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“Abortion Stops a Beating Heart”

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Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, HR 1797, Passes U. S. House 228-196

Greensboro, NC -North Carolina Right to Life applauds the U. S. House of Representatives for passing the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, HR 1797, a bill based on model legislation developed by National Right to Life (NRLC) and which protects unborn children 20 weeks and older (6 months and older) from abortion based on the medical findings that unborn children feel pain at this stage of development and beyond. The bill passed 228-196 with 10 members not voting and with six House members crossing party lines in each direction. The President has promised to veto the bill although it is doubtful that the U. S. Senate will even consider the legislation.

“The American public by a large majority support prohibiting abortions on pain capable unborn children,” stated Barbara Holt, President of North Carolina Right to Life. “The House acted today to address this nationwide problem of abortions being performed in the later stages of a mother’s pregnancy with little regard for the pain that the unborn child feels.”

Some of the extensive evidence that unborn children have the capacity to experience pain, at least by 20 weeks fetal age, is available on the NRLC website at http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/Fetal_Pain/index.html and also here: <http://www.doctorsonfetalpain.com/>

The science behind the findings in the bill was explored at a May 23 congressional hearing. The testimony of the witnesses is posted here: http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/Fetal_Pain/Witnesses1797Hearing052313.html.

A medical illustration of one common method of late abortion (“D&E”) is posted here: <http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/pba/DEabortiongraphic.html>

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