



Life Hike 2015

Our annual fundraise Life Hike 2015 was completed by a group of keen walkers in the Cape Otway region of Victoria. In 2011 we embarked on the first half (50 km) of the 100km Great Ocean Walk and this year marked the completion of the full track.

The three day Hike traversed through sand hills, forests and beaches with a maximum elevation of 272 metres from beach level to the peak of climb.

Planned routes were altered during the event due to unexpected huge sea swells and high tides which made some descents to beaches impossible. Indeed, our guide recalled that that the wave force and swell was unseen before.

The mandatory route alterations helped us understand the dangers of walking in remote areas. All went well, except for the case of leeches on a young walker. She received treatment from our competent nurse, Sharyn and continued on confidently.

Congratulations to Kym and Bert van Wyk who travelled 1,837 km from Brisbane- with their caravan- to join us. Both van Wyk family and Claire Lindorff raised over the \$1000 sponsorship money. Many thanks to Dianne and David Cutler who managed the catering services. Dianne cooked and coordinated helpers to ensure that everyone was well fed and our energy levels were maintained. The meals were fantastic and included many

homemade items - even a range of her home-made jams. Thank you to our valued supporters who donated sponsorship money to individual walkers and to the overall campaign.

Comments:

"Wonderful to mix with great people, and to experience camaraderie between proliferers".

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One in five unborn South Australians never get to take off



Airport refuses to permit anti-abortion billboard

The Adelaide Airport Authority has rejected an application from The Right to Life Association of SA to display an anti-abortion statement on a large existing commercial billboard on Tapleys Hill Road, on land that is part of the Adelaide Airport .

No reason was given for the refusal. The proposed sign, using an aviation theme, highlights the fact that for every four children born in SA, there is another child that does not see the light of day, due to being aborted.

These statistics are readily available from the SA Health Department. We are supposed to live in a democracy that allows the status-quo to be questioned sometimes, but not this time.

Rescue those being led away to death. Proverbs 24:11

Graham Preston , 28/5/15.

This morning I went to the Spring Hill abortion "clinic" in Brisbane. When I arrived there was a car parked just at the corner of the "clinic" with people inside. A man got out a couple of times and went inside but didn't speak to me. Then after about 30 minutes another man got out and approached me. He had a rather inscrutable expression and I thought he may have been going to try and tell me to move away while his girlfriend/wife went inside (as happens at times).

Instead however he said that he wanted to tell me that he and his wife had changed their minds about having an abortion. He said that he had not been happy to see me when I arrived but he and his wife had talked and they had decided against the abortion. I offered them assistance but he said they were okay and we shook hands. Sadly, such clear turnarounds, that I know about, happen all too infrequently but they are a big encouragement when they do occur.

Unfortunately I do have to go all the way to Tasmania just to make my plea regarding the case down there. I will be arriving in Hobart at 1.00pm on Tuesday 16 June with the court appearance on the next morning. I'd like to give a plug for D L Legal the law firm that is working pro bono on this case: www.DLLegal.com.au We can assist with any legal matter, from conveyancing, to estate work, to business transactions, to litigation and family law. Please call Ashley Dewell 0403 015 946.

Also, a pro-life friend, Bill Burns, has been having a hard time with the NSW police and has a court case on June 4 at Tweed Heads - just for standing on the footpath outside the abortion "clinic" there.

Thanks for standing with us and for praying about these things.

Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

Firstly I have nothing but admiration for our friends in the U.S. who are successfully chipping away at the appalling abortion situation in that country since the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision which swept away America's abortion laws.

The abortion issue in the U.S. has not gone away. Various pieces of anti-abortion legislation have been passed

in numerous state legislatures and Congress e.g. Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

In the Kansas state legislature a bill has been passed to prevent the use of the dilatation and evacuation method which is used after approximately 14-16 weeks of pregnancy. This entails the extraction of the body in pieces!

These are just two examples of the many legislative acts passed in the U.S. aimed at saving the lives of the unborn. As well, these steps, initiated by various pro-life groups over the years have ensured that the abortion issue in the U.S. has not and will not go away.

You may ask- how is it that we can't follow the U.S. example?

One of the major problems here is the party discipline that applies in the major political parties in Australia. Much the same can be said for the U.K.

There is hardly any politician, state or federal, who is prepared to go against party discipline and move a bill or a motion aimed at improving the lot of the unborn.

Meanwhile we proliferate continue to fight rear guard actions to try to prevent things from getting worse.

So far euthanasia or patient killing has not taken off in our legislatures - with the exception of the Northern Territory Rights of the Terminally Ill Act, which was overturned by the Federal Parliament in 1997.

But- sadly the euthanasia push is looming and we must be diligent and work hard against it.

- In life, **Margaret Tighe**

VIC Greens Euthanasia Push Lost!

- Dr Katrina Haller

Victorian Greens M.L.C. Colleen Hartland introduced a motion to refer "voluntary euthanasia" to the Law Reform Commission, on 15/4/15. This is a sneaky way to arrange for several bad options to be presented to Parliament advising on "Law Reform" so the Parliament gets the message that law reform is needed. However the Commission is not elected, and this was the modus operandi that ushered in abortion on demand. We asked our Victorian members and supporters to email, write or phone their representatives in the Legislative Council and ask them to vote against this referral. On the day 8 members spoke in favour, 8 against and 2 wanted more information. Ms Hartland did not put the motion to a vote at the end of the day, so it lapsed. She did not have the numbers!

However on 7 May 2015 M.L.C. Gavan Jennings proposed that the Legal and Social Issues Committee inquire into "End-of-Life Choices." This was voted for 29/9. Terms of Reference:

"This house requires the legal and social issues committee to inquire into, consider and report, no later than 31 May 2016, on the need for laws in Victoria to allow citizens to make informed decisions regarding their own end-of-life choices, and in particular the committee should-

(1) Assess the practices currently being utilised within the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preferences for the way they want to manage their end-of-life, including the role of palliative care.

(2) review the current framework of legislation, proposed legislation and other relevant reports and materials in other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions, and

(3) consider what types of legislative change may be required, including an examination of any federal laws that may impact such legislation."

International Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Adelaide, 22-23 May 2015

On 22-23 May 2015 I attended the HOPE International Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Adelaide. Conference delegates were mesmerised by the testimony of three people affected by euthanasia or assisted suicide of their relatives. "You could have heard a pin drop".

Dr Tom Mortimer PhD - an academic from Belgium Son-challenges-Belgian-law-after-mothers-mercy-killing described how his mother - Godelieva De Troyer, age 64 was euthanised by lethal injection at her own request in a Brussels hospital in April 2012. Doctors agreed to terminate her life after ruling that she suffered from "untreatable depression", although she was physically healthy. Tom was notified, only when required to liaise with the funeral director to transfer her body from the morgue as Godelieva wanted to donate her body to science. Tom is now challenging Belgian law after his mother's mercy killing. He writes articles criticizing Belgian law and to warn countries not to choose legalisation of euthanasia.

Judi Taylor of Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne, described

how her 26 year old son Lucas committed suicide with "death coaching" from Philip Nitschke's EXIT organisation. Lucas paid \$600 to Join EXIT and was involved in their on-line forums for two years prior to his death. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2705090/The-mother-son-lost-deadly-cult-suspended-Dr-Death-Philip-Nitschke.html>

An Australian woman- Marie Gleeson spoke of her ten year legal battle concerning the death of her mother. She believes that her mother was coached into ending her life with a string of instructions from EXIT international. The tick box instruction list was found in her mother's bedside cabinet.

Organisers announced the contact numbers of Lifeline 13 11 14 and Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636 at the end of the presentations.

Another stimulating talk was Henk Reitsma's presentation - aptly titled "Dutch academic deals with the murky Dutch death data". Henk Reitsma's grandfather died in dubious circumstances in The Netherlands. Henk has three degrees- in the philosophy of science and theology and is a founding member of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition International.

He has studied the Dutch death statistics extensively, especially the use of what the Dutch call 'continuous deep sedation' which has become a front for "backdoor" euthanasia.

Henk explained that statistics on deep sedation have had an even more dramatic increase than Dutch euthanasia statistics. Henk and others believe that these statistics mask the true situation in Holland concerning medical acts with the deliberate intention to kill.

The use of midazolam for termination sedation has increased 300% since 2004 in Holland and alarmingly more than 50% of Dutch physicians have performed euthanasia within the last 10 years. On a humanist level he said that although relatives cannot bear to see their loved ones in difficult circumstances, we are more human when we stay, and bear the suffering together. He also said that that by overcoming our own psychological pain we can walk together with that person.

Other speakers and website links:

Renée Joubert - Executive Officer - Euthanasia-Free NZ www.euthanasiafree.org.nz

Daniel Pask - Lives Worth Living www.livesworthliving.com.au

Alex Schadenberg - Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Canada, www.epcc.ca

Brendan Malone - Social Media expert and blogger NZ www.theleadingedgeblog.com

Nic Steenhout - Executive Director, Living with Dignity (Montreal) vivredignite.org/en

Assoc. Prof. Tim Kleinig [Adelaide], (Doctors Opposed to Euthanasia) www.bestcare.com.au

Dr Paul Dunne AM- (palliative Care Physician- Tasmania) and

Dr Nick Cooling GP- REALdignitytas www.realdignitytas.com

Nancy Elliot - former three term New Hampshire Rep. and organiser of Living with Dignity. www.vivredignite.org

Paul Russell - Director HOPE Australia www.no euthanasia.org.au

Sue Hanson - Nat. Dir. Clinical Services, Little Co.of Mary (Calvary) Australia www.calvarycare.org.au

Amy Hasbrouck (video link) - Director, Not Dead Yet (Canada) www.notdeadyet.org

- Mary Collier



The Queensland 2015 Walk for Little Feet went smoothly on a lovely sunny day.

Thanks very much to everyone who walked, whether for the whole distance or just part of the way. Special mention must be made of Sylvia de Luca who, at 94, couldn't walk far but nevertheless was determined to express who support for the defenceless little ones. Well done!

A handful of pro-abortionists half-heartedly heckled us for a while but they were not a problem. They had even gone to the trouble of making a large cardboard "time machine" on wheels - which they told us was meant to represent our 1950s attitudes - but it very quickly collapsed!

Our main concern is to get more pro-lifers out on the street speaking up on behalf of the unborn children.

We need to have more people helping with next year's Walk, especially with promotions. Can you help us?

- Graham Preston contact@protect-life.info

Life Hike 2015 (cont. from p1)

"I enjoyed the outdoors and difficulty of the walk, it gave me time to think about our cause".

"The walk exceeded my expectations and I felt inspired & supported by fellow proliferers."

"It was a pleasure assisting you and "the gang" to achieve your goals".

"It was fun to walk with everyone and I miss them already"

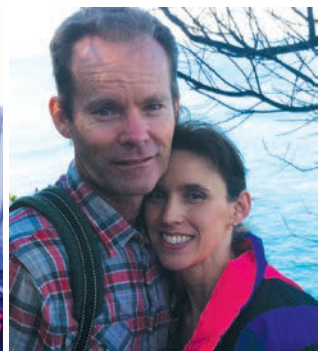
"I'd like to thank you for your friendship and support-it was a privilege to walk with you".

"It was a great 3 days of walking. I thoroughly enjoyed guiding you and the RightTo Life group".

- Mary Collier, Event Organiser



Mary Collier, Life Hike Coordinator with Teresa Martin, President Cherish Life Queensland.



RTLA Committee member Ewan McDonald shown with his wife, Beck McDonald.

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No 70 Pat Byrne
Parkes NSW

May 2015

No 20 Daniel O'Keeffe
Terang VIC

No 46 Edna Kendall
Trafalgar

Join the Silver Circle. It is organised by Christine Wong, and every year they give several thousand dollars to the Right to Life Australia which pays all the bills of Pregnancy Counselling Australia. It costs \$24 per year and each month one person wins \$100 and another \$40.

At the moment we need another 50 people to join.

Contact Christine.wong@goodshp.com.au.



Goiran calls for 20 week abortion ban in W.A



The Hon. Mr Nick Goiran has called on members of parliament to reform abortion laws, saying:

"Although I do not support post-20 week abortions as a matter of principle grounded on the right to life, at the very least I am asking all members to have the courage to reform this area urgently so that we cease this

grotesque discrimination against people with disabilities. We cannot pretend to be a civilised society if we stand by and allow terminations of pregnancies for Down syndrome, which I have described publicly as people who happen to be happier than I am; or for people with spina bifida whose backs are less straight than mine; or for people with dwarfism who happen to be shorter than I am; or possibly, worst of all, those with limb abnormalities, which to this day I still cannot believe and reconcile has occurred."

Western Australian MP Nick Goiran investigated late term abortions and found that, since November 2001, 474 late term abortions, over 20 weeks gestation, were performed. Of these, 52 were because the baby had Spina Bifida, 35 because the baby had Down syndrome, 4 had dwarfism, and others had a hand defect, an upper limb abnormality and one case of 47XYY, a minor chromosomal disorder.

Calling on all West Australians – Don't Delay, Act today!

Mr. Goiran is urging Western Australians to write to WA's Minister for Health Dr Kim Hames asking for a bill to prohibit post 20-week abortions for conditions compatible with life. You can write to him at 28th floor, Governor Stirling Tower, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth W.A. 6000 or email him at kim.hames@mp.wa.gov.au

Underlying Problems

Published in the Frankston Times 25/5/15

The present cacophony being uttered by politicians, the media and others regarding family violence may be well-meaning, but is, for the most part, utterly futile, because it addresses the symptoms of the problem, not the underlying cause. When the underlying cause is identified one realises that the problem affects not only women and children, but the unborn, the old and men themselves.

The underlying cause is a loss of respect for the human condition. Why else would people abuse themselves with such evils as pornography or drugs such as alcohol and Ice? Why else would people allow the killing of their unborn through abortion? Why else would people kill their children in order to take revenge on an estranged partner? Why would some societies allow their senior citizens to be treated shabbily, or, worse still, be subjected to involuntary euthanasia?

Until some means arises which switches society's values back to those of an earlier time, when human life in all its forms, warts and all, was regarded as truly precious, any flailing and wailing by the aforementioned politicians and the media is doomed to fail.

- Michael Long



Record numbers rally for life in Perth

May 13, 2015, from Family Voice Australia, reprinted with permission

"Nearly 1000 people – many of them young – overflowed the steps of Perth's Parliament House last night," Family Voice WA state director David Lowe said today. "The photo only shows part of the record crowd.

"They were there to proclaim the reality that human life is special; that unborn babies are humans too; that abortion stops a beating heart."

Dwight Randall is president of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Life which sponsored the rally. He told the crowd the good news that abortion rates in the West are going down. "In 2002, 25.96% of WA pregnancies were aborted," he said. "By 2014, that figure had dropped to 19.23%. This means that in WA, abortion is down from 1 in 4 pregnancies to 1 in 5."

Fourteen WA MPs attended the rally, and six others sent apologies. State MP for Southern River Peter Abetz announced more good news: surveys now show that while 70% of older Australians support abortion, less than 50% of young people do so.

Graham Jacobs, state MP for Eyre, mentioned the good news recently announced by Attorney-General Michael Mischin. WA parents who have lost a baby to miscarriage before 20 weeks gestation can now receive an official document acknowledging their loss, and the name (if any) of the baby.

"Our message that all human life is precious still has a way to go – but it's getting there!" David Lowe said.

Any assisted suicide law would be too easy to abuse

The Age, May 27, 2015 – John Buchanan

Legalising voluntary euthanasia would place dangerous pressure on people to use that law.

Public attention has again been drawn to the debate about assisted suicide legislation. Victoria's Parliament will consider a push by the Greens to review the state's voluntary euthanasia laws, seven years after a bill to legalise medically-assisted suicide was defeated.

There has been recent advocacy in The Age for a change in the law, based on the right to relief from suffering, and personal autonomy. However, matters of individual autonomy are not the only issues which must be considered in examining the merits of such a law change. There are also the issues of the common good for the community, and how such legislation would affect other ill people, those with disability or mental illness, and the practice of medicine in the community, aged-care facilities and hospitals.

If the message conveyed is that 'your life is not worth living', ill people pick upon it very quickly.

Measures to bring about "a good death" (the literal meaning of the term "euthanasia") are already in place in terms of palliative care services and legislation, such as the Medical Treatment Act. However, palliative care is still under-utilised and many healthcare professionals do not understand it or practice it properly, leading to unnecessary suffering.

Recognition of the consequences of physician-assisted suicide legislation start with the reality that, despite efforts to ensure adequate guidelines, no satisfactory safe guidelines are in fact possible.

Few medical practitioners are trained or qualified to assess patients who present asking for assisted suicide. Considerations include individual health beliefs (which may be quite misguided) about the course of an illness, and what relief is or is not available for it, reluctance to use analgesia (often because of unrealistic fears about addiction) and experience of subtle coercion. A euthanasia request may be an indication of an unsolved symptom problem.

Psychiatric assessment in this context is not just a matter of whether a major depressive illness is present. A person may feel coerced, and that they are a nuisance to family and the community and have quite distorted fears about an illness, but appear superficially to be of "sound mind".

A recent Scottish parliamentary committee examining a bill to legalise assisted suicide stated: "There is no way to guarantee the absence of coercion in the context of assisted suicide".

The attitudes of family and professional practitioners are crucial in the management of seriously ill people. If the message conveyed is that "your life is not worth living", ill people pick upon it very quickly. I myself, despite years of professional practice, have experienced the common ambivalence towards a seriously ill relative. Part of you wants the person to live, but part of you wants the whole thing over and done with.

How would it then be possible to ensure that relatives, or even nursing or medical staff, are not coercing ill patients into "requesting" assisted suicide. What if such people were to benefit financially from the patient's death? What if some family members are against such a solution and others are for it? What legal actions might follow family allegations that their relative was pushed into it?

What if palliative care measures have not actually been exercised properly, and hence suffering is unrelieved because best treatment has not actually been used?

What if the problem is that a relative is actually the one most distressed, not the actual patient, but there is pressure to end the patient's illness by assisted suicide?

Theo Boer is a Dutch medical ethicist who has changed his mind on euthanasia. "Pressure from relatives, in combination with a patient's concern for the wellbeing of his beloved, is in some cases an important factor behind a euthanasia request. I used to be a supporter of legislation. But now, with 12 years of experience, I take a different view," he wrote in Britain's Daily Mail.

Furthermore, experience in Belgium and the Netherlands indicates that assisted suicide legislation is readily widened. People in those countries have been euthanased when they were not terminally ill, when they had a depressive illness, in situations of grief, and because a relative had died. There are proposals in Belgium for assisted suicide for children.

The Lithuanian health minister proposed in 2014 that "euthanasia might be needed for poor people who cannot access palliative care".

In the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, two influential bioethicists have argued that euthanasia for patients suffering from "treatment-resistant" depression should be allowed. Udo Schuklenk, of Queens University in Canada, and Suzanne van de Vathorst, of the University of Amsterdam, claim it is discriminatory to allow euthanasia or assisted suicide for terminally ill patients, but to deny it to those who suffer from "incurable mental illness".

I have personally experienced medical workshops where hospital bureaucrats have also asserted that assisted suicide legislation would enable them to empty some of their hospital and nursing home beds in a more expeditious manner.

The Scottish Parliamentary Committee recently observed "the principle of respect for autonomy is a qualified principle which is usually limited by the rights of others, by public safety considerations, and by the need to consider other principles and values".

The harms and obvious detrimental consequences of assisted-suicide legislation on the community tip the balance in favour of solutions which respect the common good. The better solution is to substantially increase specialist palliative care teams and general knowledge about palliative care among medical and nursing practitioners, to ensure it is adequately used. Better practice of palliative care would go a long way towards relieving current suffering. The risks of assisted suicide legislation are too great.

Dr John Buchanan is a consultant psychiatrist, a former medical director of Citymission Hospice Program and former chairman of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

MJA Insight

The article "No solution" to euthanasia in the Medical Journal of Australia, 18/5/2015, had two noteworthy comments:

Submitted by Lindsay Grigg on Mon, 18/5/2015 - 12:17

The problem is that no legislation has yet proved capable of protecting the weak and innocent. from new borns to the elderly. "Do you call this a life?" by Gerbert van Loenen, gives a masterly survey of the effects of euthanasia acceptance in the Netherlands since 1980, and shows that the actual law is constantly flouted. Physicians are killing patients on their own cognisance, assuming the right to determine the human worth of the patient to society. That's playing God! This is the constant risk, against which legislation cannot protect. Current law clearly protects doctors who treat symptoms, even though the dosage may prove fatal. Proper palliative care assures dying in dignity, without distress. Check Gerbert van Loenen and Tom Moitier on Wikipedia before you think further, and beware the skewed presentation of the issues in the public media, so hard-driven by a dedicated minority.



Submitted by Peeb on Mon, 18/5/2015 - 13:32

I look after people who are dying all the time. Had one in my rooms this morning. Why have I never felt the need to Euthanase someone in the last 20 years? Have I been asked? Maybe 5 times. Am I religious? No. People go all funny in the head when relatives die. In my experience it's rarely the person who is dying that feels distressed. It's the person watching them. They then respond to how they are feeling by projecting their distress onto the dying individual which leads them to decide that the best way to alleviate their own suffering is to hasten the death of others (or themselves) so they (others) don't have to watch. How selfish. No one said death had to be fun but it can be. When someone in the hospital has a good death you will hear laughter coming from the room. When it's a bad death it's a complaint, often well after the fact. Maybe if we were better at caring for the relatives of the dying this whole euthanasia question wouldn't be an issue? Euthanasia. The wrong answer to the right question.

Euthanasia advocate Dr Rodney Syme disinvented from Medical Conference

That well known purveyor of death, Melbourne urologist Dr Rodney Syme appears to excel in providing or offering to provide a lethal dose of the drug Nembutal (only used these days for animal euthanasia) to patients dying with oesophageal cancer.

Dr Syme is Vice-President of Victoria's Dying With Dignity and as such is a prominent advocate of legalised euthanasia.

Most of the patients who allow themselves to be used by Syme to promote his cause appear to have this condition which is not pretty and would help to scare people into wanting to embrace euthanasia. However the good news is that Dr Syme has been disinvented from speaking at the annual conference of the Royal Australian College of Physicians to be held in Cairns this year.

Thank God for that!

Melbourne abortion clinic takes city council to court to stop protesters 'harassing' patients and staff

ABC online 3/6/15

An abortion clinic in East Melbourne is asking the Supreme Court to order Melbourne City Council to deal with people it says are harassing female patients and staff.

Law firm Maurice Blackburn said a group calling itself Helpers of God's Precious Infants tried to stop women getting abortions.

Ben O'Brien, of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, said, "In a battle, men shoot bullets, but God decides where they land. Let us continue to pray that our right to get up before dawn and stand in the cold for 2 hours while being abused, humiliated and derided is upheld by the outcome of this case!"



PHOTO: Anti-abortion protesters hold a vigil outside the clinic in East Melbourne. (ABC News)

Pregnancy Counselling Australia

A distressed caller, Anne, rang to say that she had been to the abortion clinic but she couldn't go through with it. Anne was 14 weeks pregnant and her boyfriend is telling her to get rid of it. She filled in all the forms but couldn't stop crying... The clinic nurse observed her distress and suggested she go home and gave her our phone number telling her that she needed to receive some counselling.*

Anne has 2 little children who are quite a handful at times – their father, her ex, is a good father. Her current boyfriend is emotionally abusive and he says he wants to leave her. I encouraged her to let him go, he is not caring for her or their unborn child. One of the things that Anne said, "It (abortion) shouldn't be legal, it is not right. But when it's legal, people think it's right" She had seen the ultrasound and so had her boyfriend – she knew that this was her baby but he only saw a liability that he wasn't prepared to take responsibility for.

I helped Anne to identify the positive support network in her community – the kindergarten Mums who know she is pregnant and are happy for her and have offered to help whenever she needs; her own Mum, close girlfriends.

By the end of the call, she was much calmer.

- One of our Counsellors.

*Not her real name



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News from around the World

USA – Good news for American babies

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday 13th May, 242-184. This historic vote generally bans abortions after 20 weeks gestation, and when it allows some in very limited circumstances, the best opportunity for the baby to survive must be provided. Republican Trent Franks said, "...this bill is a deeply sincere effort, beginning at their sixth month of pregnancy, to protect both mothers and their pain-capable unborn babies from the atrocity of late-term abortion on demand."

Rep. Chris Smith explained, "Just imagine, Madame Speaker, preemies at 20 weeks are surviving as technology and medical science advance. And some like Alex Hutchinson, featured in the New York Times story is today a healthy 5 year old who originally weighed in at a mere 1.1 pounds. Thus the babies we seek to protect from harm today may survive if treated humanely, with expertise and compassion – not the cruelty of the abortion." That is why, H.R. 36 requires that a late abortion permitted under limited circumstances provide the "best opportunity for the unborn child to survive" and that "a second physician trained in neonatal resuscitation" be "present and prepared to provide care to a child" consistent with the Born-alive Infants Protection Act of 2002.

House Speaker John Boehner called the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, "the most pro-life legislation to ever come before this body," adding "And it reflects the will of the American people." He also said, "A vote for this bill is a vote to protect innocent lives and protect our dearest values for generations to come. We should all be proud to take this stand today." He said, "there is no higher obligation than to speak out for those who can't speak for themselves – to defend the defenceless.

Just last week a study was published in the New England Journal of Medicine on the survival rates of nearly 5000 premature babies. When babies were born at 22 weeks gestation, their survival rate was 23% when they were "actively" treated. One of the principal authors of the NEJM commented that, "he considers 22 weeks a new marker of viability." Also 33% of babies born at 23 weeks can survive if actively treated. This Act will now go to the Senate, but President Obama may veto it.

USA – Mia Love spoke in the debate



From You Tube. Mia Love is the Republican representative of Utah.

"I was actually in my office listening to the debate about this bill and I started thinking of my three children. I

started thinking about the decisions that we have to make in order to protect them, and I am disappointed, I am disappointed that there's even opposition to this piece of legislation.

I want you to know that we as adults have a voice. We're able to speak. We're able to speak in opposition to things, but we have children that do not have a

voice. Those babies that we know can feel pain do not have a voice.

Now I want everyone who is watching today, because I'm not trying to convince my colleagues, I want every American that is watching this today to think of their children. Think of their nieces, nephews, their grandchildren, think of the ones that they love. Would they inflict this kind of pain to keep them from coming into this world?

We have a moral obligation in this country to protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is time that we did our job. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

USA – Washington, DC

LIFESITE NEWS. STEVEN ERTELT MAY 7, 2015
72 Hour Waiting Period Before an Abortion in Oklahoma

Oklahoma Gov. **Mary Fallin** has signed a key pro-life bill into law that will help women find abortion alternatives and lower the number of abortions in Oklahoma.



Mary Fallin

Fallin signed into law House Bill 1409, which would update the current informed consent law as well as increase the 24-hour waiting period prior to abortion to 72-hours. Now signed, Oklahoma joins Missouri, South Dakota and Utah in requiring longer waiting periods prior to an abortion.

This is the second major pro-life bill Fallin has signed into law, after signing a bill to ban dismemberment abortions.

The President of Oklahomans for Life, Tony Lauinger, commented on the legislation.

He told LifeNews, "HB 1409 improves our current abortion-informed-consent law by providing a 72-hour waiting period before an abortion, requiring that abortion facilities, on their websites, link to the state's Woman's Right to Know website, and providing that mothers considering abortion be informed that "abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being."

"The purpose of the bill is to provide a better opportunity for adequate reflection – following receipt of informed-consent information about risks, alternatives, and the development of the unborn child – before undertaking the irrevocable step of going through with an abortion," Lauinger added.

Sen. Greg Treat and Rep. Lisa Billy authored the legislation. Sen. Treat said, "In Oklahoma, we have a waiting period for divorce of 10 days. If there are minor children it is 90 days. We should also take it very seriously when we're talking about the irrevocable decision of abortion."

...the National Right to Life Committee points out that waiting periods and Informing women that "abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being" is not new. In fact, it is language that has already been upheld by the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Good News from Scotland!

Margaret Tighe

The Scottish Parliament has voted down by an overwhelming majority an assisted suicide bill.

The vote was 82 – 36. Well done to the canny Scots!

No doubt they took on board the loads of information regarding the appalling escalation of euthanasia deaths in Holland and Belgium – the most prominent exponents of physician assisted suicide in the world.

They all start with, "only for the terminally ill in severe pain etc" but once the law on patient care is relaxed the category of killable patients gradually extends to include the mentally ill, even children!

Let's say NO to any moves in our parliaments to legalise patient killing.

NEW ZEALAND, Wellington

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Girl attempted suicide after school got her abortion behind parents' back – now mom fights back

A mother petitioned the New Zealand government this week to pass legislation that would ensure parents are notified of their teenage daughter's pregnancy, prior to any decisions or referrals for abortion.

...Parliament is asked to pass legislation requiring a parent of a girl under 16 to be informed of her confirmed pregnancy before she is "referred for any resulting medical procedure, and that any consent sought for the medical procedure be fully informed as to procedure, possible repercussions, and after-effects."

Kieft, a mother of six, was devastated when she found out that her daughter had been taken during school hours for an abortion, at the age of 15, without her knowledge or consent.

The abortion was only revealed to the family when her daughter attempted suicide, after a year of depression, self-hatred, anger, alcohol and substance abuse.

"As a mother, how do you deal with that?" Kieft told participants at a Family First Forum in 2014. "Our daughter survived by the Grace of God, she survived. But life has never been the same."

...Abortions are known to be arranged during school hours by school counselors, health nurses, or other staff members. Family Planning and other sexual health agencies are also complicit in secret abortions.

When you write or update your Will, please include a bequest to The Right to Life Australia. "I bequeath to The Right to Life Australia, ABN number 12 774 010 375, the sum of \$xxxxx (or xx% of my estate), for the general purposes of The Right to Life Australia, 161A Donald St. East Brunswick VIC 3057.

On behalf of the most vulnerable members of our community, thank you.

