

Nebraska Right to Life

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the National Right
to Life Committee



Pink and blue
memorial balloons lift
off at the
State Capitol during
NRL's annual
Walk for Life



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LB 675, Mother's Right to See Her Unborn Child Ultrasound Bill Moves to Floor

On April 9, the Legislature's Judiciary Committee voted to the floor LB 675, the Mother's Right to See Her Unborn Child Ultrasound Bill. The bill was heard in committee March 5, the same day that Nebraska Right to Life (NRL) hosted Pro-Life Legislative Day at the Capitol.

NRL would like to acknowledge the work that the Judiciary Committee has done on this issue by sending the bill to the floor for consideration by the full Legislature. LB 675 will ensure that an ultrasound of a pregnant woman's unborn child will be on display at least one hour prior to an abortion, giving the mother the opportunity to view her unborn child on the screen if she so chooses.

LB 675 puts the responsibility back on the abortionist where it belongs: ensuring that the ultrasound screen is displayed in such a manner that the mother can make the decision to look or not look at the screen. This is an improvement over the current system where abortionists claim they offer the mother the option to view her child, but may not be displaying the screen towards her.

National Right to Life, NRL's parent organization, is committed to seeing through the passage of LB 675 and has sent NRLC State Legislative Director Mary Spaulding Balch, J.D., to Nebraska twice to lobby for the bill.

Senators Tony Fulton of Lincoln and Beau McCoy of



At the NRL Walk for Life on January 31, from left, Senator Tony Fulton with daughter Mary Bernadette, Governor Dave Heineman, NRLC's Mary Spaulding Balch and Attorney General Jon Bruning.

Elkhorn are to be commended for introducing and prioritizing LB 675.

Governor Dave Heineman and Attorney General Jon Bruning also strongly supported LB 675 in their remarks at the Walk for Life.

LB 675 represents the type of "push the envelope" legislation which NRLC and NRL are committed to passing in states such as Nebraska where the opportunity exists. Thirteen other states already have ultrasound legislation which doesn't go as far as LB 675. Oklahoma's law, passed in 2008, is the strongest bill on record but is currently enjoined.

Nebraska Right to Life Political Action Committee Endorsements For Omaha & Lincoln General Elections

OMAHA

Mayor: Hal Daub
City Council:
District 1: Sharon Chvala
District 2: No endorsement
District 3: Chip Maxwell (sole endorsement due to NRL PAC policy of showing preference to grassroots pro-life activists)
District 4: No endorsement
District 5: Jon Blumenthal & Jean Stothert
District 6: Franklin Thompson (sole endorsement due to NRL PAC policy of showing preference to incumbent)
District 7: Chuck Sigerson (pro-life incumbent, running unopposed)

LINCOLN

City Council: Adam Hornung & Ken Svoboda
Lincoln Public Schools Board of Education:
District 1: No endorsement
District 3: No endorsement
District 5: Kevin Keller
District 7: Andrew Ringsmuth

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Omaha General Election: May 12
Lincoln General Election: May 5

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NU President Dictates Hold On Regents Policy

University of Nebraska President James Milliken cut off at the pass any action by the NU Board of Regents on the Obama Administration's expansion of federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Milliken issued a statement in April that no action would be taken on the current University policy which held to the Bush guidelines on ESCR until the comment period on the new regulations is done in July. It is anticipated that by that time, the five pro-life Regents on the eight-member Board will have the information necessary to act; either to hold to the Bush policy or enact a new one.

The five pro-life members, Howard Hawks, Randy Ferlic, James McClurg, Bob Phares and Tim Clare, all answered NRL PAC's survey over the years in agreement with us on three bioethics questions regarding ESCR and cloning. It is imperative that you spread the word to your e-mail lists and others to contact these five Regents and ask them to act to ensure that UNMC does not expand its



Pro-Lifers who attended NU Regents meeting in Lincoln on March 6 in opposition to expanded embryonic stem cell research.

embryonic stem cell research with regard to new regulations under this Administration. Contact them at:

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President Obama's Pro-Abortion Record: A Pro-Life Compilation

by **Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com**

The following is a compilation of bill signings, speeches, appointments and other actions that President Barack Obama has engaged in that have promoted abortion before and during his presidency. While Obama has promised to reduce abortions and some of his supporters believe that will happen, this long list proves his only agenda is promoting more abortions.

Post-Election / Pre-Inauguration

Nov. 5, 2008 - Obama selects pro-abortion Rep. Rahm Emanuel as his White House Chief of Staff. Emanuel has a 0% pro-life voting record according to National Right to Life.

Nov. 19 - Obama picks pro-abortion former Sen. Tom Daschle as his Health and Human Services Secretary. Daschle has a long pro-abortion voting record according to National Right to Life.

Nov. 20 - Obama chooses former NARAL legal director Dawn Johnsen to

serve as a member of his Department of Justice Review Team. Later, he finalizes her appointment as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Legal Counsel in the Obama administration.

Nov. 24 - Obama appoints Ellen Moran, the former director of the pro-abortion group Emily's List as his White House communications director. Emily's List only supported candidates who favored taxpayer funded abortions and opposed a partial-birth abortion ban.

Nov. 24 - Obama puts former Emily's List board member Melody Barnes in place as his director of the Domestic Policy Council.

Nov. 30 - Obama named pro-abortion Sen. Hillary Clinton as the Secretary of State. Clinton has an unblemished pro-abortion voting record and has supported making unlimited abortions an international right.



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Life Marches

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More than 4,500 participants demonstrated their commitment to life at the annual Nebraska Walk For Life Jan. 31. The keynote speaker for the event was Michael Clancy, who photographed Baby Samuel Armas reaching his hand out of the womb during fetal surgery. The experience encouraged Clancy to become a pro-life activist.



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Dec. 10 - Obama selects pro-abortion former Clinton administration official Jeanne Lambrew to become the deputy director of the White House Office of Health Reform. Planned Parenthood is "excited" about the selection.

Dec. 10 - Obama transition team publishes memo from dozens of pro-abortion groups listing their laundry list of pro-abortions actions they want him to take.

Pro-Abortion Presidential Record

Jan. 5, 2009 - Obama picks pro-abortion Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine as the chairman of the Democratic Party.

Jan. 6 - Obama chooses Thomas Perrelli, the lawyer who represented Terri Schiavo's husband Michael in his efforts to kill his disabled wife, as the third highest attorney in the Justice Department.

Jan. 22 - Releases statement restating support for Roe v. Wade decision that allowed virtually unlimited abortions and has resulted in at least 50 million abortions since 1973.

Jan. 23 - Forces taxpayers to fund pro-abortion groups that either promote or perform abortions in other nations. Decision to overturn Mexico City Policy sends part of \$457 million to pro-abortion organizations.

Jan. 26 - Obama nominee for Deputy Secretary of State, James B. Steinberg, tells members of the Senate that taxpayers should be forced to fund abortions. Nominee erroneously says limits on abortion funding are unconstitutional.

Jan. 29 - President Obama nominates pro-abortion David Ogden as Deputy Attorney General.

Feb. 12 - Obama nominates pro-abortion Elena Kagan to serve as Solicitor General.

Feb. 27 - Starts the process of overturning pro-life conscience protections President Bush put in place to make sure medical staff and centers are not forced to do abortions.

Feb. 28 - Barack Obama nominates pro-abortion Kathleen Sebelius to become Secretary of Health and Human Services.

March 5 - The Obama administration shut out pro-life groups from attending a White House-sponsored health care summit. Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business, made the invitation list as did other pro-abortion groups.

March 9 - President Barack Obama signed an executive order forcing taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research.

March 10 - Obama announces the creation of a new foreign policy position to focus on women's issues. He names Melanne Vermeer, an abortion advocate, to occupy the post.

March 10 - Reverses an executive order to press for more research into ways of obtaining embryonic stem cells without harming human life. The order Obama scrapped would have promoted new forms of stem cell research.

March 11 - Obama signed an ex-

ecutive order establishing a new agency within his administration known as the White House Council on Women and Girls. Obama's director of public liaison at the White House, Tina Tchen, an abortion advocate, became director of it.

March 11 - Obama administration promotes an unlimited right to abortion at a United Nations meeting.

March 11 - Obama administration officials deny negative effects of abortion at United Nation's meeting.

March 17 - President Barack Obama makes his first judicial appointment and names pro-abortion federal Judge David Hamilton to serve on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

March 26 - President Obama announced \$50 million for the UNFPA, the UN population agency that has been criticized for promoting abortion and working closely with Chinese population control officials who use forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations.

April 7 - The Vatican has rejected three Obama ambassador nominees because of their positions in favor of abortions.

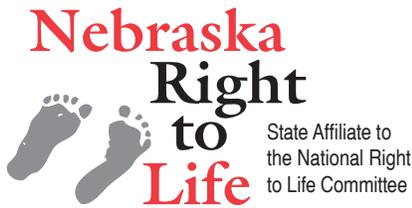
April 7 - Obama has named pro-abortion law professor Harold Hongju Koh as the top lawyer for the State Department.

April 7 - Put more abortion advocates on his White House advisory council for faith-based issues.

April 14 - Obama administration releases document that claims pro-life people may engage in violence or extremism.

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Pro-Life Legislative Day

The St. Hilaire family from Dwight came to Pro-Life Legislative Day on March 5 to talk to their Dist. 23 Senator Chris Langemeier

More Images From The Walk For Life



One of several State Patrol officers who oversaw the Walk for Life on Jan. 31. By April, Homeland Security had released its report citing single issue activists on issues like abortion as having the potential for terrorist tendencies. A law enforcement helicopter flew over the Walk crowd for the entire half hour of the program at the Capitol.



Ericka and Brian Kimminau of Omaha with Walk Keynoter Michael Clancy at the Student Union

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Contact Notre Shame President Over Honoring Obama

Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins' unfortunate invitation to pro-abortion President Barack Obama to give its commencement address AND receive an honorary degree has sparked a firestorm of opposition.

Many are standing up against this egregious action. One is Tony Lauinger, President of Oklahomans for Life and Vice President of National Right to Life. Tony and his wife Phyllis' eight children have all graduated from Notre Dame with the youngest poised to graduate at this commencement. See Tony's heartfelt letter to Father Jenkins at www.nrlc.org/news, April 2009 issue.

Another act of upholding the

Catholic faith came from former Vatican ambassador Mary Ann Glendon, a respected pro-life advocate and a Harvard law professor, who is declining an invitation to speak at the Commencement and receive the Laetere Medal, in recognition of outstanding service to the Catholic Church and society due to the fact that she felt Notre Dame was trying to balance out the Obama invitation with her own.

To protest Notre Dame's action you can e-mail, write or call at this info: Father John Jenkins, President of Notre Dame, 317 Main Bldg., Notre Dame, IN 46556 or call 574-631-5000, fax 574-631-2770, or e-mail president@nd.edu

Go Ahead & Contact Georgetown University Too!

Express your disappointment about Georgetown University honoring pro-abortion Vice President Joe Biden with an honorary award on April 22 and for covering up the symbol of Jesus Christ at the behest of the Obama Administration when the President spoke there.

Georgetown University Law Center, 600 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, (p) 202-662-9031. You can also use the contact form at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/forms/form.cfm?FormID=17>