

says: Do you agree or disagree or have no opinion on supporting the Heartbeat bill that would outlaw abortion in America? If a heartbeat can be detected, it would outlaw abortion unless there was a physical threat to the physical life or health of the mother.

Sixty-nine percent of Americans agree with this legislation. That is across the spectrum. It is across the board, Mr. Speaker. That includes Democrats, no party, independents, and Republicans, and it includes 13 percent of the people who had no opinion.

Those that disagreed are 18 percent over here in the orange, Mr. Speaker. So we are sitting here with 69 percent of Americans who support legislation that would protect innocent, unborn human life from the moment that a heartbeat can be detected.

Because we know that life is precious, and every one of those lives contributes to the well-being of humanity. No matter what kind of life we may think they experience, they are a blessing to their father, they are a blessing to their mother, they are a blessing to their family, they are a blessing to this country. And I would point out, Mr. Speaker, that when you break this down, 69 percent in favor that support the Heartbeat bill, H.R. 490, only 18 percent oppose. And I think some of them will do that for political reasons, but they would have a hard time making the argument if they are looking in the eye of someone who has survived an abortion.

I have never heard one of the pro-abortion people look at one of the survivors of abortion and say: You should have never been born. No one does that. They don't have the nerve to do so because they know that each one of us contributes to the well-being of society, and each one of us are a gift from God. And His gift to us are the tools that we are born with, and our job is to develop them and utilize them for the well-being of everyone else.

Here is the breakdown politically: 86 percent of Republicans support the Heartbeat bill, only 6 percent of Republicans disagree. I don't know why they do, but 6 percent do. I don't know what their argument is. In the center, we have the graph of the Democrats; 55 percent of Democrats—they are the ones who would be lined up against this, I would think, but it is a significant majority. In fact, if this were a political election, Mr. Speaker, that would be a landslide at 55 percent of Democrats supporting the Heartbeat bill.

Now, we are looking for some Democrats to sign on it. Maybe they will reflect the will and wishes of their constituents. Fifty-five percent of Democrats support the Heartbeat bill, 25 percent oppose—more than 2 to 1. The undecided are in orange. That is 25 percent. So it is well over 2 to 1—2½ and actually, bordering on 3 to 1, support among the Democrats for this.

If you go to the Independents, 61 percent of Independents support the

Heartbeat bill, and 13 percent of the Independents oppose, and 27 percent of the—so it is 61 percent support among Independents, and 55 percent support among Democrats, 86 percent support among Republicans. That is the party breakdown for those who think of this in politics.

I think of this in human terms, Mr. Speaker. I think of this in terms of picking up little babies and holding them in my arms, and feeling that love, and that special smell that a little baby has, and the gurgle, the laughter, and the crying. It is all part of life.

When I think of the privilege of being able to go to church with almost my whole family and taking up, well, I guess last Sunday, parts of three pews and not all of all three. And I think of this little baby that got passed back to me, and he is kind of an in-law shirt-tail relation. I had never held him before. He snuggled up in my arms there at the end of mass, and I was able to carry him out.

We have also little children who come out of the pews to run up front at the beginning of the collection to carry their dollar bill up and put it in that basket. They are being raised right, those little kids. They will be fine. But I see them bubbling out of the pews and coming, pouring down the aisle, and lining up there. Sometimes they trip and run into each other, and knock each other down, and help each other up, and little big brother or sister will go help the little 2-year-old back again.

When you see that joy and you hear that gurgling laughter, and you think: 58.5 million babies never even had a chance to do that—never had a chance to learn, to love, to laugh, to play, to fall in love, to have their own children, to feel that joy of family, to experience this life in this wonderful country that we have. All denied them, denied them because the Supreme Court came down with a ruling that said: Well, stare decisis, the right to privacy, extended right to privacy. In the emanations and penumbras of the Constitution is a decision that they would support abortion on demand.

Well, we know that the Court has also left room—and we will have a new Court soon—the Court has left room for us to make this argument before the Court. And if anyone should stand up and say that we shouldn't move this legislation to save the lives of the next 58.5 million babies because a Court might rule it unconstitutional, my challenge back to the Court, Mr. Speaker, is: it was an erroneous decision in *Roe v. Wade*. It was erroneous in *Eisenstadt*, it was erroneous in *Griswold*, and it was erroneous in *Doe v. Bolton*. And all of those together are bound up—don't be hiding behind stare decisis, Supreme Court.

Let's look at this right to life that we have, and the right to equal protection under the law that is guaranteed to us in the 14th Amendment, and that is extended out to all of the States. And if we can't execute the most heinous

murderer without a due process all the way to the Supreme Court, and then do so in the most painless and merciful way possible while babies are being torn apart in the womb, then what have we come to as a nation?

We have the chance to rectify this, Mr. Speaker. We have an opportunity, an opportunity to move the Heartbeat bill, an opportunity to send a message from the House to the Senate and to all of America. Americans have an opportunity to weigh into us—to sign onto this bill, to move this, to save the lives of all of the babies who are born who have a heartbeat. If a heartbeat is detected, the baby is protected.

That needs to be our rallying cry across this country and across this land. Forever.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MCEACHIN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for April 4 and today.

#### HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

January 20, 2017:

H.R. 39. An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to codify the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program, and for other purposes.

January 31, 2017:

H.R. 72. An Act to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information.

February 14, 2017:

H.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers".

February 16, 2017:

H.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule.

February 28, 2017:

H.J. Res. 40. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Social Security Administration relating to Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007.

H.R. 255. An Act to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women.

H.R. 321. An Act to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach.

March 13, 2017:

H.R. 609. An Act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs health care center in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the "Abie Abraham VA Clinic".

March 27, 2017:

H.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics

and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

H.J. Res. 44. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Bureau of Land Management regulations that establish the procedures used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

H.J. Res. 57. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to accountability and State plans under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

H.J. Res. 58. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to teacher preparation issues.

March 31, 2017:

H.J. Res. 42. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants.

H.R. 1362. An Act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic.

April 3, 2017:

H.J. Res. 69. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final

rule of the Department of the Interior relating to "Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska".

H.J. Res. 83. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Clarification of Employer's Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness".

H.R. 1228. An Act to provide for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017, and for other purposes.

## SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

January 20, 2017:

S. 48. An Act to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

March 21, 2017:

S. 442. An Act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

March 28, 2017:

S. 305. An Act to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

March 31, 2017:

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.

April 3, 2017:

S.J. Res. 34. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services".

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 9 a.m.

## EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first quarter of 2017, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO BELGIUM, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 17 AND FEB. 21, 2017

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Michael Turner .....	2/19	2/21	Belgium .....		578.00		N/A				578.00
Hon. Lois Frankel .....	2/18	2/20	Belgium .....		578.00		8,576.00				9,154.00
Hon. Thomas Marino .....	2/18	2/21	Belgium .....		869.00		2,227.00				3,096.00
Hon. Steven "Brett" Guthrie .....	2/18	2/21	Belgium .....		869.00		1,778.00				2,647.00
Hon. Mike Kelly .....	2/18	2/21	Belgium .....		869.00		1,523.00				2,492.00
Hon. James Costa .....	2/17	2/21	Belgium .....		1,031.00		7,750.00				8,781.00
Hon. Ted Deutch .....	2/19	2/21	Belgium .....		578.00		6,839.00				7,417.00
Jessica Calio .....	2/17	2/21	Belgium .....		1,156.00		2,011.00				3,167.00
Janice Robinson .....	2/17	2/21	Belgium .....		1,156.00		2,011.00				3,167.00
Ed Rice .....	2/17	2/21	Belgium .....		1,156.00		2,011.00				3,167.00
Committee total .....					8,840.00		34,726.00				43,566.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER, Feb. 21, 2017.

## EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

974. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Inflation Adjustments and Other Technical Amendments Under Titles I and III of the JOBS Act [Release Nos.: 33-10332; 34-80355; File No.: S7-09-16] (RIN: 3235-AL38) received April 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

975. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2016 report to Congress entitled "Preservation and Promotion of Mi-

nority Depository Institutions", pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1463 note; Public Law 101-73, Sec. 308 (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 367(4)(B)); (124 Stat. 1556); to the Committee on Financial Services.

976. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the FY 2016 Annual Report of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5452(e); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 342(e); (124 Stat. 1543); to the Committee on Financial Services.

977. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Rehabilitation of the Jetty System at the Mouth of the Columbia River:

Jetty A, North Jetty, and South Jetty, in Washington and Oregon [Docket No.: 160405311-6999-02] (RIN: 0648-BF95) received April 4, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

978. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the FY 2016 Annual Report, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 109-304, Sec. 4; (120 Stat. 1489); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

979. A letter from the Vice President, Government Relations, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting the Authority's Statistical Summary for FY 2016; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

980. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human