

Roll Call of Obama-Pelosi Anti-Life Assaults

January 23, 2009

The day after pro-life Americans marched in Washington to remember the 36th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, President Obama issued two fiat's against the unborn.

- (1) Overturn the **Mexico City Policy**, thereby opening up over 500 million dollars to foreign NGOs that promote and perform abortion overseas.
- (2) Directed the Secretary of State to fund the UN population control program, UNFPA, despite the organization's involvement in China's brutal one child policy.

February 25, 2009

Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Bart Stupak (D-MI) offered an amendment to the Omnibus Appropriations Act to reinstate the Mexico City Policy. The Rules Committee, controlled by Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), **refused to allow the House to even debate and vote on the Smith/Stupak Amendment.**

March 6, 2009

Obama appointees at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced their intention to **rescind the Bush era conscience regulation** designed to protect health care providers from discrimination due to their opposition to participating in abortion or abortion-related activities. The proposal to overturn the regulation is still pending, but when finalized, it will result in greater threats to the freedom of pro-life health care professionals to provide health care without being forced to violate their conscience.

March 9, 2009

President Obama held a White House ceremony to announce his directive to the National Institute of Health that would **require expanded taxpayer funded embryo destructive stem cell research.** In so doing, he created the largest federal incentive for embryo destructive research to date. The guidelines were finalized on July 7, 2009.

May 7, 2009

President Obama submitted his FY10 budget proposal, including a request to allow **taxpayer funding for abortion** in the District of Columbia.

April 22, 2009

Before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Secretary Clinton testified that the Obama Administration's policy is to **export abortion around the world.** In response to questions raised by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Clinton said that they are promoting reproductive health and "reproductive health includes access to abortion."

June 10, 2009

The State Department Reauthorization incorporated language to establish an Office of Global Women's Issues at the State Department. Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) offered an amendment to ensure that this office could not carry out the Clinton abortion-exportation agenda. However, the Smith Amendment was rejected when the Committee considered the bill. On the House Floor, Rep. Louise Slaughter and **Speaker Pelosi denied Smith and his colleagues the opportunity to debate and vote on the Smith protection.**

July 7, 2009

The House Appropriations Committee considered the Financial Services Appropriations bill, which complied with the Obama request to allow **publicly funded abortions** in the District of Columbia. Reps. Todd Tiahrt (R-KS) and Lincoln Davis (D-TN) offered an amendment to restore the long-standing ban on funding abortion in D.C., but the amendment failed. Notably, Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH), who presents himself as a pro-life leader, voted in support of publicly funded abortion.

July 9, 2009

The Senate Appropriations Committee reported a Financial Services bill that allowed **taxpayer funding for abortion in D.C.**, and also, if enacted, would fund **abortion for federal employees** under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP).

July 16, 2009

The Financial Services Appropriations bill containing language to fund **abortion in the District of Columbia** was reported under a rule that prohibited consideration of an amendment to restore the funding ban. The amendment was offered by Reps. Lincoln Davis (D-TN) and Todd Tiahrt (R-KS) and four additional pro-life Republicans and four additional pro-life Democrats. Outraged that the bipartisan pro-life coalition was denied an opportunity to vote on the Davis/Tiahrt Amendment, an effort was mounted to defeat the Rule for consideration of the Financial Services bill. When time for the vote ran out, the pro-life side had prevailed. However, Speaker Pelosi **held the vote open long enough to persuade four Members to change their votes**. Once the outcome had been changed, the vote was gaveled and the rule passed. The House went on to pass the bill without restoring the ban.

July 24, 2009

The House rejected an amendment to stop taxpayer dollars funded under Title X of the Public Health Service Act from **funding Planned Parenthood**. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider providing over 300,000 abortions in the most recent reported year.

July 16-17, 2009

The House Committees on Ways and Means and Education and Labor considered legislation to overhaul the health care system in America. Both committees **rejected all pro-life amendments to restrict taxpayer funding for abortion and prevent mandatory coverage of abortion in all American health insurance plans, public and private**. In the Ways and Means Committee, pro-life amendments were offered by Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA) and Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX). The Cantor anti-abortion funding amendment failed by a vote of 19-22, and the Johnson anti-abortion mandate amendment failed by a vote of 18-23. In the Education and Labor Committee, pro-life amendments offered by Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN) failed by a vote of 19-29.

July 30, 2009

After a nine day delay, the Energy and Commerce Committee resumed their health care restructuring mark up. Expecting a series of pro-life amendments and fearing that they may prevail, long time pro-abortion Representative, Lois Capps (D-CA), offered a so-called compromise amendment. In reality the Capps amendment would include abortion in the public plan and require taxpayer subsidies to go to plans that reimburse for abortion. This action breaks with the long standing tradition of withholding taxpayer subsidies from plans that include abortion. Capps employed a thinly veiled accounting scheme intended to cover up the abortion funding mandate and used that scheme to attract votes for her amendment. After passage of the Capps amendment, the **Committee went on to defeat a bona fide pro-life amendment offered by Reps. Joe Pitts (R-PA) and Bart Stupak (D-MI)**. The Pitts/Stupak pro-life amendment was only defeated after Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) called a revote and convinced Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN) to switch his vote.

Will add Stupak/Smith funding amendment information when it is available.