

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, under section 201 of S. Con. Res. 70, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 2009, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a revision to the budget allocations and aggregates for certain House committees for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 and the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2013. This revision represents an adjustment

to certain House committee budget allocations and aggregates for the purposes of sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended, and in response to passage of the bill H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009). Corresponding tables are attached.

Under section 323 of S. Con. Res. 70, this adjustment to the budget allocations and aggregates applies while the measure is under

consideration. The adjustments will take effect upon enactment of the measure. For purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended, a revised allocation made under section 323 of S. Con. Res. 70 is to be considered as an allocation included in the resolution.

Any questions may be directed to Ellen Balis or Gail Millar.

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR RESOLUTION CHANGES

[Fiscal years, in millions of dollars]

House Committee	2008		2009		2009–2013 Total	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Current allocation:						
Energy and Commerce	89	81	884	847	3,153	3,148
Ways and Means	1,853	1,843	5,794	5,714	-6,724	-5,034
Change in the Childrens' Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2):						
Energy and Commerce	0	0	10,625	2,391	50,000	32,604
Ways and Means	0	0	0	0	-260	-260
Total	0	0	10,625	2,391	49,740	32,344
Revised allocation:						
Energy and Commerce	89	81	11,509	3,238	53,153	35,752
Ways and Means	1,853	1,843	5,794	5,714	-6,984	-5,294

BUDGET AGGREGATES

[On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

	Fiscal year—		
	2008 ¹	2009 ^{1,2}	2009–2013
Current Aggregates: ³			
Budget Authority	2,564,244	2,532,592	4
Outlays	2,466,685	2,572,179	4
Revenues	1,875,401	2,029,659	11,780,493
Change in the Childrens' Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2):			
Budget Authority	0	10,625	4
Outlays	0	2,391	4
Revenues	0	3,724	32,518
Revised Aggregates:			
Budget Authority	2,564,244	2,543,217	4
Outlays	2,466,685	2,574,570	4
Revenues	1,875,401	2,033,383	11,812,811

¹ Current aggregates include spending covered by section 301(b)(1) (overseas deployments and related activities) that has not been allocated to a committee.

² Current aggregates do not include Corps of Engineers emergency spending assumed in the budget resolution, which will not be included in current level due to its emergency designation (section 301(b)(2)).

³ Current aggregates include impact of new allocations for enactment of H.R. 2095 (with updates to estimates to reflect final CBO scoring) and S. 3560.

⁴ Not applicable because annual appropriations Acts for fiscal years 2010 through 2013 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

ABORTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, President Barack Obama's eloquent inauguration speech yesterday was uplifting and historic. The 44th President of the United States of America said in part: "The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry that precious gift, that noble idea; passed on from generation to generation: The God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness."

Powerful rhetoric indeed, Mr. Speaker. Yet for many of us, even as the President spoke those wonderful words, something seemed amiss, disconnected, and inconsistent with what we understand his true agenda to be.

Clearly not all are free in America. All are not equal or have a chance at happiness.

Today, by direct government action and ongoing complicity, enabling or indifference, especially by Congress, those God-given promises President Obama spoke about are systematically

denied to an entire class of American children: Unborn babies.

By reason of their age, dependency, immaturity, inconvenience, or unwantedness, unborn children have been legally rendered *persona non grata*, and expendable.

Let's be honest, Mr. Speaker. Abortion is violence against children. It dismembers and chemically poisons a child to death. It hurts women physically and psychologically and spiritually. There is nothing whatsoever compassionate, benevolent, ennobling, or benign about abortion. It is a violation of a child's fundamental human rights.

Which begs the question, will our new President extend the "God-given promise," as he put it, of hope and freedom, justice, respect, compassion, and protection and a simple chance at happiness to America's unborn children? Will the President's words be matched by deeds that rescue and save the most vulnerable among us?

Sadly, waiting in the wings, barely visible in the shadows, ready to pounce, lurks the most extreme pro-abortion agenda in American history. If even a portion of the Obama agenda advances by executive order, reinterpretation of existing law, or enactment of new laws like the so-called Freedom of Choice Act, millions of children will

die and their mothers will be wounded. And President Obama will be remembered forever not just as a smart, savvy, gifted and eloquent man, but as the Abortion President.

Recently, more than 50 pro-abortion organizations conveyed a 55-page blueprint to promote abortion to the Obama transition team. The document, marching orders, will result in the death for millions of children in America and in foreign countries and will impose incalculable harm and pain on expectant mothers everywhere. The Obama administration and the pro-abortion nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs, that prepared it are, as of today, in lockstep. Indeed, many personnel from pro-abortion NGOs have already been embedded in strategic places in the administration where they can foment anti-child policies often undetected and with a degree of stealth.

What follows in the days and months ahead will be a highly choreographed, highly deceptive message amplified by a pliant supportive news media to market the agenda. The propagandists will try to sell the agenda by repeating ad nauseam that their goal is to reduce abortions.

Curiously, the very people who claim to want to reduce the number of abortions will seek to degrade, undermine,

and if they get away with it, repeal outright hundreds of Federal and State pro-life laws that have demonstrated over time to have saved millions of innocent human lives.

Both the pro-abortion Alan Guttmacher Institute and pro-life advocates agree on one thing, and that is that the Federal prohibition on taxpayer funding for abortion significantly reduces the number of abortions. According to the Guttmacher Institute, between 18 and 35 percent of Medicaid patients who would have had an abortion carry their babies to term when Medicaid funding is not available. Similarly, a recent study showed that when laws requiring one parent consent before a minor girl obtains an abortion were enacted, the minor abortion rate was reduced by 19 percent and 31 percent when parental consent was required from both parents. These time-tested policies that have already reduced abortion are now in jeopardy.

The Freedom of Choice Act, if enacted, would repeal taxpayer bans on funding for abortions, including the Hyde Amendment, which has been in effect for over 30 years. It would repeal parental notification for minors; women's right to know statutes; conscience protections for health care workers who want no part of this grizzly business; ethical safeguards for embryo-destroying stem cell research; the repeal of even the recently enacted ban on partial birth abortion, one of the most hideous methods of abortion imaginable, where the child is half born in the birth canal only to have his or her brain sucked out to effectuate the death of the child. A hideous method of child abuse. That would be repealed if the Freedom of Choice Act were to be enacted into law. Nearly every pro-life, life-affirming policy over the past three decades would be gone, nullified, vitiated if this extreme piece of legislation, sadly, backed by our President, were to be enacted.

Are these changes that we can believe in, Mr. Speaker? Hardly.

The administration, sadly, will also seek to enrich and empower pro-abortion organizations, most likely maybe today, tomorrow, the next day will repeal the Mexico City policy, which separates abortion from family planning and says that the U.S. taxpayer and our overseas population control programs will have nothing whatsoever to do with the promotion of abortion or the performance of abortion as a matter of family planning.

Much well-deserved respect, finally, Mr. Speaker, has been directed to the man and the legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, this week especially. And for that reason we need to hear the courageous voice of another Dr. King: His niece, Dr. Alveda King, who has had two abortions and now speaks out for both victims of abortion: The unborn child and his or her mother.

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As Dr. King has said, defending human life is part of the civil rights

struggle; and as we remember the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us also remember the words of Dr. Alveda King when she asks, how can the dream survive and we murder the children?

I would like to yield to VIRGINIA FOXX.

Ms. FOXX. I want to thank all of my colleagues who are here tonight, to remember the millions of unborn children whose blood has been shed in the abortion mills of America. I especially thank my colleague from New Jersey who has organized this Special Order.

Defending the defenseless is one of the most important duties that we have as Members of Congress. The pro-life cause has roots deep in the historic battles against all forms of injustice, brutality and equality and is today growing strong as we mark the infamous 36th anniversary of what one Supreme Court justice called an exercise in "raw judicial power."

Despite recent setbacks, such as the election of a stridently pro-abortion President, those who spend their days fighting for abortion on demand don't know what we know, that they are on the losing side. We are on the side of justice. We are on the side of the innocent and the defenseless, and we are on the side of equal dignity for every human life.

So as we mourn the holocaust of abortion and the grievous toll it has taken upon our Nation, let us not forget whose side we are on. Though the battle to protect every life, from unborn child to disabled elderly will be long and hard, it is a battle worth fighting.

As the late father Richard John Neuhaus, our dear brother and fellow soldier in this fight, said last year, "We have been at this a long time, and we are just getting started . . . We shall not weary, we shall not rest, until every unborn child is protected in law and welcomed in life."

And so today the fight continues. President Obama has promised the pro-abortion lobby that he will sign and support the Orwellian "Freedom of Choice Act" which, if it were to become law, would roll back almost every restriction on abortions in America and would even allow for taxpayer-funded abortion on demand.

Such an act will take this country in the wrong direction and send absolutely the wrong message to the world. That message is that we do not value life. That is not the message we need to be sending from this country. I believe we do value life, and that's the message we should be sending.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I yield to the distinguished gentleman that serves as our conference chairman, Mr. PENCE, who has been a leader on behalf of all human rights around the world.

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. I thank the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey for

his moral leadership, not only for organizing this discussion tonight among our cherished colleagues but for a lifetime of standing in the gap on behalf of the defenseless. I commend CHRIS SMITH and to no less extent his wife for their work on behalf of the unborn.

Mr. Speaker, I come to this Chamber cognizant of the fact that tens of thousands of Americans will brave the elements tomorrow, as they do every year, on what will be the 36th anniversary of the worst Supreme Court decision since Dred Scott. I bristle at the term "anniversary" because, in my life, anniversaries are special things. We remember them at fondly remembered occasions, and this is certainly not the case.

This is the annual marking of that decision which 36 years ago tomorrow nullified all of the hard-fought bills and legislation over 100 years at the State level that put restrictions on the abortion of unborn children in *Roe v. Wade*.

It is accurate to say that life is losing in Washington, D.C., both in our judiciary among a pro-abortion majority in the House and the Senate and now with the election of a pro-abortion President of the United States.

But let me say with confidence that while life may be losing in Washington, D.C., I believe life is winning in America. Despite the best efforts of the pro-abortion movement, the defend abortion on demand, more Americans embrace the sanctity of life today than ever before, especially younger Americans.

While more than 50 million innocent human lives have been ended by abortion since *Roe v. Wade*, I am happy to report, Mr. Speaker, that abortions have declined by nearly 20 percent in the last 15 years. That actually figures out to be more than 881 lives saved per day, each a poignant reminder of why we can never relent in the defense of life.

Now there are many theories about why attitudes are changing about the sanctity of life in America. Some people believe that moments like this on the floor of legislative chambers have their good effect, and I would like to believe that, but I am not really sure that I do.

Now, some think that it's about political activism and people organizing and communicating. And while that plays a role, I am not sure that it's changing attitudes in America.

And even some much more plausibly believe that legions of organizations across the country that fall under the heading of crisis pregnancy centers, organizations have come alongside young women with unwanted pregnancies and provide them with resources and a message of hope and encourage them to choose life are changing hearts, and I am much more prepared to believe that that's true.

But I actually believe in my heart of hearts that what's changing in America today is happening in the quiet

counsels between mothers and daughters, between grandmothers and granddaughters, women who themselves were victimized by abortion. I believe we are telling the most cherished younger women in their lives the truth, and attitudes are changing across kitchen tables and over coffee in living rooms.

And that's why I believe that life is winning in America. But that doesn't obviate the need for us to take action here on Capitol Hill, and action we will take, not only as we prepare to respond to what may be an eminent executive order upending one of the most popular restrictions on foreign aid in recent American history. There are rumors, Mr. Speaker, that the so-named Mexico City Policy will be overturned by our new President, and we prepare to make a case on behalf of American taxpayers and on behalf of pro-life Americans of the wrong decisions if it comes to pass. We also prepare ourselves in the legislative process to both defend and advance the cause of life.

Just moments ago, with 63 original cosponsors, I reintroduced legislation that I brought to this floor in the last Congress, the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act.

It comes as a surprise to many to learn that the largest recipient of non-abortion Federal taxpayer dollars through title 10 is the largest abortion provider in America. Most Americans don't realize that.

Let me say that again, that the largest recipient of Federal funding through title 10 is the largest abortion provider in America.

Now, Planned Parenthood, that recipient, will be very quick to say that, well, title 10 can't go to providing or promoting abortion services, and that is certainly true, but it doesn't change the fact that the largest abortion provider in America is also the recipient of literally tens of millions of dollars in Federal taxpayer money that go into their nonabortion related activities.

Our legislation, reintroduced today with broad support and in the last Congress, cosponsored by nearly 200 of our colleagues, would restrict any Federal family planning funds from going to organizations like Planned Parenthood, who perform abortions on demand or for any reason, and I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

With this I close. I believe that life is winning in America because there is a moral reawakening on this issue. It's happening in the quiet counsels of the home and the workplace and in faith communities. But that doesn't change the fact that we must take a stand on this floor, on the National Mall tomorrow and in all of our communities on behalf of the unborn.

It would be William Wilberforce who said famously of his long multi-decade struggle against the scourge of slavery, he said, "Never, never will we desist till we . . . extinguish every trace of this bloody traffic, of which our posterity, looking back to the history of

these enlightened times will scarce believe that it has been suffered to exist so long a disgrace and dishonor to this country."

Strong words, but I believe they are words that resonate with the conscience of a Nation. America is great because America is good, and at the very center of the American experiment is the belief in the value and the sanctity of every human life. Until we restore that principle to the very center of the rule of law in this very Nation, we risk the ongoing vitality of the American experiment. I believe it with all my heart.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I want to thank our very distinguished conference chair for his eloquent defense of innocent human life, for his steadfastness on this issue, and point out when my good friend and colleague mentioned Planned Parenthood, I think most Americans would be shocked and dismayed and even discouraged to learn that Planned Parenthood alone performs approximately 300,000 abortions in their own clinics every year, and that number is going up.

They seek even more money from the Federal Government, in part to expand their capability, their capacity. More clinics equals more dead babies and more wounded mothers.

I yield to my good friend and colleague from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT), SCOTT GARRETT.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. And I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for your leadership on this issue today and in the past so much and in the future as well.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I also hail from the great State of New Jersey; and tonight I would like to begin tonight by talking about a woman who lived there, who had lived there in Tenafly, a town in my congressional district. You may have heard her name before. In fact, she is commemorated in a sculpture located right here in the rotunda of this building.

I am talking about Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Ms. Stanton was a leading social activist of her time and a champion of the women's suffrage movement. As a proponent of women's rights, some might assume she supported a women's ability to have an abortion. No.

Ms. Stanton actually took the opposite view. In a letter in 1873 written to Julia Ward Howe, who was a prominent abolitionist, she wrote "When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."

She called abortion then what it was then and today as well, infanticide. Today, over 100 years later, women, of course, have won that battle of the women's suffrage movement and the right to vote, but we still allow some unborn infants to be classified as simply, with what she called it, unwanted nuisances and to be killed. You know,

permitting this hypocrisy is really a promotion, you might say, of age-based discrimination, and I believe Ms. Stanton would be appalled to know that it continues today.

After all, murder is a direct violation of the very same rights that she was fighting for back then and as proposed by our Founding Fathers in original documents. You know, as the chairman of the Constitution Caucus, I have pledged to fight for the liberties recognized by our Founding Fathers. But I know, realistically, that we will have tough battles ahead in this term and years ahead on many different fronts.

The first skirmish will likely be waged in the executive branch. One of the executive orders that President Bush stated in his Mexico City Policy, and what it does is to ban U.S. funds from going to nongovernmental agencies that provide abortion services overseas. Now, just last week, I joined Representative LAMBORN and other Members of Congress in sending a letter at that time to President-elect Obama urging him to uphold that policy when he comes into office.

Now, the second combat zone is right here in this U.S. Congress. Now, due to the successful efforts of past legislators, particularly former Congressman Henry Hyde, Federal funds could not be used to pay for abortions. However, Members who support abortions will likely, very likely, seek to erode these key restrictions.

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Even worse than that, some Members would like to pass something called the Freedom of Choice Act. So today, I have signed a letter to now-President Obama, urging him to withdraw his pledge to support any such legislation.

As bad as it is, fortunately, not all congressional clashes are on the offensive. So I applaud efforts of Members who have introduced legislation to protect the health of young mothers and restrict the number of abortions performed here in the United States.

Just today, I signed on, and I am proud to do so, of the original cosponsor of Mr. JORDAN's bill, which is the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act; Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN's Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act; and Mr. PENCE's, who was just speaking, Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act.

Thankfully, the battle for the unborn is not waged merely here in the Capitol, in the Congress, in the Executive, the walls of the White House, or the halls here of the Congress, or even at the desks across the street at the Supreme Court Justices. The main struggle is fought in the towns and suburbs and cities across this United States.

Many Americans strive to promote life by supporting young mothers who cannot afford to raise their child. They do this by adopting children who do not have a home or a parent. They counsel men and women who chose to abort and now experience the very deep depression and regret.

Just closing, just yesterday, I thought for a split second that our new President would seek to protect this innocent life as well. As I listened to his inaugural address, I heard him say, and I quote, "All are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness." It seems that President Obama really believes that some people are just too young or too small to deserve such rights or privileges.

Perhaps the new President should study the position of one of his predecessors, John Quincy Adams. Adams once wrote, "Americans, ask the Declaration of Independence and it will tell you that its authors held for self-evident truth that the right to life is the first of the unalienable rights of man, and that to secure and not destroy that right, that is the reason the governments have been created."

So, as I stand here as an elected official in this government, I pledge, along with my colleagues from New Jersey, and across this country, to follow John Adams' footsteps and uphold our basic fundamental right. For without this fundamental right, all other freedoms in this Nation shall perish.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Thank you for that very compassionate and historical context that you bring to the floor today.

The gentleman now recognizes Mr. LATTA.

Mr. LATTA. I thank the gentleman for yielding. I appreciate your efforts today on putting together this Special Order. Tomorrow, we are going to have tens of thousands of Americans here. They are coming here to support the rights of those who can't speak for themselves, the right of the unborn. I know in my hometown of Bowling Green, at Bowling Green State University, I know that at least 40 college students will be coming down tomorrow to be out there on that Mall.

It's great that we had so many people here yesterday, but we also have young people coming out to talk about and support those who can't speak for themselves.

As already has been mentioned by other of the Members today, talking about their views on the Freedom of Choice Act and what that will do in this country, it will be a travesty. The world judges us by what we do, and they will judge us harshly when they see what we do if this bill would ever become law.

I have always been pro-life. When I was in the Ohio Legislature, I had the privilege of chairing the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Criminal Justice Committee. Probably one of the toughest days that we ever had was when we had the partial birth abortion ban bill up. And when you sit on a committee that hears about all the gruesome crimes that are committed against the living, and I'd always have some of my constituents say to me, after they sat through some of our hearings after a long day, they would

say, "Latta, how do you sit through that stuff day after day after day?" I'd say, "It's my job."

But then when we had the partial birth abortion bill come before our committee, it was kind of also very unique to sit there in that committee room and look out across that audience and looking down across the committee to the folks sitting in their chairs. There was a lot of squirming going on that day because of the testimony of the doctor that testified that day to explain exactly what partial birth abortion was.

It was one of those days that I had the initiative at times as the Chair that I can actually tell that we are not going to have anyone under the age of 18 in the hearing room because of what it might do to affect some of the kids that might be there.

But when we heard the testimony that day, I can look down on both sides, left and right, and see from my members on that committee that they had heard enough. And they wanted to vote. It was a bill that we were able to bring to the floor quickly. We got that bill passed in Ohio to ban that horrible, horrible procedure, as discussed a little bit earlier.

We do things in this country that, when you see what we try to do to save the living, it's time that we do what we can to save those who cannot speak for themselves.

According to the National Right to Life, since 1973, there have been 49,551,703 abortions performed in this country. In the State of Ohio, from the Department of Health, we have records showing that 32,936 abortions were performed in Ohio alone in 1 year.

And I will close on this, because we have to think about this. We have all these troubles and travesties that are coming before our country today. We have to ask ourselves, of those 49,551,703 lives, who among those could have found the cure for cancer? Who among those could be out there that found that energy cure that we have to have for this country? And, who in that number could have been the next President of the United States?

So I am very, very glad to be here to support those who cannot speak for themselves and stand before you and say that it's time for this country to remember those who cannot speak and defend themselves.

I yield back. Thank you.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Thank you very much, Mr. LATTA.

I'd like to yield to MICHELE BACHMANN. The gentlelady is recognized.

Mrs. BACHMANN. I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH). I would like to just thank him for the years and years and years of commitment that he has had to the unborn here in America. The unborn have had a friend in CHRIS SMITH. I thank you. That through thick and thin, it seems like we got a lot closer to our goal. Right now, it seems like we are a lot

farther away when you look at the way the winds are prevailing.

It has been 36 years since we have had the fateful decision of *Roe v. Wade*. In 36 years, we look at the fruit of that decision and what it has led to. Has it been freedom for women? Some might say so. Has it been enslavement for women? There are a lot of women who testify that yes, it has been enslavement for them, to years of depression, fighting perhaps alcoholism, drug addiction, because they had no idea what terminating the life of their little child would do to them in terms of ripping up their insides. They didn't really know what the decision would mean.

My husband has had the privilege of counseling women and men who have been in that decision, abortion-minded women, who have later deeply regretted that decision that they made. I know for my husband and I, we are just so grateful God gave us five biological children over the years that we are grateful for, and we lost one.

The baby that we lost taught us so much. When that baby died, it changed our lives. I know for me, personally, I couldn't speak for 3 days after I lost that baby. Something was touched in the center of my soul, something so deep, so fundamental about human life that I can't even put into words right now. But the one thing I do know is that we are created in the image and likeness of a holy God.

I just think that we should not be about the business of taking away something that is so precious and so life-giving and that can never be altered. It is a decision that, once it's made, can't be changed.

When we lost our own baby, my husband and I decided we wanted to open up our home to children that were in difficult circumstances. And so we brought in 23 children over the years, not all at once, but over the years, and it changed us for the better, bringing in kids who are in really some of the very tough, tough situations. But, you know what? I have often heard that phrase from Planned Parenthood that says, "Every Child a Wanted Child."

I just want the American public to know, every child is a wanted child. There's a foster parent out there that wants to take in a child in at-risk situations. There are adoptive parents out there that are crying tonight, literally crying themselves to sleep, because they want to take in a child.

No, we are not talking just perfect children. We are talking special needs children. Children with disabilities of every kind. There are parents that want to adopt those children.

And so when I look at the policy that is coming down the pike here in our Nation's Capitol or we are looking at reviving this policy of having the American taxpayer pay for international abortions, my heart breaks. It breaks because it's all so unnecessary. It's unnecessary because there is love. There are homes. There are men, there are women that want to offer the positive alternative.

For years, one of our colleagues from Pennsylvania, JOE PIRRS, offered legislation called the Positive Alternatives Act. He was gracious to allow me to offer that bill last year. I offer it again now this year. It says to the men and women of America who are in a pregnancy that maybe they didn't count on that there's another way. Abortion isn't the only answer. There's a positive alternative.

Can we allow tax money, your tax money, the American people, to go to pay for international abortions? Shouldn't we allow your tax money to go to offer to pay for positive alternatives for men and women, to offer them counseling, hope. Isn't this the time of hope and change? Let's offer true hope and change that will make an eternal difference in the lives of America's next generation.

We have lost 50 million. We have lost 50 million Americans. Part of the generation that would be up and working right now to build this country into a better Nation, but we have lost them to eternity. We have lost them.

I say we have a chance now for true hope and true change, to have a positive alternative so that tax money won't be spent just on death, but tax money now could be to offer life, a true positive choice. That is why I am so grateful to my colleague from New Jersey, the wonderful Representative CHRIS SMITH, because for years and years and years he has known, he has fought. He gets it.

The next generation needs us. They need our voice. And that is why I am so grateful that I can be a Member of Congress, to make that message now and to make that plea with my beloved colleague, just to beg our colleagues to join us. If we can offer death, certainly our country is good enough to offer life.

With that, I yield back.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mrs. BACHMANN, thank you so much for your not only eloquent, but your passion for innocent life, and especially for the women who are so seriously injured by each and every abortion. Very often it doesn't manifest itself immediately. There's a post-traumatic stress element to this. And you certainly get it. And I think your passion and your voice is indispensable in this Congress. So I thank you for your leadership on behalf of all human life.

I yield to my good friend, Mr. LAMBORN.

Mr. LAMBORN. I thank the gentleman for yielding and, most of all, for his leadership on this vital interest of protecting life. So, thank you, Representative SMITH, for the years of dedication and for that of your wife as well.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the sanctity of all human life. Last Friday, in a bipartisan effort that I initiated, 78 Members of Congress sent a letter urging President Obama to continue the Mexico City Policy, which separates abortion and family planning in America's foreign aid programs.

President Reagan first issued this Executive order in 1984. This policy, the Mexico City Policy, establishes a bright line between family planning activities and abortion, therefore ensuring that U.S. family planning funds are not co-opted by groups who promote abortion or provide abortion as a method of family planning.

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Such activities sends a wrong message overseas that the United States promotes abortion. The Mexico City policy simply assures that taxpayer money is not used overseas to fund highly controversial abortion providers. The controversial debate of abortion has no business being included in foreign aid programs, and the Mexico City policy makes it clear that abortions are not to be funded overseas with U.S. tax dollars.

In these difficult economic times, the American people would not want taxpayers to fund groups that are trying to export abortions all over the world. Also, in a moral sense, it is simply wrong to make all Americans who pay taxes complicit in even the smallest degree with the funding of abortions overseas when tens of millions of Americans believe abortion, elective abortion, is immoral and wrong.

We strongly urge President Obama not to go down this road by forcing American taxpayers to pay for abortions overseas. We urge you, Mr. President, do not get rid of the Mexico City policy.

I thank you.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I yield to Mr. ROE.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as an obstetrician/gynecologist for over 30 years, and I have delivered close to 5,000 babies, I strongly, very strongly, support the sanctity of life.

Using 3-D technology like the ultrasound has given us a window to the womb that shows that the unborn child is a living, breathing person. We can see the heartbeat as early as 28 days post-conception. I have watched babies breathe, move their small fingers. They are human beings at that point of conception. I have looked through this window with my own eyes many, many times. I have seen human development from its earliest stages of a fetus all the way through birth, which strengthens my conviction in the right to life.

Life is a precious gift from God, and it begins at conception. It is our responsibility and privilege as legislators to protect those who do not have a voice. I will always fight for the right to life, because it is my conviction that we are all unique creations of God who knows us and loves us before we are ever conceived.

Tomorrow, in my opinion, will mark one of the most tragic, misguided Supreme Court cases in our Nation's history, Roe versus Wade. Since its deci-

sion in 1973, more than 50 million babies have been denied the right to life. We must make our laws consistent with our science and fully restore legal protections to all those waiting to be born. If the government has any legitimate function whatsoever, it is to protect the most innocent among us.

And, just to comment on the previous speakers, one of the most egregious procedures ever done is the third trimester abortion. I can tell you as a physician with over 30 years' experience there is no indication for that procedure for protection of the life of the mother. There are none. And my group that I practiced with for over 30 years has delivered over 25,000 children, and I can tell you right here and now, it breaks my heart to see that procedure, to know that it is done, and it is legal in this country. That is as wrong as it gets.

I am glad and privileged to be here on the floor of the House with other legislators fighting for the rights of the unborn, and I thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I yield to JIM JORDAN.

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank him for his many years of work on behalf of the pro-life cause and his work with the Pro-Life Caucus, in the bipartisan Pro-Life Caucus, here in Congress.

I just want to say quickly three thank you's to the thousands of people who will be here tomorrow and to the millions of pro-life people across this country: Thank you for getting involved in this most important issue about the sanctity of human life.

I spoke Sunday night back in our district to a banquet for a women's center in the town of Bell Fountain, Ohio, and I told them the same thing, thanking them for their effort in this cause for so many years, but also specifically I thanked them for two other things.

First, I thanked them for taking the risk. There is always risk associated with stepping into public life and advocating for something so important. There is risk associated with getting off the sidelines and getting in the game to try to make a difference. We know that many times those in the press don't always give us a fair shake on this issue.

I am always reminded of Cal Thomas, a guy who was pro-life and a syndicated columnist, Cal Thomas, and what he said when he was talking about how sometimes the press doesn't always give us a fair shake. And he had a great line. He said, "I get up every morning; I read my Bible and the New York Times so I can see what each side is up to." And there is certainly some truth to that. We understand the risk that people take when they step forward and advocate for this, but the risk is worth taking, because this issue is so important.

And the last thing I would say to, again, the thousands who are going to

be here tomorrow and the millions of pro-life people across this country, for the work you have done for years to help protect human life and protect the unborn, stay positive. I see the difference you make when you get a chance to talk with the folks who have helped these women's centers across the country, these crisis pregnancy centers across the country. They are so positive, when they can help a young lady who is in this position, help her with her unborn child and help her through the whole pregnancy. Stay positive. Positive people get things done; negative people are negative. Positive people accomplish things of meaning and significance; negative people are negative. Positive people accomplish real things, and they help a lot of other people accomplish them as well. So stay positive.

I will finish with this, Congressman. I am reminded of the story from Scripture we are all familiar with where the Israelites were camped against the Philistines, and every day the Philistine giant would walk out and issue the challenge: Who would fight Goliath? The Israelites' response was: He is so big, we can never defeat him. But David's response was: He is so big, I can't miss. And that is the attitude that pro-life people have had for over 30 years and that is the attitude that is ultimately going to allow us to win in this country and some day protect every single human being and make sure that unalienable right that our Founders talked about really applies to every single American.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank you very much. And I think you very correctly pointed out how important it is to stay positive, and Dr. ROE certainly did the same, especially bringing his expertise as a medical doctor to this very important fight for human rights and for protection of both the mother and the child. So I thank them both for their contributions.

And I yield to Dr. BROUN now such time as he might consume.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Congressman SMITH, I appreciate the opportunity to speak tonight.

Mr. Speaker, there is no greater moral issue in America than killing 4,000 babies every single day. We have killed 53 million unborn children since Roe versus Wade. God cannot and will not continue to bless America while we are killing these unborn children. He creates life. He is the only entity who has the right to take away innocent life.

I am a medical doctor. I have treated a lot of patients over many years of serving the public in that capacity as a physician, and I want to tell you that women suffer through abortion. When we look at a woman who is pregnant, we have two patients actually. That is truly a child.

We hear people, particularly the pro-abortion folks, talk about a woman should have the right to do with her body as she pleases. Well, I don't nec-

essarily disagree with that statement. But what I do say to that person who is pro-abortion: She does not have the right to kill her unborn child. That unborn child should have constitutional protections, and there is no question about it, because it is a person. In fact, in the Roe versus Wade ruling, in the majority opinion it was stated: If any definition of the beginning of life was ever established legislatively, it would vacate Roe versus Wade.

But let me tell you, America, this is a person. It is a baby. It is a baby who has all of the genetic material that it needs to grow and be successful as a human being. It is totally different from its mother's genetic makeup. It is a separate human being. At the time of fertilization is the only time that we can say that we can draw lines scientifically and say that there is not life and that there is a separate life. That occurs at fertilization.

So we need to protect these children. It is absolutely critical as a Nation because, as I said, God cannot continue to bless America while we are killing 4,000 babies every day, and 1.2 million babies, it is estimated, on a yearly basis.

We have a President, a new President who has said that he would sign the Freedom of Choice Act. The Freedom of Choice Act would actually allow abortions throughout the pregnancy, for 9 months, all the way until the baby literally was born completely and started to breathe on its own. But this is a baby. It is a life prior to that birth. In fact, the D&X procedure, partial birth abortion, if you will, was developed solely, solely, folks, and I can tell you this as a physician; it was developed by the abortionists solely to guarantee a dead baby.

They were faced with a dilemma. During these late-term abortions they were delivering babies that were alive, breathing, struggling for life. These abortionists would throw these babies on a stainless steel counter or in the garbage can and allow them to die. It tears my heart out just to think about that, but that is literally what they were doing. They had to develop a procedure that would guarantee them a dead baby, and that is the reason the partial birth abortion procedure was developed.

There is absolutely no—let me repeat—absolutely no medical reason to do that procedure except but to guarantee the abortionist a dead baby. That is what it is all about.

For many years, we have had the Mexico City policy that was put in place years ago during the Reagan administration, and what it says is that taxpayers' funds would not be given to foreign entities that promote abortion for family planning. Here in this country we have Planned Parenthood. The last statistics that I have here before me tonight were put forward in 2006. Planned Parenthood admits to performing 289,650 abortions, killing that many unborn children. They have a

profit that year of \$112 million. Yet taxpayers' dollars went to that organization to the tune of \$336 million that hardworking taxpayers sent to the Federal Government in your tax dollars. We have to stop funding this organization that is killing these children.

They say, well, it is not used for abortion. It is used for family planning. It is used for other things. Well, this is just a shell game. It is transferring funds from one place to another so they can continue this culture of death that they promote. And it is about money for them. It is about power. For the abortionist, it is about making a lot of money, and that is what it is all about. I don't see how they can stand themselves to look in the mirror every morning after they have killed all these children, because I know within my heart that they have to know that that is a child, that that is a living human being. We intuitively as physicians know that.

In fact, when I graduated from medical school, from the Medical College of Georgia, I did a pledge. It is called the Hippocratic oath. And in that oath there are two things that I pledged to do. One was to do no harm. Abortion does harm to that child, a separate human being. It is not the mother's body. It is that child's body, and we are doing harm.

Secondly, more importantly, I pledged not to do an abortion. Sadly, medical schools don't do the Hippocratic oath anymore. Why don't they do it? For the two reasons I just stated: Because the pledge in the Hippocratic oath says, I will do no harm, and I will not commit an abortion.

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Doctors in medical schools today don't take that pledge any longer. But this is the most important issue we face morally as a Nation. We have to stop the killing of these kids. There is absolutely no question about it. We have to stop using taxpayers' dollars to fund Planned Parenthood. We have to stop funding abortions in military hospitals overseas and in other Federal facilities. We have to stop funding organizations around the world that use taxpayers' dollars to promote abortion for family planning and for other things.

As we look overseas at the Mexico City Policy that Barack Obama said he is going to overturn, those moms in those countries don't need an abortion. They need some help. They need a job. They need economic wellbeing. And abortion is not going to give it to them.

Madam Speaker, I just heard a story recently. It's a story about a married lady who had one child. She and her husband were struggling economically. And she had an unintended pregnancy. So she goes to her doctor and says, Doctor, I need to have an abortion. I cannot continue through with this pregnancy. I cannot afford a second child. The doctor said, okay, I will be

glad to do it. She was shocked at the cavalier attitude that the doctor had. He said, but I will tell you what. Why don't we kill your 2 year old? Why don't we kill your 2 year old? This is a child. You have another child in your uterus. Why don't we kill your 2 year old today, and then you will have the rest of your pregnancy to be able to save some money and get back on your feet and be able to put things in order. And you will still just have one child. Well, she was shocked, absolutely shocked. How could he suggest such a thing?

But that is exactly the point he was trying to make, that this is a child. It's a human being. It's a life that is totally separate. Just like her 2 year old, that baby in her uterus is a child. It's a baby. It's a person, a whole, new human being who should have the right that we all have, the constitutional right of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, as the Declaration of Independence says, that we are given those certain inalienable rights and that we are endowed by a Creator to have those rights.

We need to give those rights to these unborn children. We have to stop the culture of death in America. We have to stop this killing of these children, 50 million, 53 million, whatever it is. God cannot and will not continue to bless America if we do. And His judgment is going to fall upon this country if we continue this heinous practice of killing these unborn children.

Mr. SMITH, Congressman CHRIS SMITH, I greatly appreciate your doing these special orders tonight. It is such an important issue. It is the greatest issue we face morally as a Nation. We have to stop it. And I'm happy to work with you and other members of the pro-life caucus in fighting to preserve the life of these unborn children that desperately want to live and that our country needs to desperately protect. And I thank you so much for the time, sir.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Dr. BROUN, thank you very much for your very eloquent and passionate statement and bringing to bear your medical expertise on this very important issue. It is extraordinary. And I hope people are listening, especially Members of Congress.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Thank you, Congressman. And the thing is that as a physician, I know that is a life. There is no question. Scientifically, it is a life. It is a separate life. It is not the mom's life. It is not just a little glob of tissue that is amorphous—that is a medical term, by the way—that doesn't have form. By the time the mom knows she is pregnant, there is a heartbeat there. The baby is developing. It is a person. It is developing feelings. It is developing a central nervous system. That is why ultrasound has been so important in protecting the lives, because these moms who are in crisis pregnancies, when they go to a crisis pregnancy center with an ultrasound—a 3D

ultrasound is even better—they look at that baby and say this is a child. And they realize that that is a child. And the American public needs to understand that it's a child. It's a baby. The word "fetus" is a Latin term. You hear the pro-abortion folks say that it is just a fetus. That term "fetus" means "baby." That is the definition of the word. It is a baby. And it truly is.

And I appreciate the long, hard fight that you have been doing for all these years to try to protect these children. And I'm glad to join you in that effort.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Thank you so much, Dr. BROUN.

DANA ROHRBACHER.

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And let me just note that I have worked with CHRIS SMITH now for 20 years. He is a heroic individual, a man who has come forth and put so much time and so much energy into protecting human rights throughout the world. Throughout the world, this man is known as the guy who will step forward and take the time and the effort to try to protect people who are under attack. Whether they are Montagnards or whether they are off in Africa or whether they are in South America or wherever out in the world that you have people whose human rights are being abused and peoples' lives, innocent lives, are being lost, CHRIS always stands up for them. And I have tried my best to work with him. He has a lot more energy than I do. But it has just been an honor serving with him.

And it is so consistent with that position for people who claim to believe in human rights to also take a very close look at the issue of abortion and understand that we are talking about a human being which has rights.

Now let me note that I did not always hold the position on abortion that I do today. And for a great deal of time in my life, I didn't give it any thought at all in fact. And what convinced me, it was very interesting, I worked for Ronald Reagan years ago. And Reagan called me to the front of the bus one time. And he said, DANA, I want to talk to you about abortion, because he thought that I was disappointed in a decision that he had made to stand up against abortion. And I said, no, I'm not against it. I just don't know much about it, and I know there's a political price to pay for people who are so pro-abortion that they will come back to you on this issue. And he said, let me ask you this, DANA. If you had a close friend and she was pregnant, and perhaps a former boyfriend who hated her and wanted to get even with her for no longer being his girlfriend, then intentionally dragged her into an alley and kicked her in the stomach because he said, I know you're pregnant and I'm going to kill your baby.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. HALVORSON). The time of the gentleman has expired.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the topic of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SOUDER. First, I want to thank Mr. ELLISON who has been waiting for some time to do his Special Order and has agreed in effect to cut the line here. People say that we don't do things in a bipartisan way, but we try to accommodate. And he has been very gracious, and I appreciate that.

I would like to yield 1 minute to Mr. FORTENBERRY from Nebraska.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. I thank the gentleman from Indiana for yielding as well. I was watching the conversation back in the office and felt compelled to come down and speak as well. I wanted to commend my colleague, Congressman SMITH, for all of his leadership through the years on this essential American issue.

And Congressman SMITH, I wanted to relay a story to you of something that happened to me a few years ago. I was at our State fair. And there is a group of people there who actually hand out little plastic replicas of unborn children just as a positive reminder to all of us about what an unborn child looks like. And I took one and brought it home. And somehow it ended up on the floor in one of my children's room or the toy room. And our youngest child actually picked that little replica of an unborn child up and was carrying it around. And before she could hardly speak a word, she was saying the word "baby, baby." This little child herself recognized an immutable truth that the wisest of us on the Supreme Court and the legislatures here and throughout the land don't seem to be able to grasp. And I think this point is essential in the sense that I think we are entering a new phase in society where we have to confront this issue head on.

The pain, the trauma, the personal conflict, the psychological damage, the tearing apart of hearts that has occurred because of abortion I think could potentially lead us to a new day because America is built on a fundamental premise namely that all persons have inherent dignity and therefore rights. We have lived that imperfectly as a country because we had to fight a civil war and have a 100-year civil rights struggle because we didn't believe that at first if you were black. We didn't believe that at first if you were a woman, because at the beginning of last century women didn't have