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## HURRAH, HURRAH, HURRAH! PARTIAL BIRTH BAN UPHELD!

At a time when pro-lifers seem to be hanging their heads and deciding all is lost because of the past elections and congressional votes on embryonic stem cells, a golden glimmer of light shines through. The ban on Partial-Birth Abortion gives the hope that the truth about the violence of abortion and the lack of need for such a procedure will become clear. Whether babies' brains are being sucked out at a viable age or gruesomely cut up by a curette or burned alive with a salt solution, babies feel every abortion.

Mothers also suffer from abortion physically and emotionally. They also "feel" from an abortion, and it is not a positive feeling.

We can and should call the killing of the students in Virginia a tragedy, but what do we expect when we "approve" of the violence of killing babies on an average of 3,000 a day? We want to stop the violence, yet we are condoning it when we don't stand up to oppose abortion and vote for people who respect life.

Who will stand up for the unborn, the vulnerable handicapped, and the elderly?

We see the opposition already taking off their gloves getting ready at both the national level and now in the state of New Mexico. There will be an attempt to pass legislation the pro-life congressional legislators defeated in the past - The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). This act would write into statutory law the provisions of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Should this bill pass, it would invalidate the types of pro-life policies that the Supreme Court has allowed under *Roe v. Wade*. It would remove bills such as parental involvement laws, the Partial-Birth Abortion ban in the states and at the national level, and all other laws that have passed that would have any limitation or restrictions on abortions on abortion. Not only would these laws be invalidated, but any statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action of any federal, state, or local government or governmental official (or any person acting under government authority) that would "deny or interfere with" a woman's right to an abortion.

Pro-choicers have already indicated that this bill will be brought to the New Mexico 2008 legislative session, and it will probably be put on the "call" by the Governor who supports it and opposes the ban on Partial-Birth Abortion.

How can this be stopped? It starts with you, first and foremost. RTLNM, the only state-wide organization in place to educate the public on the issues, needs your membership. The money derived from your dues is used to travel and to establish chapters or to help chapters be stronger.

Then we need you to help establish chapters in Rio Arriba, Taos, Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, Quay, Guadalupe, De Baca, Curry, Roosevelt, Catron, Chaves, Eddy, Grant, Sierra, Hidalgo, Luna, and Eddy counties.

We also need people to help established chapters that struggle with too few people to carry out the educational endeavors needed. These include Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Torrance,

McKinley, San Juan, San Miguel, Cibola, Valencia, Socorro, Lincoln, Dona Ana, Lea, and newly established Otero.

Unless people are educated, they do not know the truth and don't know what they can do to stop the onslaught of killing. So please be a member, or if you are one, find another person to be a member. You can use the membership form in this newsletter.

The next action you can take is to respond to the tax-deductible fundraiser letter you recently received to help raise money for the Educational Trust Fund. This money is used to buy the educational materials that we use to educate the public. This newsletter is paid for out of that fund. We must build this trust fund so more activities and materials can be created to counteract the well-funded pro-aborts.

What we do now will help in our efforts to thwart the opposition and hopefully replace it with legislation to protect human life. What we do today affects the thinking and attitude of our fellow citizens in New Mexico. We all need to invest time and money to make this all possible. If we don't build on the victory of the establishment of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, we will just turn it over to those who are working very hard to stop our endeavors. They will take their gloves off, for they must stop us from overturning *Roe v. Wade*, which is in the scope of possibility in our life time.

For all of us who have been given the gift of life, we must respond. For all those who are people of religious faith, you must not ignore the blessings of that faith. For all of us who are parents, grandparents, and citizens, please think of your children, grandchildren, and the future of our society. We have this responsibility; do not walk away from it.

Questions? E-mail RTLNM at [info@rtlnm.org](mailto:info@rtlnm.org) or call 505-881-4563 or write to RTLNM, 2800 San Mateo Blvd NE Suite 107, Albuquerque, NM, 87110. You are needed, and we will be glad to share with you what it is you can do, and we will help you do it.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

by President George W. Bush

I am pleased that the Supreme Court upheld a law that prohibits the abhorrent procedure of Partial-Birth Abortion. Today's decision affirms that the Constitution does not stand in the way of the people's representatives enacting laws reflecting the compassion and humanity of America. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, which an overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress passed and I signed into law, represents a commitment to building a culture of life in America.

The Supreme Court's decision is an affirmation of the progress we have made over the past six years in protecting human dignity and upholding the sanctity of life. We will continue to work for the day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law.

**Footnote: For many who have said that they don't think the President is pro-life, aside from doing great things behind the scenes in government in policy and regulation and by**

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supporting pro-life bills such as the ban on partial-birth abortion, the greatest accomplishment he will have made is the placement of Chief Justices Roberts and Alito on the court. This has moved the Supreme Court to a more pro-life court that will address other issues in the future that may have these two and Justices Thomas, Scalia and possibly Justice Kennedy joining once again.

These justices will have a long impact on the rulings on legal activities for many years. Thank you, President Bush, for your steadfast support and clear vision.

## PRESS RELEASE FROM NATIONAL RTL

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected a legal challenge to the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act allowing the law to go into effect for the first time since it was signed by President George Bush in 2003.

"Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, and their allies blocked this law for 12 years - but finally, it is illegal in America to mostly deliver a premature infant before puncturing her skull and removing her brain, which is what a partial-birth abortion is," commented Douglas Johnson, Legislative Director for the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC).

Writing for a 5-4 majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, "The Act proscribes a method of abortion in which a fetus is killed just inches before completion of the birth process... Congress determined that the abortion methods it proscribed have a 'disturbing similarity to the killing of a newborn infant'... The majority ruled that a general ban on the method is permissible and does not violate the general 'abortion right' enunciated in past decisions such as *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* (1992)."

NRLC, the nation's major right-to-life organization, led the coalition that resulted in enactment of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act in 2003 after an eight-year fight. President Bill Clinton vetoed the ban twice. When it passed the Senate in 2003, it was over the nay vote of Senator Hillary Clinton.

## WHAT THE LAW DOES

The Federal law bans Partial-Birth Abortion, a legal term defined in the law as any abortion in which the baby is delivered feet-first "past the {baby's} navel...outside the body of the mother," or "in the case of head-first presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother" before being killed.

In recent months, some commentators, including Linda Greenhouse of *The New York Times* and Kenneth Jost of *Congressional Quarterly*, have argued the term "partial-birth" is misleading because the method is usually used months before the end of a full-term pregnancy. (It is most often used in the fifth and sixth months but sometimes later.) These objections rest on a baffling failure to recognize that legal "live births" commonly occur long before full term - indeed, "live births" are commonplace even early in the fifth month of pregnancy. Legally, under the laws of virtually every state and under federal law, once a human is entirely outside the mother and draws breath or shows other signs of life, such as heartbeat or movement of voluntary muscles, a live birth has occurred, and all the protections of law attach - whether or not the baby is "viable" (capable of long-term survival). For further discussion of the relationship between the legal definition of "live birth" and the legal definition of "partial-birth," go to the link on [www.rtlm.that](http://www.rtlm.that) says National RTL and look under Partial-Birth.

In February 1997, Ron Fitzsimmons, the Executive Director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, told the *New York*

*Times* that "in the vast majority of cases" the method is used on "a healthy mother with a healthy fetus that is 20 weeks or more along" (*New York Times*, Feb. 26, 1997). Twenty weeks is halfway through a full-term pregnancy - the middle of the fifth month.

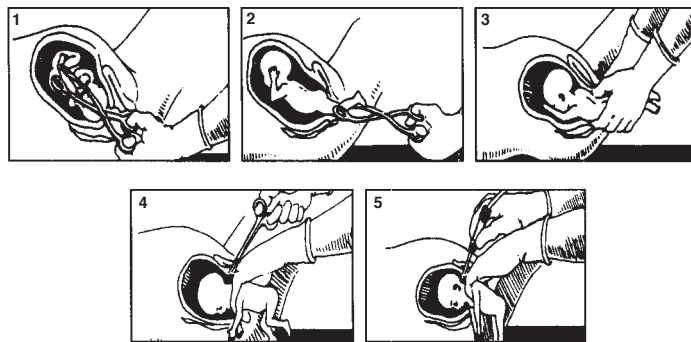
## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

The NRLC website contains the Internet's most expansive archive of documents pertaining to all facets of the debate over Partial-Birth Abortion.

Any journalist or editorialist examining the issue of Partial-Birth Abortion will benefit from reading "Partial-Birth Abortion: Misconceptions and Realities," a memo written by NRLC Legislative Director Douglas. This memo addresses common misconceptions and misinformation about Partial-Birth Abortion with links to primary documents, including interviews with Partial-Birth abortionists and investigative reports in *American Medical News*, the *New York Times*, PBS, and other news media. The memo addresses these topics: the actual language and legal intent of the bill: why Partial-Birth Abortion is a necessary and appropriate legal term that fits into the framework of existing law regarding what constitutes a "live birth"; how the media's use of nebulous label "late-term abortion" distorts the debate over the law; whether President Bush's statement (November 5, 2003) that Partial-Birth Abortion is violence directed against those who are "inches from birth" is medically and legally accurate; and polls of doctors, obstetricians, nurses, and the general public regarding the ban.

The memo also discusses how documented medical illustrations of two different abortion methods can allow the public to better evaluate claims and counterclaims on what the law actually covers and does not cover.

During the summer of 2004, U.S. District Judge Richard Casey presided over a trial in New York on one of the three legal challenges to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (*National Abortion Federation v. Gonzales*), during which he directly questioned a number of abortionists regarding how partial-birth abortions are performed. Attorney Cathy Cleaver Ruse's distillation of that revealing testimony, published in the Spring 2005 issue of *Human Life Review* under the title "Partial-Birth Abortion on Trial," is posted in PDF format on NRL's web site.



**"IF YOU HAVE TO DRESS SOMETHING UP TO OBFUSCATE THE TRUTH OR WHAT IS IN PLAY, YOU CAN PROBABLY ASSUME IT'S WRONG."**

These words were written in an editorial by Kathleen Parker where she points out the words that the pro-aborts are using to talk about Partial-Birth Abortion, a grisly abortion "technique" that is an assault on the senses. The people who only want a discussion on abortion to be of "choice" and other slogans do not want the truth to be put on the table.

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“Disarticulating a fetus, which sounds like suspending a pre-born’s instant-messaging privileges, means to dismember it”, Parker writes. “Reducing a calvarium - a thoroughly desirable sound procedure, like lancing a boil - means to suck the brains from the baby’s head.” and “Separating the calvarium,” she writes, “means to sever the head with scissors.”

Always, pro-abortionists are compelled to make sure executing unborn children is never compared to taking the lives of other human beings. Parker will have none of this.

“When a man murders his wife, we don’t say, ‘Mr. X rendered his wife unalive by efficiently evacuating her cranial cavity with an instrument customarily associated with construction’”, Parker writes. “We say, ‘He bashed her brains out in a brutal attack with a claw hammer.’” “We apparently have no stomach for similarly descriptive (honest) terminology when it comes to the unborn.”

Other things that are being said are that there only a few of the abortions being done in this nation. The Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), the research arm of Planned Parenthood, provided the following information. In a survey of abortion providers done in 2003, the number of Partial-Birth Abortions had more than tripled from the same organizations survey four years earlier. The AGI survey for 1996 (released in 1998) asked the question about Partial-Birth Abortion, which they call D & X, and then estimated “about 630” such abortions were performed annually in the U.S. Stanley Henshaw of the Alan AGI was quoted as saying, “The numbers aren’t exact, but I’m pretty sure it’s in the 500 to 1,000 range.” Despite grave defects in the method by which that number was arrived at, and its obvious inconsistency with other evidence, the figure was immediately accepted as credible by some news media, and since has been cited by various news outlets and pro-abortion advocates.

The new survey, using the same method, estimates that 2,200 “D & X” (Partial-Birth Abortions) were performed during 2000 - more than tripling the 1996 figure. NRTL Legislative Director Douglas Johnson commented, “Either the number of Partial-Birth Abortions is increasing rapidly, or the news media was mistaken in accepting the 1996 figure, or both. In reality, there is good evidence that even the new figure of 2,200 is much too low.”

In the new study, AGI tries to minimize the significance of the 2,200 figure by saying that it amounts to only a fraction of 1% of all reported abortions. Johnson commented, “It is unbelievably callous to dismiss the killing of 2,200 mostly delivered babies as ‘rare’. If a virus was killing 2,200 pre-mature infants, we’d call it an epidemic.”

Johnson noted that the survey question describes the abortion method in a way it so confused and inaccurate that even abortionists who have performed hundreds of Partial-Birth Abortions, as legally defined, could honestly answer that they have never performed the procedure described in the question. Secondly, responses to the AGI survey are purely voluntary, and an abortionist who performs large numbers of Partial-Birth Abortions may be disinclined to feed the national controversy by voluntarily reporting.

Johnson noted that in 1997 Ron Fitzsimmons, the Executive Director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, estimated that 4,000-5,000 Partial-Birth Abortions were performed. This is a sizable fraction of all the abortions performed in the fifth month and later.

This report came out in 2003. Can you imagine the numbers of Partial-Birth Abortions that have been done through March 2007? This is not just a few abortions; this is, tragically, a type of abortion that was increasingly done in large numbers by some abortionists across the nation.

One of the arguments most used by those who oppose the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban is that it does not have a health exception. The law does not have a health exception because other types of abortion are available at an earlier stage, and if a health issue comes up in the latter part of pregnancy, it would be safer to perform a caesarean section that would be faster and safer for the mother and could give the child a chance for life with all the high technology that is now saving babies at very low weight and in very early development.

These remarks are part of the Act submitted to Congress. “There is no credible medical evidence that Partial-Birth Abortions are safe or are safer than other abortion procedures. No controlled studies of Partial-Birth Abortion have been conducted nor have any comparative studies been conducted to demonstrate its safety and efficacy compared to other abortion methods. Furthermore, there have been no articles published in peer reviewed journals that established Partial-Birth Abortions are superior in any way to established abortion procedures. Indeed, unlike other more commonly used abortion procedures; there are currently no medical schools that provide instruction on Partial-Birth Abortions in their curriculum.”

Not only is it not safer, but delivering a baby breech birth has never been desired thus endangers the woman having a Partial-Birth Abortion. The health issue is a red herring, and the Supreme Court saw this also.

## **WHY ARE YOU CONSTANTLY ASKING FOR MONEY?**

This question is often asked as well as the statement “I can’t give every time you ask.”

Let’s address the first question. The only income we get is from donors. This does not include government, corporations, or any other source. Our income depends upon all members or previous donors to our organization. In addition, we have to ask for three different aspects of our organization.

- Membership, which funds the organization’s development and maintains and office and staff;
- The Educational Trust Fund, which covers our educational materials, events, the newsletter, etc.; and
- PAC, which covers the cost of trying to get pro-life legislators elected and lobbying costs.

In order to follow IRS regulations, each must raise its own funds for what is its purpose. Without the organization, there is no RTLCNM to support the tax-deductible Educational Trust Fund or the Political Action Committee. Without educational materials, there is nothing to provide the people of New Mexico to change hearts and minds. Without PAC money, we cannot influence elections to provide pro-life legislators, thus no pro-life laws could be passed or anti-life laws prevented.

Regarding the second comment, if you are able to help with each request it is greatly appreciated. However, when you can’t, then we hope you will the next time a request is made. You always have the right to choose when to give and for how much.

Please remember, without your donation we cannot serve you and the cause. Thank You.



## **ISOTOPES: A GREAT WAY TO RAISE MONEY**

When we have fundraising events or activities that raise money, it cuts down on the begging letters, as this money is used to supply our budgets.

Right now we are raising funds at a concession stand at Isotopes Park thanks to the people who are currently volunteering

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to help in the booth on our scheduled days of activity. However, if we had more volunteers, we could have an additional booth and raise even more money. The only thing preventing this is volunteers. To volunteer does not mean you must go to every game. Go to our website [www.rtlncm.org](http://www.rtlncm.org) and click on Isotopes in the upper right hand corner of the home page. Then scroll down for our month-by-month schedule. When you see a home game date that RTL is working **and** is convenient for you, call Betty at 821-9101 or send an email to [eeichenseer@bigplanet.com](mailto:eeichenseer@bigplanet.com). It is work, but it is also fun. The money raised from this can be tremendous and that means a great deal for RTLNCM and our cause. **And the monies do not come out of your pocket!**

## AN INTERVIEW WITH BIOETHICIST WESLEY J. SMITH

(OPENING SESSION SPEAKER AT NRLC'S 2007 CONVENTION)

Wesley Smith, a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute, is the pro-life author or coauthor of 11 books, including most recently, *Consumer's Guide to a Brave New World*, which can be purchased at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). His blog, [www.wesleyjsmith.com](http://www.wesleyjsmith.com), is must reading for pro-lifers, and, indeed, for anyone trying to keep track of the ever-changing scene in "bioethics."

**Q: What is the best way to break through what seems to be the impenetrable media membrane that protects them from realizing the truth about stem cell research? Or, put another way, are logic and reason weak reeds to lean on?**

**A.** Logic and reason are never weak reeds, and integrity demands that our advocacy always be accurate and empirically founded. Too bad the same standard doesn't seem to apply to Big Biotech's advocates who often make scientifically unfounded or inaccurate assertions without challenge in the mainstream media. That being said, the debate over embryonic stem cell research and its first cousin human cloning isn't a science debate so much as it is an ethics debate. The question before the house is whether human life has intrinsic value simply and merely because it is human, and whether it is acceptable to use human life as if it were a corn crop to be harvested. However, it is hard to focus on these crucial issues when scientists and bioethicists argue falsely that human embryos aren't really human life. Such inaccurate "scientific" assertions made to win a political debate actually corrupt science by undermining its crucial role as an objective purveyor of factual information to society. It is also profoundly disrespectful of the democratic process because it prevents the people from being able to analyze the ethics of the controversies based on accurate information.

**Q: How do we "re-sanctify" life, and what would we mean by that?**

**A.** If I knew the answer to that question, the debates would already be won. I think the key is to convince society to stop focusing so heavily on the "I" and think more about the "we," to think of society as a forest rather than a bunch of trees standing next to each other. I also think that pro-lifers need to learn to speak to the greater society in ways that are not overtly religious. For example, many people reject religious lexicon out of hand, that is, human life being "sanctified." But most accept, at least abstractly, the goal of achieving universal human equality. Both sanctity of life and equality of life express the same concept, which is that human life is important and that it has intrinsic value. This understanding then leads to proper ways of analyzing issues, which is why I generally refer to "sanctity/equality of life ethic" in my work.

**Q: What did we learn from Jack Kevorkian? What did the pro-euthanasia forces learn?**

**A:** Both sides learned the same things. First, most people are unwilling to stand up for principle. In today's soap opera society, emotive arguments and sensationalism will prevail over firm concepts of right and wrong almost every time. Second, the tolerance of much of society for Jack Kevorkian's assisted suicide campaign demonstrates how profoundly fearful most people are of illness, suffering, "being a burden," and disability. And perhaps most importantly, I think, Kevorkian proves how hard it can be to recognize evil in one's own time. After all, Kevorkian's stated goal described in his book *Prescription Medicine* was to obtain a license to engage in human experimentation upon people he was euthanizing. This is the true Jack Kevorkian, a man who is cold, brittle, and clinical. That was why his early coverage in the media was actually quite critical. But once he reframed the justifications for his "campaign" from harshly utilitarian terms into emotive concepts of "compassion," the media and many people fell into line. Remember, Kevorkian was only brought down when he brought a videotape of himself murdering a man with Lou Gehrig's disease to *60 Minutes* for airing on national television. People came to see then he wasn't in it for the "compassion" but for his own ego.

**Q: What arguments are most effective against assisted suicide, and who should present them?**

**A:** Most support for assisted suicide is relatively shallow, and many see it as merely a liberal agenda item that promotes "choice." It is crucial that people come to see that assisted suicide is actually illiberal and that its legalization would victimize the weak and vulnerable. Thus, I think it is most important to point out the context in which mercy killing would be carried out, issues that are important to everyone, including those not ideologically engaged in the issue either way: A health care system dominated by HMOs where cutting costs can prevail over quality care; tens of millions without health insurance; rampant elder abuse, family dysfunction, issues of life insurance and inheritance, etc. This argument is best made by a diverse coalition that encompasses secular liberals and religious conservatives, medical professionals and civil rights activists, people who are not pro-life on abortion and people who are. In this contest, it is crucial for the pro-life leadership to impress upon the rank and file how important the issue is, since in my experience, some still don't seem to "get it." But in the broader debate, while pro-lifers should certainly be in the room, the people up front should include those seen by the media and wider society as secular, and hence, non-threatening, e.g., disability rights activists, civil rights advocates, and medical professionals.

**Q: How would you respond to this "slippery-slope-is-silly" comment by Paul Root Wolpe? Writing on the blog of the American Journal of Bioethics, Wolpe wrote the following: Smith, drawing on the experience of the Dutch, argues that euthanasia results inevitably in a slippery slope: "Once we accept the tilling of terminally ill patients, as did the Dutch, we will invariably, over time, accept the killing of the chronically ill patients, depressed patients, and ultimately perhaps, even children."**

*Inevitably? Let's try that logic on another case: Once we accept the killing of murders, as do the Americans, we will invariably, over time, accept the killing of embezzlers, shoplifters, and ultimately perhaps, every jaywalker.*

**A:** He seems to not want to be confused by the facts. It is undeniable that Dutch doctors now kill chronically ill people who ask for it, disabled people who ask for it, and depressed people who ask for it – the latter example having been explicitly

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sanctioned by the Dutch Supreme Court in a case involving assisted suicide of a physically healthy woman who wanted to be buried next to her dead children. (The Swiss Supreme Court also just ruled that the mentally ill have a right to assisted suicide in Switzerland.) According to Dutch government sponsored studies, about 1,000 Dutch patients who have not asked to be euthanized are killed each year by doctors. The Dutch even have a term for such killings: "termination without request or consent." Two studies in the British medical journal *The Lancet* showed that eugenic infanticide has seeped into Dutch pediatric wards, and not only is virtually nothing done about it, but the Parliament may soon formally legalize the practice. Thus, worries about a "slippery slope" in the Netherlands are not conjectural or alarmist but demonstrably true. In this regard, my favorite quote comes from Fr. John Neuhaus of *First Things* fame. When asked whether he believed in the slippery slope, Neuhaus replied, "Yes, like I believe in the Hudson River." That sums it up quite nicely, doesn't it?

**Q: What is the thread that runs through your work?**

**A:** The importance of understanding that human life matters tremendously, simply, and merely because it is human. Without this profound understanding, there can be no such thing as universal human rights.

**Q: If you had the world's ear, what would your five – sentence message be?**

**A:** The root meaning of compassion means to "suffer with." Thus, true compassion requires us to take others' burdens upon ourselves so that theirs may be eased. This is not accomplished by abandoning our brothers and sisters by restricting membership in the human family and moral community. Rather, we all have the moral obligation to work toward an increasing ability to engage in radical self giving. In the end, the only real answer to the anguish, pain, loneliness, hopelessness, and despair that are the true causes for the moral crises we face, is love.

**Editor's note: We must ask ourselves if we have the compassion and the love to step up to the plate and do those acts, activities, and actions that can turn this confused society around. If you can't, who will?**

*Information provide from the NRLC April Newsletter.*

**PS. Rev. Neuhaus, mentioned in this article and writer of *First Things* magazine, will be giving the NRLC's closing banquet speech.**

## CONGRESS CASTS VOTES GOOD AND BAD

On April 11 the Senate voted 63-34 to support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Sen. Domenici voted against the bill and Sen. Bingaman voted for it. Luckily, the vote is not big enough to override the veto President Bush has promised.

We must educate people on this subject. Embryonic stem cell research has never worked in animals, and embryonic stem cells have never been placed in human beings. To do so requires killing another human being. On the other hand, adult stem cells are being used, are healing, and do not require the taking of another life. We must contact our congressmen at the state and national level and educate them. You cannot make good out of something that is morally and ethically wrong.

The Senate did vote on S.3, a bill that would have rationed health care, and did defeat the bill. At present, the government is not involved in price negotiations with drug providers and drug

insurers. They do this with the Veterans and some other entities, and the cost of drugs is higher than what most people get under Medicare currently. Not only did they want to have government step in and take over, they would then impose drug controls. In other words, they would decide what drugs would be available and to whom they may be given. Furthermore, if they decided not to support a particular drug, the individual could **not** purchase the drug with his or her own money.

This bill passed the House, so it is very good that it did not pass the Senate.

Rationing is euthanasia, since under it decisions are made that can result in who shall live and who shall die.

We must stay on top of the subject of euthanasia, as it has an insidious way of affecting all of us at some time in our lives through laws, policies, and regulations.

Write to Sen. Domenici to thank him for voting against the bill, and write to Sen. Bingaman and tell him you disapprove of his vote for the bill.

## EMBRYONIC PETITION DRIVE GOES ON

The debate in both Congress and in the state on embryonic stem cell research is far from over. Currently, we have around 13,000 signatures for our petition that asks for no taxpayer money to go to embryonic stem cell research. We need at least 20,000 signatures to really make a big impact.

We will continue to distribute the petition through the end of August. After that we will have a new petition. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope, and we will send you a petition that you can copy as need. Mail to: RTLCNM, 2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Suite 107, Albuquerque, NM 87110. This is a simple project that brings great results. Please help us in this endeavor.

## NRLC CONVENTION

The National Right To Life Committee convention is in Kansas City, Missouri on June 14-16, 2007. There will be great speakers on all topics of the pro-life cause. Reservations must be made in advance to save money. The cost is \$95 (\$130 after May 31), and the hotel is the Hyatt Regency, which costs \$119.00 for 1-4 people per room. The prayer breakfast is \$25.00. For more information, call 202-378-9942, or go to NRLC's web site [www.nrlc.org/convention](http://www.nrlc.org/convention). This is a good time to be filled with facts and truth; it will help you make a difference.

## FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT RE-INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

There has been talk of the pro-aborts re-introducing The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) in Congress and in the state of New Mexico. FOCA was introduced on April 25, 2007 in Congress in response to the Supreme Court ruling on the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. In the House, H.R. 1964 was introduced by Congressman Jerrold Nadler, Democrat – New York, who is chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee that has jurisdiction of such legislation. The bill has 71 sponsors. Senate bill S.1173 was introduced by Sen. Barbara Boxer, Democrat – California and had 13 co-sponsors, including presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton, Democrat – New York, plus Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Independent, Connecticut.

The lawmakers proposing the legislation and groups endorsing it repeatedly emphasized that the bill would, among other things, completely nullify the national ban on Partial-Birth Abortion. The bill is not only "Codification of Roe", but the key binding provisions of the bill would go further than *Roe*, invalidating all of the major

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types of pro-life laws that have been upheld by the Supreme Court in the decades since Roe. Not only would it eliminate any bans to restrict abortion, but government funding for abortion could no longer be banned. Pro-aborts are taking off their gloves. Are we ready to do that?

**TRANSPLANT SAVES  
NEWBORN BABY AFTER  
MOM WOULDN'T  
CONSIDER ABORTION**

**St. Louis, MO**

Jacob Gibbs has survived, despite receiving a rare metabolic disorder of the liver from his mother, Keeley. Although doctors warned her that getting pregnant would be risky, Keeley had no thoughts about abortion once she found

out she was carrying Jacob and that he inherited the disorder from her.

*Source: Life News - 4/21/06*

**BRITISH DOCTORS  
WARN SECOND PART OF  
ABORTION DRUG MAY  
BE UNSAFE FOR WOMEN**

**Liverpool, England:**

British doctors have released the results of a study on the off-label use of the anti-ulcer drug Cytotec, a prostaglandin known generically as misoprostol. They strongly warn those misusing the drug to induce labor or with abortions that it can cause medical problems for women.

*Source: LifeNews – April 21, 2006*

*As the blossom can't tell  
what becomes of its fragrance,  
so a man can't tell what becomes  
of his influence*

**Five Alive PROGRAM**

RTLCLNM hopes you will sign up for the *Five Alive Program 2007*, which helps provide a budget to keep our organization operational and meet our basic needs. You can fill out the form below. We will need this a.s.a.p. so that we can mail envelopes out and have you ready to start contributing your tax-deductible donation in January. \$5.00 a month from everyone would allow us to raise money for media and other educational tools, so come on board by sending in the form below...

I wish to donate \$5.00 monthly  I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly  
*Monthly thank you notes will not be sent.*  
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**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION**

I understand that the Right To Life Committee of New Mexico (RTLCLNM) is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization dedicated to the right to life of all innocent human beings from fertilization to natural death; that this organization takes a stand only on those issues that are directly related to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

I support the goals of RTLCLNM, including a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and hereby make application for membership (renewal) as follows:

- Individual — \$20.00
- Corporate — \$40.00 - for business organizations
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- NRL News Subscription (\$5.00 with paid membership)

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Wish to: (check one)

- Register to vote
- Re-register

I am a registered: (check one)

- Republican  Democrat
- Other

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