



FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE

Knowing that Obama wants to rescind protection of conscience, Senator Tom Coburn introduced an amendment in the Senate to protect conscience rights of patients and health care providers. The amendment was defeated 56-41, paving the way for an administrative revocation of this Bush rule. In reaction to this impending activity, Cardinal Francis George, president of the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops stated, "The government should not come between an individual person and God. That is what America is supposed to be about. We therefore need legal protection for freedom of conscience and religion, including freedom for religious health care institutions to be true to themselves." It is reported that during a meeting with President Obama, Cardinal George stated that Catholic health institutions would not comply with Obama's projected compulsory federal socialized medicine which includes coverage for abortion. Obama is to have said, "That is okay, we will simply buy the hospitals." George's retort was, "they are not for sale."

(Cincinnati Right to Life Educational Foundation, Inc., June/July, 2009)

MEMORIAL:

In loving memory of our grandson, Taylor Caretti, by Donny and Ruth Huffman.

REPEALING CONSCIENCE RULES WILL HURT HEALTH CARE

If Obama follows through on his predictions, he will cancel the Bush Administration's rules that provide protections for pro-life doctors and medical personnel to obey their own conscience regarding participating in abortion. A spokesman for the Christian medical Association stated that if this comes about and is enforced, it will drive thousands of faith-based physicians out of medicine and will close faith-based hospitals that provide almost 20% of the health care delivered in the U.S. (Ibid)

STEM CELL RESEARCH FUNDING

Barack Obama has reinstated federal funding for the useless and dangerous embryonic stem cell research. Less well known, however, is his second executive order, which rescinded funding for adult stem cell research and the immensely promising and successful new pluripotent stem cells. (Ibid)

ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION CANCELED

Obama has transferred funds for abstinence-only to comprehensive sex education programs which include contraceptive education. Moral issues aside, Obama is eliminating programs that have reduced teen pregnancy and is reapplying the money to programs that have failed to do so. (Ibid)

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PROTECTING PREGNANT WOMEN

Ohio's new Protecting Pregnant Women from Coercion & Violence Act is in effect. In addition to protecting pregnant women from violence and coerced abortions, the new law allows individuals to seek damages by offering proof against abortion facilities that fail to report known or suspected child sexual abuse. (Ibid) (Ed. note: Don't tell Obama about this, he may find a way to nullify it.)

WASHINGTON TIMES OP-ED: SUPREME COURT NOMINEE SOTOMAYOR WILL BACK ABORTION

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com,6/19/09) -- The Washington Times posted an editorial on Wednesday responding to the view by some, including national radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, that Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor may not be as bad on abortion as some observers believe. After President Barack Obama announced the appeals court judge as his first selection for the Supreme Court, a review of her judicial record showed some favorable cases. Sotomayor ruled in favor of upholding the Mexico City Policy, preventing tax-funding of groups that promote and perform abortions overseas, sided with pro-life advocates in a free speech case and ruled in favor of Chinese people fleeing the nation's forced abortion regime. However, the rulings don't show any evidence of what Sotomayor would do on the high court when she is not bound by precedent or higher court rulings and is free to adjudicate based on her personal feelings. The Washington Times says that Sotomayor will likely promote abortion and uphold Roe v. Wade on the high court and that it is a mistake to assume otherwise. "Pro-life groups should not follow the famed radio host in assuming the Supreme Court nominee will have empathy for their legal or moral positions," the newspaper wrote. It says using the minor abortion cases as a basis on which to claim Sotomayor will side with pro-life advocates on Roe "is almost certainly misreading the record" and that pro-life advocates "should calmly but actively urge their senators to oppose Judge Sotomayor's nomination."

LEROY CARHART PLANS TO CONTINUE LATE-TERM ABORTIONS IN KANSAS AFTER TILLER DEATH

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com,6/17/09) -- Nebraska-based late-term abortion practitioner LeRoy Carhart, a colleague of slain late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller, says he plans to do such abortions in Kansas. With the Tiller family announcing that it will permanently close his abortion center, Carhart may open up his own business. Carhart indicated he would do late-term abortions but would not say whether he would do them from an existing facility or would open his own abortion center somewhere in the state. He insisted in an interview with the Associated Press that "there will be a place in Kansas for the later second- and the medically indicated third-trimester patients very soon," although there is never any medical reason for abortions so late in pregnancy. "I just think that until everything is in place, it's something that doesn't need to be talked about" in detail, Carhart added. Carhart was a Tiller colleague and routinely participated in late-term abortions at Tiller's abortion center in Wichita since Nebraska law provides more protection for human life. He has run his own abortion center outside Omaha since 1985. He has never trained his staff to do late-term abortions and told AP that it may be necessary to begin doing them in Kansas. "If I have to train the staff and if I have to do them, then that's certainly an option for a fetus that would not survive outside the womb," he said.

MONTHLY PRAYER PETITION:

Pray for forgiveness of those who destroy innocent human life or condone the unlawful destruction of life for any reason. Ask God to *change President Obama's mind about abortion.*



SENATE CAN'T FIND SPONSORS FOR RESOLUTION PRAISING ABORTION PRACTITIONER TILLER

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com, 6/22/09) --

After the House of Representatives approved a resolution praising late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller and condemning the violence that led to his death, the Senate tried this week to approve a similar measure. Tony Perkins, the president of the Family Research Council, talked about the developments. "Rather than praise Tiller's legacy of death, House members decided to pass a resolution condemning all violence. That didn't satisfy the most militantly pro-abortion Senators, who tried--without success--to find enough sponsors to introduce a resolution paying tribute to all abortion providers and 'the services they provide,'" he explained. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a New Hampshire Democrat, was behind the pro-Tiller, pro-abortion resolution and she spoke on the Senate floor late this week lamenting the fact that her colleagues would not support the idea. "I know that there are many heartfelt feelings on both sides of this issue and on both sides of the aisle," she said. "However, I was hopeful that regardless of our differences of opinion... the Senate could come together and pass a resolution that rejects the use of violence against reproductive care providers." However, pro-life lawmakers asked her to remove language from the resolution praising abortion and told her they would support it should it only condemn abortion-related violence. She refused and the measure failed. Perkins responded, "What an encouragement to the pro-life community that while some Senators may vote in favor of abortion, they stand strongly against any effort to glorify it. Like us, they realize that just as violence cannot be tolerated, neither can any effort to exalt those who practice it against the unborn." Senators Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat, and Amy Klobuchar, a Minnesota Democrat, were also behind the pro-abortion resolution.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE PROPOSES HEALTH CARE ALTERNATIVE WITHOUT RATIONING

Charlotte, NC (LifeNews.com,6/22/09) --

At its annual convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, the National Right to Life Committee re-released its plan for a reform of the health care system that will not result in rationing. One of the main concerns pro-life advocates have concerning the health care reform debate, apart from worries that any plan will be used to require taxpayer-financed abortions or require insurance companies to cover abortions, is that the plan will lead the rationing of health care. As Congress moves into high gear in its consideration of health care reform legislation, National Right to Life shared its proposal of how affordably to finance subsidized expansion of insurance to the uninsured without the need for rationing lifesaving medical treatment. "We cannot afford to accept rationing in the name of reform," said Burke J. Balch, J.D., director

of the National Right to Life Powell Center for Medical Ethics. "It is a false assumption that we must sacrifice life-saving medical treatment to provide health care coverage to the uninsured and under-insured." "Denial of lifesaving medical treatment to patients against their will, including through government rationing, is a form of involuntary euthanasia," Balch added. During his discussion of the alternative plan, Balch talked about the dangers of rationing, as seen in Canada and Europe, and of how some forms of "comparative effectiveness" research can result in rationing that discriminates on the basis of disability. He also explained how, on the other hand, sustainable long-term financing could be obtained to allow health care reform without rationing. In Washington, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee continues another day of debating amendments to one massive health reform bill, while the Senate Finance Committee is expected to release an alternative proposal it plans to consider. A third bill to be heard by the three U.S. House committees with jurisdiction will be made public shortly.

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NO JULY MEETING

Please note we are not planning a July meeting. We have ordered the bulk of the literature for the Fair booth and since we have no pending business, we are taking a month off. Have a great July 4th and celebrate our wonderful country while it is still wonderful. We'll see you in August on Tuesday the 11th. Have a great summer!

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION REVIEW

Because of its strongly pro-abortion position, President Bush stopped using the American Bar Association to review top-level judicial nominees. Barack Obama has just reinstated them. (Ibid)

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP STOP ABORTION

Take part in local projects and pro-life activities. A good place to start is to attend your local right to life group. WCRTL meets the second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted in our newsletter. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 11**, at 6:30 at Joe Schmidt's office at St. Marys School on Marion Street. Call Barb at 740-376-0551 for more details.

VATICAN OFFICIAL CONDEMNS NOTRE DAME

Archbishop Raymond burke, head of the Catholic Church's highest court, spoke for the Pope with a hard-hitting address at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in May. "I come to you with deepest concern" he said. "Recently our nation has chosen a path, which completely denies any legal guarantee for the most fundamental human right, the right to life of the innocent and defenseless unborn. This will move to those burdened by advancing years and serious illnesses." He mentioned Obama's support for the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), repeal of the Mexico City Policy, funding the genocidal Chinese abortion program, and rescission of the Freedom of conscience Clause. He identified Secretary of Health & Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, as a Catholic who has "openly and persistently cooperated with the industry of procured abortions." He stated firmly that "voting for a pro-abortion candidate, despite their good positions on other issues, is never justified." Archbishop Burke condemned Notre Dame's invitation to Obama as a scandal, worsened by giving him an honorary degree. He reminded us that U.S. Catholic bishops have made clear that Catholic colleges should not give a platform to honor "those who teach and act publicly against the moral law," and specifically pointed to Obama, "who is so aggressively advancing an anti-life and anti-family agenda. This is rightly the source of the greatest scandal, and because of it such a university should not be worthy of the name Catholic." At this, the 1200 present spontaneously gave the Archbishop a prolonged standing ovation, far longer than any of the other frequent applause interruptions. (Cincinnati Right to Life Educational Foundation, Inc., publication June/July, 2009)

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