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Hundreds of Thousands of Pro-Lifers March for Life: Mourn 57 Million Abortions

by Steven Ertelt, Washington, DC, LifeNews.com. 22/1/15

Hundreds of thousands of pro-life people turned out for the annual March for Life in Washington, braving cold temperatures to take a stand for the right to life of unborn children. While marchers mourned 42 years of legalized abortion, many sounded a hopeful theme for a pro-life future and think the decision will eventually be reversed.

The Roe v. Wade decision, handed down on January 22, 1973, overturned pro-life laws offering protection for unborn children in most states across the country, and made abortions legal and virtually unlimited. Almost 58 million unborn children have been killed in abortions since.



Cape Otway
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Queensland Election

ABORTION THE ISSUE

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(As in Victoria since 2008)**

The ALP candidates listed below, because they are members of EMILY's List, are committed to vote in parliament for legal abortion without restrictions.

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EVERY ABORTION KILLS A BABY

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Queensland Election

At the time of going to print, the result is very close. This was the advertisement we put in the Courier Mail on the Wednesday 28th January 2015. Unfortunately 8 Emily's listers were elected – Jackie Trad, Nikki Boyd, Leanne Donaldson, Leanne Enoch, Shannon Fentiman, Jennifer Howard, Brittany Lauga and Coralee O'Rourke.

Pro Lifers' believe that Jackie Trad is particularly dangerous. Six Emily's listers were not elected, despite their margins being less than the average swing. The ALP has a policy of abortion on demand so there is much concern that the leader, who is not an Emily's lister, will be replaced by Jackie Trad. Emily's list is a fund that gives money to ALP women who will actively work to implement abortion on demand.

New Member for Victoria



Rachel Carling-Jenkins,
Member of the Legislative
Council in Victoria

In her maiden speech on 12 February 2015 Dr Carling-Jenkins said, "I refuse to believe that we can determine that one human being has a greater right to live or to be protected simply because they are healthier, more intelligent, richer or better able to survive without the help and support of others. I will be a voice for their right to life, protection and self-determination."

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Abortion and The National Party



For many years, National Party M.P.s could for the most part be relied on to vote in Parliament against abortion. Sadly this is no longer the case. The Wangaratta Chronicle reported on November 26th 2014 the response to the question on abortion from local candidates for the November 29th election. Sitting member Tim

McCurdy (Nationals) indicated he was "pro-choice." Stephanie Ryan – new Nationals M.P. for Euroa has declared to a local constituent that she believes in the "right to choose." Sadly, the Nationals are losing their leader, Peter Ryan, who was strongly anti-abortion. Let's hope his replacement is not someone who shares abortion views with McCurdy and Ryan! You should write to Peter Ryan who was Deputy Premier in the previous government and wish him well in the future, and thank him for standing up for life!

**Address all letters to Peter Ryan M.P. (Gippsland South),
c/- Parliament House, Spring St. Melbourne 3000.**

Mr Death turns to comedy

Suspended doctor Philip Nitschke is doing a stand up show with comedian Mel Moon, who is terminally ill, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He said now was the perfect time to test his funny bone, while he waits for his appeal of his deregistration in the NT Supreme Court.

Derek Humphrey in his book "Dying With Dignity" tells of a comedian from *Saturday Night Live* who said, "This week Dr Kevorkian's Mercitron machine killed itself, and *Final Exit* jumped from the top shelf of a large bookstore."

Eugenics in Australia – Alive and well and funded with your taxes



Margaret Tighe

Recently much publicity was given to a sad case in the Sydney Morning Herald (December 12th 2014). A Chinese mother had a 28 week baby aborted because the baby had a deformed hand!

There was absolutely no concern for the tiny baby's life. It was to be terminated

because of that defective hand. The mother was depressed about it! How many families would have loved and cared for that child! The baby's life was ended at R.P.A., one of Sydney's leading hospitals. At about the same time, my little granddaughter was born there receiving the best of care as had her three year old brother before her. And you've guessed it – the Sydney Morning Herald's opinion was that N.S.W. should ensure that there should be no legal uncertainty concerning the laws and late term abortions.

Meanwhile, Cindy and Frank, the parents were quoted as saying, *"It felt very inhumane to be honest – we were being told that our only option was to give birth to a baby that we did not wish to give birth to!"*

In my opinion Cindy and Frank and indeed the leading "experts" who were much quoted all suggesting the law on late abortions in N.S.W. needs to be changed- none of them are fit to be parents Strong words I know but such discriminatory actions leading to the practice of eugenics should be seen for what they are – a gross and lethal denial of human rights for the smallest and most defenceless Australians.



Lachlan de Crespigny who injected potassium chloride into the heart of a 32 week gestational baby. Photo: Angela Wylie

Also contributing to the dissonance and quoted in the article was Melbourne's Professor Lachlan De Crespigny who said, *"Abortion access in N.S.W. is "disgraceful" and inconsistent, with it being left up to doctors to decide whether proceeding with the pregnancy would cause a serious risk to the physical, emotional or social well-being of the woman. Past 20 weeks it*

depends where you are lucky enough to go," he says. *"Doctors are scared, because nobody understands the law... and women are the losers."* He said, *"Despite clinics setting strict limits, these relate to technical factors not a change in foetal status. When*

Victoria legalised abortion it was accepted that any cut-off point between early and late abortion is arbitrary – at no point does the foetus definitively change in any relevant way."

Professor Lachlan De Crespigny achieved fame in Victoria when in 2000, he aborted a baby at 32 weeks gestation because it was suspected of being a dwarf, causing the mother to threaten suicide! Former Senator Julian McGauran took up the cudgels for the baby seeking an inquiry into the child's demise and the law at the time on late abortions. Several doctors resigned from the Royal Women's Hospital because of the case, one even applying to your Right to Life!

For his trouble Senator McGauran was greatly lampooned in the media and portrayed as an interfering busy body who didn't care about women's rights!

It is my belief that this case and Professor de Crespigny played a major role in convincing then Labor Premier John Brumby to legalise all abortions through the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008.

Protection of doctors was top of the agenda – never mind the poor babies! So now the infamous abortion till birth Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 is in full swing and doctors must refer a mother for an abortion if they don't want to do it themselves and can be penalised if they fall foul of this law.

An interesting side to this story is that before the Abortion Law Reform Act was passed, Professor de Crespigny was addressing law students at Melbourne University along with a few other pro-abortion speakers. As the Professor began to speak, one courageous law student, stood on his chair and sincerely challenged him about the practice of eugenics he endorses. For his trouble he was dragged out of the lecture theatre as he expressed his belief that de Crespigny was *"no better than the Nazi's"*.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 days for Life is a separate organisation, originating in the U.S.A., which The Right to Life Australia supports and we encourage you to join them.

A short note to remind you that our next 40 Days For Life campaign starts on Ash Wednesday, February 18th with **as a launch the 7am Ash-Wednesday Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.** And concludes Palm Sunday, March 29th.

Why do we persist to witness for the unborn??

This baby's first breath is captured seconds after it emerged from the birth canal.

However, moments before it leaves the birth canal it is classified as a non-person and therefore can be legally aborted according to Victoria's barbaric 2008 Abortion Reform Bill which legalises the killing of babies, under excruciating pain, seconds before they leave the birth canal.



Please allow this to sink in!

It is only through prayer and fasting that we can change this evil. Please pray with us at the Fertility Control Clinic at 118 Wellington Pde. East Melbourne, at an hour of your choosing between 10 and 7pm, so that mums and dads may accept the gift of life and our support to help them to keep their precious child.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

On behalf of all the babies, THANK YOU.

Fons – Coordinator 40 Days For Life.

www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne

Phone 0406 322 694 for more information.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE MOVES INTO FORMER ABORTION CENTER

NOVEMBER 6, 2014

We are excited to announce that the former Planned Parenthood abortion center in Bryan/College Station, Texas ... is about to become the NEW HEADQUARTERS of 40 Days for Life! This former abortion facility was site of the first-ever 40 Days for Life campaign in 2004.



– Shawn Carney, Campaign Director

MELBOURNE PARLIAMENTARY PROTEST CONTINUES



Considering the impact and the effects that our presence has caused since 2012, there is no question that we continue our efforts in 2015.

Dave and Marg Forster have returned from Kalumburu after what could be called a 'Sabbatical' year. For 2015, Dave and Des have agreed to split the leadership, and will each service the protest on a week-about basis. This means, for example, that in February Dave will lead the protest on Tuesday the 10th, Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th. Des will be there on Tuesday the 24th, Wednesday the 25th and Thursday the 26th. And so on.

We are preparing additional banners reflecting, among other things, the new political situation in Parliament, and new 'messages' to inform passing Parliamentarians and the public.

We are hoping for two things: Firstly, that you will be able to be with us this year. Volunteers indicated at the beginning of last year which day (or days) of any week that they could set aside for this purpose. Would you kindly consider this, and reply to Des as soon as possible with an indication of your availability. As we did last year, we will remind you of impending dates.

Secondly, you may have a relative or friend who could be invited (by you, preferably) to join us. Feel free to give such a person Des' e-mail address for initial contact. We will then reply to him/her with further details.

**God bless. Dave Forster (0409 954 623),
Des Kelly (0439 835 723) deskelly14@yahoo.com.au**

JUST 90 MINUTES TO APPROVE GM BABIES – House of Commons approves regulations for 3-parent embryos

Very sadly the debate in the House of Commons this afternoon, to approve the licensing regulations which would allow the creation of 3-parent embryos, was carried by 382 to 128 votes.

The debate was concluded in a brisk 90 minutes, to ensure that the allotted 3 hours for the next debate on rural phones and rural connections was not curtailed.

It is hard not to feel despair that so many elected members of Parliament could agree to such a dangerous and unethical re-writing of human biology, no matter how virtuous the end objective of creating children without mitochondrial disease.

We have always argued in favour of seeking cures for mitochondrial disease, but research applications in the United Kingdom will be aimed not a cures but rather at creating a different kind of human embryo hopefully not carrying the condition.

The mother who carries the disease is not cured and nor are the babies to whom the disease is passed on to. And such births would continue randomly.

And completely missing from the debate was any focus on the women who would be expected to contribute their healthy eggs to the procedures, with the considerable ethical issues associated with the harvesting of these.

A sad sad day for both science and ethics in the United Kingdom.
Josephine Quintavalle – CORE

Glasgow midwives lose fight for conscientious objection

SPUC, UK - WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2014

The Supreme Court has rejected the opportunity to uphold the right of conscientious objection for senior midwives who refuse to supervise abortions performed on a labour ward. Today's decision issued in the Supreme Court has been condemned by those who backed the Glasgow midwives' fight for their right to work in the NHS without being involved in abortions.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) which paid the midwives' legal expenses throughout the case has said that senior midwives who refuse to kill babies could be forced to leave the profession.

Mary Doogan and Connie Wood (pictured right), the midwives in the case, commented on the judgment: "We are both saddened and extremely disappointed with today's verdict from the Supreme Court and can only imagine the subsequent detrimental consequences that will result from today's decision



on staff of conscience throughout the UK.

"Despite it having been recognised that the number of abortions on the labour ward at our hospital is in fact a tiny percentage of the workload, which in turn could allow the accommodation of conscientious objection with minimal effort, this judgment, with its constraints and narrow interpretation, has resulted in the provision of a conscience clause which now in practice is meaningless for senior midwives on a labour ward."

Paul Tully, general secretary of SPUC said:

"The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children acknowledges the great debt that the whole pro-life community owes to Mary Doogan and Connie Wood for fighting this battle over the past seven years. They have fought not only for their own careers, but for all current and future members of the profession who uphold the right to life of everyone, from the time of conception, without discrimination. We are bitterly disappointed for them.

"Today's decision sadly makes it likely that senior midwives who refuse to kill babies will be forced to leave the profession. Junior midwives might still be able to work in labour wards where abortions are performed but they will be restricted to 'staff midwife' status at best. They could easily be placed in an impossible situation by pro-abortion superiors, and would be unable to receive promotion to a more senior role without fear of being required to violate their consciences. This will affect anyone who objects to abortion, of any religion or none. It will create a second-class status in midwifery for those who only deliver babies and don't kill them.

"Furthermore, the court has used the opportunity of this case to decide that the conscience clause in the Abortion Act does not apply to General Practitioners and that hospital doctors asked to prescribe abortion drugs will not be covered by the conscience clause. We anticipate that this will lead to renewed efforts by health officials to force doctors who have a conscientious objection to abortion either to compromise their respect for human life or to leave the profession. SPUC will support and encourage doctors to resist any such bullying approach.

"The pro-abortion lobby has long argued that conscientious objectors should be required to refer women seeking legal abortion to other practitioners. Bodies such as the Department of Health have qualified this by saying that this only applies when the statutory grounds for a legal abortion apply, but the Supreme Court has said that any medical professional who refuses to provide an abortion should arrange for a referral to someone else who will do so. This seems to go far beyond the scope of the Abortion Act, and furthermore is not even an issue there was any need for the Court to decide in this case.

"The Court has nevertheless said that midwives and doctors with conscientious objections are obliged to refer abortion patients to colleagues who don't object to abortion. This goes further than the General Medical Council, for instance, whose current guidance Personal Belief and Medical Practice says that doctors should refer patients to another doctor, but does not require them to check their colleague's pro-abortion credentials."

Senator Di Natale's Kill Bill



-- Dr Katrina Haller

Dr Richard Di Natale's draft bill is all about the doctors – it is about giving doctors a licence to kill. It would allow doctors to get away with murder. It indemnifies doctors from prosecution by the states.

The draft bill sets up a "dying with dignity medical service" and authorises medical practitioners to prescribe, prepare and/or administer a substance that would

assist a terminally ill person to end their life. Two doctors and a psychiatrist would have to sign off on the prescription of the drug to people dying of terminal diseases who wish to end their lives. The federal government would pay for this "service."

The Right to Life Australia sent a written submission to the Senate Committee as did about 700 others, and the Committee acknowledged "many thousands" of oral and written submissions that were received.

The Committee's Recommendations:

- That Senator Di Natale clarify the meaning of terms he uses in his draft bill, such as a "Dying with Dignity Service," "terminal disease," and "decision-making capacity."

- That he address the Constitutional issues raised.
- That Senators be given a conscience vote.

The law on homicide is a State matter. The Federal Government can make laws in relation to "medical services" so Senator Di Natale plans to get around the law on homicide by defining euthanasia as a "medical service." Hence the euphemism, "dying with dignity medical service." Words matter. Everyone wants to die with dignity – who can be against that? - and can do so with palliative care. They do not need to be directly killed, and dying this way can be most undignified, as the dying person can be begging for water and onlookers refuse to give him or her a drop. Liberal MP Kevin Andrews, who is now the Defence Minister, authored the Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996 to overrule Northern Territory legislation that legalised euthanasia. We must tell our Senators to vote against legalising killing. We need better palliative care, not euthanasia. Senator Di Natale plans to introduce his bill in the first half of this year.

BE AT THE TABLE OR BE ON THE MENU

It is essential to write to your Senators, opposing this dangerous bill. Address letters to Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

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Lest we forget

Berlin's new memorial to the victims of Nazi eugenics should prompt us to remember our own.

Michael Cook - 4 September 2014



A memorial to the 300,000 victims of Nazi euthanasia programs was opened in Berlin this week. It is striking piece of modern architecture: a 30-metre-long wall of blue glass in the open air.

"The Nazi murders of disabled people are among the most inhumane acts of history," says Berlin's mayor, Klaus Wowereit. "It is high time that these victims of Nazi inhumanity finally receive their own memorial."

The regime had several methods of killing the mentally and physically disabled: starvation, lethal injections or chambers filled with carbon monoxide gas. The so-called T4 program became a trial run for the gas chambers of Auschwitz and other death camps. About 70,000 of the deaths occurred at the program's headquarters at Tiergartenstrasse 4 in Berlin, thus giving the program its name.

"We must denounce the inhumane distinction between a worthy and an unworthy life," said Monika Gruetters, Germany's state minister for culture and media. "Every human life is valuable - that's the message of this memorial."

And it is a message which still falls on deaf ears.

The philosophical justification for the mass killing of millions of Jews and Roma (Gypsies) along with the disabled is not generally understood. As Robert Jay Lifton shows in his classic text [The Nazi Doctors: Medical Killing and the Psychology of Genocide](#), the Nazis justified their anti-Semitism with pseudo-scientific reasoning: they wanted to improve the human gene pool.

In their eyes the ideal state was a "biocracy" dedicated to "assembling and preserving the most valuable stocks of basic racial elements in this [Aryan] people ... [and] ... raising them to a dominant position", as Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*. The language and the logic he used to persuade doctors and scientists was medical. As one of the Auschwitz doctors explained, killing Jews was fully compatible with his Hippocratic Oath:

"My Hippocratic oath tell me to cut a gangrenous appendix out of the human body. The Jews are the gangrenous appendix of mankind. That's why I cut them out." (Lifton, page 232)

Have we put this philosophy behind us for ever?

Not by a long shot. In fact, eugenics is making a comeback – not the state-controlled eugenics which was sanctioned in many Western countries, including the United States, Canada, and England, not just Nazi Germany – but privatised, do-it-yourself eugenics.

Not only are disabled children routinely aborted as a matter of convenience, but quite a number of bioethicists are making a vigorous case for improving the gene pool based upon the notion of consumer choice. "In point of fact, we practise eugenics when we screen for Down's syndrome, and other chromosomal or genetic abnormalities," said Oxford professor Julian Savulescu in a [2005 interview](#). "The reason we don't define that sort of thing as 'eugenics', as the Nazis did, is because it's based on choice. It's about enhancing people's freedom rather than reducing it."

If you are looking for evidence of the revival, Exhibit Number One is a recent booklet published with the support of the London-based Wellcome Trust, the second-largest private funder of medical research in the world, "[Eugenics and the Ethics of Selective Reproduction](#)". In it, bioethicists Stephen Wilkinson and Eve Garrard demolish the public's objections to eugenics, so long as it does not involve coercion.

They contend that the Nazis gave eugenics a bad name, but that the aims of the contemporary variety are largely unobjectionable:

"People's objections to eugenics stem in part from the horrors practised by the Nazis in their pursuit of eugenic aims, but there's no reason to think that attempts to improve the gene pool must necessarily involve the hideous force and coercion of the Nazi methods or the racism of their aims, nor need we suppose that all such attempts must involve the creation of so-called 'designer babies' or lead to human enhancement."

Why? Because eugenics is all about building a healthy society:

"For provided that the means used are ethically acceptable, and that people freely consent, it's not clear that attempting to improve population health ('the gene pool') is a bad thing for us to be doing. On the contrary, it seems on the face of it to be a good thing – given the high value that most of us place on good health, and on preventing ourselves and our loved ones from acquiring diseases or impairments."

...The stunning new memorial in Berlin, then, is not just a memorial of past crimes. It is a warning of future crimes. In the days of the Nazis, many of Germany's top doctors and medical scientists fully supported criminal eugenics. Is history repeating itself, with the money and prestige of one of the world's leading research institutes promoting a revival of this corrupt philosophy?

Michael Cook is editor of MercatorNet.



U.S. - Pro-Lifers Sabotaged by so-called "pro-life" Congressmen

The following is an illustration of just how hard it can be to legislate on behalf of the unborn – even on legislation that is only protective of some of the unborn! The act of perfidy by some supposedly "pro-life" legislators is similar to that of former Premier Napthine in Victoria who, in 2008 voted against the infamous Abortion Law Reform Act as did over 80% of Coalition M.Ps.

Despite our very successful campaign at the 2010 election against 9 M.P.s who voted for the Abortion bill with seven losing their seats, Napthine came out with a strong pro-abortion statement during his last year of tenure! With friends like these, who needs enemies!! - Margaret Tighe

by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 1/22/15

A handful of "pro-life" lawmakers have sabotaged a vote House Republican leaders planned for today to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy based on scientific evidence showing unborn babies feel pain in abortions.

As LifeNews reported yesterday, Rep. Renee Ellmers of North Carolina along with Reps. Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania and Jackie Walorski of Indiana – each of whom have pro-life voting records – objected to a vote on the bill on the grounds that the language in the bill did not do enough to allow women who have been victimized by rape to have abortions.

Together, they reportedly got enough lawmakers to cast doubts on the outcome of the bill that House Republican leaders were forced to pull the measure from a debate and vote on the House floor today.

"I prefer that we avoid these very contentious social issues," Dent told National Journal. "Week one, we had a speaker election that did not go as well as a lot of us would have liked. Week two, we got into a big fight over deporting children, something that a lot of us didn't want to have a discussion about. Week three, we are now talking about rape and incest and reportable rapes and incest for minors. . . . I just can't wait for week four."

...North Carolina Right to Life president Barbara Holt is upset at the actions of Ellmers – someone she had normally considered a faithful pro-life member of Congress.

"At the same time that Ms. Ellmers was stating on her Facebook page and in the news media that she would vote for the bill on Jan. 22, she worked behind the scenes to make sure she would not have to vote on the bill," she told LifeNews.com. "Pro-lifers have

Renee Ellmers to blame for the vote not taking place to protecting thousands of pain-capable unborn children. She has betrayed the pro-life people of this state and country. North Carolina Right to Life and pro-lifers will not forget what Renee Ellmers has done."

This afternoon, pro-life advocates will lead a protest at Ellmers' office.

...Leading pro-life advocates and conservative commentators like Mollie Hemingway of The Federalist, were furious at the ostensibly pro-life lawmakers who are responsible for cancelling the vote.

Two of the representatives who caused the biggest stink about the bill were Rep. Renee Ellmers of North Carolina and Jackie Walorski of Indiana. Last week, Ellmers said she didn't think it was a good idea to vote on the legislation so early in the session (an argument that makes no sense, but let's put that aside). Yesterday the women pulled their sponsorship of the bill over what they said were concerns over the rape reporting requirement. And yet here are both women speaking in favor of this exact same legislation two years ago:

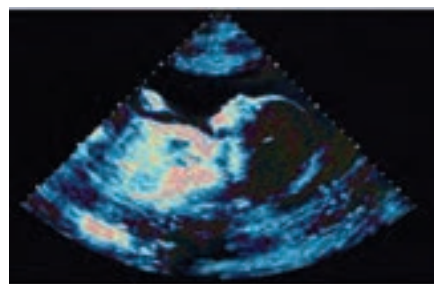
U.K. - "Little Miracle" survives abortion at 26 weeks

U.K. January 13, 2015 Abortion Survivor

By Dave Andrusko

The Daily Telegraph is reporting that a now-16-month-old boy at the center of a custody fight in Great Britain, survived being aborted at 26 weeks.

The toddler, identified only as "A," was born in August 2013 "after doctors attempted to terminate the pregnancy when the mother suffered seizures and suspected meningitis and encephalopathy," according to John Bingham. Doctors gave the unnamed mother "abortion drugs," presumably something to induce contractions such as Cytotec.



"He has survived a traumatic start in life. However, he has considerable health needs.

"Those needs will continue and will have an emotional and social impact upon him.

"He will need a carer who is able to understand and respond to those extensive needs and who can prioritize him."

But "A," described by Judge Carol Atkinson as a "little miracle," survived. Five months later he was discharged on Christmas Eve.

Details of the boy's survival emerged when Judge Atkinson, sitting at the Family Court in East London, concluded "that the boy should live with his father's family as his mother said she was unable to look

after him." The father will care for "A" with help from his own parents and the mother will have contact, Bingham reported.

Bingham, the Social Affairs Editor for the Telegraph, concluded his story with quotes from Judge Atkinson.

She said it was "really quite remarkable" that the boy had survived. "A is a little miracle," she said.

U.S. - House Passes Bill to Completely Ban Taxpayer Funding of Abortions

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The House today approved legislation that will put in place a complete ban on taxpayer funding of abortions that ensures abortions are not directly funded in any federal governmental program or department.

The legislation combines several policies that must be enacted every year in Congressional battles and puts them into law where they will not be in jeopardy of being overturned every time Congress changes hands from pro-life lawmakers to those who support abortions.

Congressman Tom Price said during the debate: "This legislation prohibits taxpayer funding of elective abortions, no matter where in the federal system that might occur. This is a position supported by the majority of Americans in a bipartisan manner. We have a responsibility, through our government, to protect the most vulnerable among us, not the least of whom are the unborn. This bill is an important step in the right direction."

The bill has been around a few years but has only been approved in the House thanks to a pro-abortion Senate. On May 4, 2011, the House passed HR 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, on a 251-175 vote with Republicans voting 235-0 for the bill and Democrats voting 175-16 against it.

Now that Republicans have taken over the Senate from pro-abortion Democrats, the bill is finally expected to receive a vote in the upper chamber.



A majority of Americans object to the use of taxpayer money for funding abortion, according to numerous polls – including a survey CNN conducted in early April showing Americans oppose public funding of abortion by a margin of 61% to 35%.