered frequent, fastidious mouth care, continued social contact, therapeutic touch, sensory distraction, and medications to relieve distress associated with apparent thirst or hunger before being provided with minimal amounts of liquid or food.

This directive is inhumane to the patient, cruel to caregivers (as it forces them to starve people to death), and designed to open the door to lethal injection to those with advanced dementia, as the less onerous alternative to their being made to starve to death.

SEMANTICS IN LIFE ISSUES

Semantics is the art of phraseology, that is, the ability of using nice-sounding words to describe something not so nice—like abortion.

Advocates of abortion on demand are savvy opponents who understand that choosing your words carefully makes a difference in being persuasively effective. Some examples of words used by abortion advocates:

- “Medication” when referring to the chemical abortion pill because medication implies healing.
- Abortion doctor/provider vs. abortionist. A doctor or provider suggests one who heals or saves life.
- Destroy vs. kill. We kill human beings. We destroy things. Using the latter subtlety dehumanizes abortion’s victims
- Abortion clinic vs. abortion facility. A clinic is a place of healing, but an abortion facility is meant only for killing.
- “Pregnant people” instead of “pregnant women” and refrain from using the title “mother.”

The language we use can make a difference in our effectiveness. Let’s do everything that we can to make our communications effective.

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Mother’s Day Flower Sale

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