

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE. The gentleman is requested to delete his reference to individuals in the gallery.

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REPUBLICAN AGENDA

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, Republicans in the House have outlined a 13-point agenda to create a better America. Our agenda reflects a genuine desire to preserve America and to have a Nation that is safe and economically stable, but this whole process starts with protecting the American family.

Part of protecting the family is protecting life. The effort to end partial-birth abortions is crucial because this procedure denies human life and human dignity. But this whole matter of ending partial-birth abortion is not just a Republican versus Democrat or liberal versus conservative issue. Public support to end this barbaric procedure is very wide and very deep. Polls show 84 percent public approval of the ban.

A bipartisan group of Members of Congress have taken the lead on this issue, not because it is popular or politically expedient. We take the lead because it is right to protect life and, in doing that, the future of America.

CALLING FOR A NEW HEAD OF FBI
FORENSICS

(Mr. OBEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite Members of the House to join me in sending a letter to the Director of the FBI asking that he consider appointing our colleague, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON], as the new head of the FBI forensics lab. Given the problems the FBI is having, he obviously has the ability to do the job.

He discovered, when nobody else did, that Vince Foster's body was moved. Second, he obviously has the experience because he used his backyard to fire a bullet into "a headlike object" to test his forensic theories. And certainly, in light of the revelations in the Washington Post yesterday about conversations with Pakistanis, he certainly can be counted on to run that lab with at least as much evenhandedness as he apparently will run the congressional investigation.

Of course, given his decision to exempt Congress from the review of his committee, that is indeed damning with faint praise.

THE AMERICAN FARMER

(Mr. CHAMBLISS asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, today is National Agriculture Day across this country. It is fitting on such a day to thank the farming families who work hard every day to make the finest food and fiber in the world. Our country's entire farming community deserves a pat on the back for a job well done.

Just think, how often in your occupation does your paycheck depend on whether or not we get enough rain. Probably never. But for our country's farming families, it is a genuine concern every single year. Georgia's farmers not only help America produce the safest, highest quality and most affordable food supply in the world, but their contribution to our local economies is overwhelming. The revenue our farmers receive from their labors is pumped back into local economies where everyone from barbers to bakers benefit.

As you sit down over supper tonight, take a moment to thank the folks that made it possible, the American farmer. They deserve it.

QUESTIONABLE FUNDRAISING
ACTIVITIES

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, this week's news report makes it clear why my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have adamantly refused today to allow an investigation into 1996 Republican fundraising activities. As it turns out, the Republican chairman of the committee charged with investigating campaign fundraising improprieties has himself engaged in very, very questionable fundraising practices. Today's Washington Post editorial said it best: Mr. BURTON should step aside. To have this chairman preside over this investigation would make a mockery of the proceedings.

Let me quote the chairman. Calling the charges distortions and outright lies, he said, I have never tried to put the arm on anybody in my life. But he acknowledged asking Mark Siegel for cash and complaining to Pakistan's ambassador when he did not deliver. My, my, I think he protests too much on his lack of involvement here.

The chairman should step aside. The Washington Post said it best. To do any less would cast doubt on the integrity of this House and its ability to conduct a fair investigation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a preferential motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARTON of Texas). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. OBEY moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn

offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 183, nays 221, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 60]

YEAS—183

Abercrombie	Goode	Moakley
Ackerman	Gordon	Moran (VA)
Allen	Green	Murtha
Andrews	Gutierrez	Nadler
Baesler	Hall (OH)	Neal
Baldacci	Hamilton	Obey
Barcia	Harman	Olver
Barrett (WI)	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Becerra	Hefner	Owens
Bentsen	Hilliard	Pallone
Berman	Hinojosa	Pascarell
Berry	Holden	Pastor
Bishop	Hooley	Payne
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Pelosi
Bonior	Jackson (IL)	Peterson (MN)
Borski	Jackson-Lee	Pickett
Boswell	(TX)	Pomeroy
Boucher	Jefferson	Poshard
Boyd	John	Price (NC)
Brown (CA)	Johnson (WI)	Reyes
Brown (FL)	Johnson, E.B.	Rivers
Brown (OH)	Kanjorski	Roemer
Capps	Kennedy (MA)	Rothman
Cardin	Kennedy (RI)	Roybal-Allard
Carson	Kennelly	Rush
Clayton	Kildee	Sabo
Clyburn	Kilpatrick	Sanchez
Condit	Kind (WI)	Sanders
Conyers	Klink	Sandlin
Costello	Kucinich	Sawyer
Coyne	LaFalce	Schumer
Cummings	Lampson	Scott
Danner	Lantos	Serrano
Davis (FL)	Levin	Sherman
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Sisisky
DeGette	Lipinski	Skaggs
Delahunt	Lofgren	Skelton
DeLauro	Lowe	Slaughter
Dellums	Luther	Smith, Adam
Deutsch	Maloney (CT)	Spratt
Dicks	Maloney (NY)	Stabenow
Dingell	Manton	Strickland
Dixon	Markey	Stupak
Doggett	Martinez	Tanner
Dooley	Mascara	Tauscher
Doyle	Matsui	Thompson
Edwards	McCarthy (MO)	Thurman
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Tierney
Eshoo	McDermott	Torres
Etheridge	McGovern	Towns
Evans	McHale	Velazquez
Farr	McIntyre	Vento
Fazio	McKinney	Visclosky
Filner	McNulty	Waters
Foglietta	Meehan	Watt (NC)
Ford	Meek	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Menendez	Wexler
Frost	Millender-McDonald	Wise
Furse	Miller (CA)	Woolsey
Gejdenson	Minge	Wynn
Gephardt	Mink	Yates
Gonzalez		

NAYS—221

Aderholt	Bateman	Bryant
Archer	Bereuter	Bunning
Armey	Bilbray	Burr
Bachus	Bilirakis	Burton
Baker	Bliley	Buyer
Ballenger	Blunt	Callahan
Barr	Boehlert	Calvert
Barrett (NE)	Boehner	Camp
Bartlett	Bonilla	Campbell
Barton	Bono	Canady
Bass	Brady	Cannon

Castle	Hulshof	Portman
Chabot	Hunter	Pryce (OH)
Chambliss	Hutchinson	Quinn
Chenoweth	Hyde	Rahall
Christensen	Inglis	Ramstad
Coble	Istook	Regula
Coburn	Jenkins	Riley
Collins	Johnson (CT)	Rogan
Combest	Johnson, Sam	Rogers
Cook	Jones	Rohrabacher
Cooksey	Kasich	Ros-Lehtinen
Cox	Kelly	Roukema
Crapo	Kim	Royce
Cubin	King (NY)	Ryun
Cunningham	Kingston	Salmon
Davis (VA)	Klecza	Sanford
Deal	Knollenberg	Scarborough
DeLay	Kolbe	Schaefer, Dan
Diaz-Balart	LaHood	Schaffer, Bob
Dickey	Largent	Schiff
Doolittle	Latham	Sensenbrenner
Dreier	LaTourette	Sessions
Duncan	Lazio	Shadegg
Dunn	Leach	Shaw
Ehlers	Lewis (CA)	Shays
Ehrlich	Lewis (KY)	Shimkus
Emerson	Linder	Shuster
English	Livingston	Skeen
Ensign	LoBiondo	Smith (MI)
Everett	Lucas	Smith (NJ)
Ewing	Manzullo	Smith (OR)
Fawell	McCollum	Smith (TX)
Foley	McDade	Smith, Linda
Fowler	McHugh	Snowbarger
Fox	McInnis	Snyder
Frelinghuysen	McKeon	Solomon
Gallely	Metcalfe	Souder
Ganske	Mica	Spence
Gekas	Miller (FL)	Stearns
Gibbons	Molinar	Stump
Gilchrest	Mollohan	Sununu
Gillmor	Moran (KS)	Tauzin
Gilman	Morella	Taylor (MS)
Goodlatte	Myrick	Taylor (NC)
Goodling	Nethercutt	Thomas
Goss	Neumann	Thornberry
Graham	Ney	Thune
Granger	Northup	Tiahrt
Greenwood	Norwood	Traficant
Gutknecht	Nussle	Upton
Hall (TX)	Oberstar	Walsh
Hansen	Packard	Wamp
Hastert	Pappas	Watkins
Hastings (WA)	Parker	Watts (OK)
Hayworth	Paul	Weldon (FL)
Hefley	Paxon	Weldon (PA)
Hill	Pease	Weller
Hilleary	Peterson (PA)	White
Hobson	Petri	Whitfield
Hoekstra	Pickering	Wicker
Horn	Pitts	Wolf
Hostettler	Pombo	Young (FL)
Houghton	Porter	

NOT VOTING—28

Blagojevich	Herger	Saxton
Clay	Hinchey	Stark
Clement	Kaptur	Stenholm
Cramer	Klug	Stokes
Crane	McCrery	Talent
Davis (IL)	McIntosh	Turner
Fattah	Oxley	Weygand
Flake	Radanovich	Young (AK)
Forbes	Rangel	
Franks (NJ)	Riggs	

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Messrs. FAWELL, McDADE, PORTER, GILMAN, BATEMAN, and McCOLLUM changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. GREEN, MURTHA, BALDACCI, GOODE, LIPINSKI, BOSWELL, SCOTT, MCINTYRE and COSTELLO changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN
ACT OF 1997

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 100 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 100

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1122) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial birth abortions. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) 2 hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. BARTON of Texas). The gentlewoman from North Carolina [Mrs. MYRICK] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York [Ms. SLAUGHTER], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

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Mr. Speaker, the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1122, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997, under a closed rule. The rule provides for 2 hours of debate divided equally between the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. Finally, it provides for one motion to recommit.

In short, H.R. 1122 outlaws the practice of partial-birth abortions. Any physician who performs this inhumane act may receive a fine or receive up to 2 years in prison, or both. The bill explicitly states that if the procedure is necessary to save the life of a mother who is threatened by a physical disorder, illness or injury and no other medical procedure would do, then the physician will not be held liable.

The language in H.R. 1122 is identical to the language in the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995, which was vetoed by the President. Members may hear objections by the other side that this bill has not passed through the committee process, but I would like to point out that this is the same language that 80 percent of the American people supported when it passed through Congress previously. The bottom line is that this is not new language we are trying to sneak past anybody. My colleagues are well aware of what this bill contains and any other assertion would be disingenuous at best.

During debate on the resolution and the bill itself, you may hear some voices of discontent from Members on both sides of the aisle. I urge my colleagues to make sure they do not lose sight of the true focus of this debate, the horrible procedure known as par-

tial-birth abortion. Try not to forget that the reason we are considering this important bill is to preserve the life of these vulnerable and fragile children. We are talking about human life. When this issue was before the subcommittee, they received testimony from Whitney Goin, proud mother of a beautiful young baby that was born with the organs developed outside of the body. The doctors told her to abort the child, but she elected to have her baby. With the help of skilled doctors and extensive surgery, the child was able to survive and is alive today. No one can ever replace the love and affection that she will be able to share with her baby for the rest of her life.

I would encourage all of my colleagues to read the piece by George Will that appeared in yesterday's newspaper. In it, he gives an eloquent argument against this procedure. His son Jon is about to celebrate his 21st birthday. Jon has Down's syndrome, and his parents were asked to decide if they should take him home or not. Jon is leading a productive, happy life despite his mental retardation.

I point out these two cases, and there are countless others, because they are a testament to the fact that life is precious and should not be squandered. The joy that children bring to their parents, regardless of their physical or mental condition, is boundless and must be respected. I cannot help but think of my own two sons and my seven grandchildren and the joy that they bring to us.

Mr. Speaker, I again implore my colleagues to support the ban and allow these children the opportunity to live a happy and productive life.

Abortion has long been an issue that divides our Nation. People on both sides argue with great conviction that they are protecting sacred human rights. However, we are not talking about the general issue of abortion during this debate. Today's debate is about what our society values as right or wrong. We will decide whether our Nation will continue to allow the appalling practice of partial-birth abortion to continue.

I am sure that every one of my colleagues is fully aware of the details of this particularly repugnant form of abortion. Therefore, I am not going to again describe the procedure. But I am going to challenge my colleagues to consider H.R. 1122 on the merits of the legislation and make their decision based on the facts as we know them to be today.

I am sure some of my colleagues made a decision to oppose similar legislation in the past based on false information provided to them by pro-abortion groups and Ron Fitzsimmons, the Executive Director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers. He said that he lied through his teeth when he said the procedure was rarely used. He now admits that pro-life groups were accurate when they said that the procedure is common. By Mr.