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## PRO-LIFE BILLS GET SHUT OUT THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Nebraska Legislature chose not to act on two pro-life bills introduced this session. LB 300, the Women's Right to Know: 4/D Ultrasound bill and LB 564, the Freedom of Conscience bill, were heard March 1st in the Judiciary Committee and remain there. This is the second year in a row that the Legislature has not passed a pro-life bill brought by proponents in the pro-life movement after four years of consistent passage of pro-life bills from 2008 to 2011.

The Committee gave a very rough time to LB 564, Freedom of Conscience, saying it will need more re-drafting, despite two years of work by proponents to address concerns brought by organizations such as the Nebraska Hospital Association and the Nebraska Psychiatric Association, which opposed the bill at the hearing.

The other bill, LB 300, was

Nebraska Right to Life's priority this session. This bill would direct the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services to create a dedicated web page within their website that contains all of the information for informed consent prior to an abortion and would have added two new components to that statute. LB 300 would have the DHHS web page link directly to the Endowment for Human Development website, which contains more than 136 moving 4-D ultrasound videos of babies developing in the womb, at every gestational stage. It also would have directed Nebraska abortion facilities (Planned Parenthood in Lincoln & Omaha and LeRoy Carhart in Bellevue) to provide a link on their websites to the DHHS web page, which would in turn link to the 4-D images.

While we had good testimony at the hearing from three young women with experience with abortion facilities,

the Committee also chose not to take up LB 300 in Executive Session. While we worked to get LB 300 named as a Senators' priority bill prior to the March 15th deadline, no Senator chose it as his/her priority bill. In order for a controversial bill to move out of Committee and have floor debate, it must be named a priority. Each Senator gets to name one priority bill per session. So LB 300 will remain in Judiciary Committee this year (unless they move to kill it) and then hopefully will be a priority bill next year and move to the floor for full debate and passage.

While this is disappointing given the past four years of pro-life achievements in the Legislature, it can be attributed in some part to the influence of and return of Sen. Ernie Chambers, who sat out four years due to term limits. He was not happy with the passage of

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## PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE DAY HELD MARCH 1ST

Nebraska Right to Life hosted its annual Pro-Life Legislative Day on March 1st at the State Capitol in conjunction with the hearing on pro-life bills. The morning was spent training citizens on the legislative process and about LB 300 and LB 564 in particular. Attendees heard from Sen. John Nelson, sponsor of LB 564, and Sen. Pete Pirsch, a past sponsor of pro-life bills. Citizen groups can meet in the State Capitol as long as their meeting room is hosted by a State Senator. Senator Bob Krist, sponsor of LB 300, hosted our room for the morning. After handing out information packets, attendees proceeded to the Rotunda to call out their Senators to visit with them about the bills. Each Senator received an information packet. Those pro-lifers who were able to stay



Sen. John Nelson of Omaha briefs pro-lifers on his bill, LB 564.

attended the Judiciary Committee hearing that afternoon.

# PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

## FOR LOCAL CITY & COUNTY ELECTIONS, OMAHA 2013 (LINCOLN PRIMARY RESULTS WERE SENT VIA E-MAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA)

**Candidates:** Your answers to this survey are for educational purposes only; this is not an endorsement of any candidate.

Pro-life citizens in your county/city are sending this educational survey to local candidates in selected races. Responses of those who reply will be shared with the general public via whatever means of communication the local pro-life activists wish to employ such as social media, email, newsletters or newspaper ads.

1. In its 1973 rulings, Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, the U.S. Supreme Court created a constitutional "right to abortion" that invalidated the abortion laws in all 50 States giving us a policy of abortion on demand through all nine months of gestation. Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe abortion should be legal?
  - a. In no case.  Yes  No
  - b. Only to prevent the death of the mother.  Yes  No
  - c. In cases of incest and rape reported to law enforcement authorities.  Yes  No
  - d. In cases of fetal deformity.  Yes  No
  - e. In cases to select the desired sex of the child.  Yes  No
2. Do you support the reversal of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, which would return the issue of abortion to the individual States as a matter of public policy?  Yes  No

3. Planned Parenthood is the largest provider and promoter of abortion in the U.S. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland has expressed a desire to move into cities outside of Omaha and Lincoln. Would you support efforts to divert tax funds for government programs away from Planned Parenthood and any such organizations that perform, promote, counsel or refer for abortion?  Yes  No
  4. Would you oppose efforts to place restrictions on abortion alternative pregnancy care centers through unnecessary regulations, zoning ordinances or other policies which apply only to these pro-life centers and would disrupt their ability to provide services?  Yes  No
  5. Abortion clinics in Nebraska are largely unregulated. Would you support requiring abortion clinics to meet the same public health standards as other outpatient surgical facilities?  Yes  No
  6. Would you support banning the taxpayer funding and creation of school-based health clinics in public schools that could counsel and refer for abortion without parental consent?  Yes  No
- Note: For Question 7, the term "use" means: "the sale, purchase, research and/or transplantation of."
7. Would you support banning the "use" of human embryonic stem cells, either multiple frozen embryos created through in vitro fertilization or embryos created for the express purpose of medical research?  Yes  No

### CANDIDATE RESPONSES Key: Y=Yes N=No — No Answer

#### OMAHA

##### MAYOR

Jean Stothert

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jean Stothert	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

##### CITY COUNCIL

Dist. 1

Ed Truemper

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ed Truemper	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Dist. 4

Virgil J. Patlan Sr.

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2	3	4	5	6	7
Virgil J. Patlan Sr.	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Dist. 5

Jeff Moore

Rich Pahls

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jeff Moore	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rich Pahls	Y	—	—	—	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Dist. 7

Tim Lonergan

Aimee S. Melton

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tim Lonergan	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Aimee S. Melton	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

##### OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sub Dist. 5

Lou Ann Goding

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lou Ann Goding	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Sub Dist. 7

Andy Allen

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andy Allen	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y

Sub Dist. 9

Rebecca

Barrientos-Patlan

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

This is an educational survey done by Nebraska Right to Life Inc., 404 S. 11th St., P.O. Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501. No endorsements are made when NRL Inc's 501-C-4 conducts a survey only for educational purposes to inform voters as to how candidates responded. All candidates who filed for Omaha Mayoral, City Council & OPS Board races were sent a survey via email or postal mail and were given a deadline by which to respond.

## GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD



Bishop James Conley leads Good Friday prayers at Planned Parenthood of the Heartland abortion facility in Lincoln. Lincoln Right to Life coordinated the event, which drew 750 people.



## BVM Open 2013

Lincoln Catholic Business Women  
1st Annual Golf Tournament  
to benefit  
Nebraska Right to Life

June 8, 2013

West Nine Golf Course  
At Firethorn  
Lincoln, NE

Register online at  
[www.catholicbusinesswomen.org](http://www.catholicbusinesswomen.org)

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a ban on cloning (2008); an ultrasound display law (2009); the first in the nation fetal pain ban at 20 weeks (2010); the stop webcam abortion bill, parental consent bill and opt-out of abortion funding at the State level with Obamacare (2011); as well as a bill on informed consent, LB 594, that ultimately was struck down at the federal district court level (2010).

But, Sen. Chambers does not hold all the cards on pro-life legislation. The "priority" system means every pro-life bill is deemed controversial and must receive a coveted "personal priority" status, of which only one bill is allotted per session per Senator. However, Sen. Chambers' filibusters of our legislation also require that we invoke cloture of 33 votes out of 49 at the first two stages of floor debate in order to move to final passage. So pro-life legislation automatically has a higher threshold to meet for passage than do other bills. The very first hurdle is getting pro-life bills out of a split Judiciary Committee. This has all been overcome in the past and we will have to re-double our efforts to accomplish it next year and in future years.

As a current pro-abortion book states, "It all started in Nebraska." "Crowe After Roe," recently released by IG Publishing, notes that Nebraska's 20-week ban on abortions based upon fetal pain started an onslaught of legislation in the States, directed at chipping away at Roe. Currently we are at a standstill in Nebraska for passing legislation while other States are passing three, five or seven bills all in one session. We must demand of pro-life politicians who want the Nebraska Right to Life PAC endorsement when they run for office to step up to the plate and actually push for pro-life legislation as is happening in other States and used to happen in Nebraska. We can become a leader again in push-the-envelope laws if we hold our elected officials accountable to what they said they would do when they ran for office.

If you would like to see what your Senator picked as his/her priority bill this session, go to this link: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/session/priority.php>

**SHOOT FOR LIFE**  
*A Benefit for Right to Life*  
Sporting Clays Tournament

Guarding the Unborn

**Saturday, September 28, 2013**  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
To Register go to  
[www.shoot4life.org](http://www.shoot4life.org)

Held at the Heartland Public Shooting Park  
Grand Island, NE

4-Person Team Entry Fee \$340  
Entry Fee after September 18th \$380

Fee Includes Lunch and Ammo  
Raffles and Cash Prizes • Lewis Scoring

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Tell your friends and family on these sites  
to join the NRL pages.

### Attention: Local Knights Of Columbus Councils

Are You A  
Member of a local  
Knights of Columbus  
council?

If so, please  
consider having  
your council send a  
donation from local  
funds to Nebraska  
Right to Life. We do  
not receive funding  
from the State  
Knights of Columbus  
One Rose, One Life  
fundraiser.

The Nebraska  
Walk for Life costs  
Nebraska Right to  
Life Educational Trust  
Fund approximately  
\$6,000 to put on,  
and our income from  
donation buckets  
and the bake sale  
averages \$4,000.

Thank you for  
supporting the Walk  
and NRL's other  
educational activities  
such as our annual  
State fair booth.

## New Website Coming

Nebraska Right to Life's website is in the process of being totally re-done to allow for social media, easier navigating and timely updating. Watch for the announcement of its rollout sometime this summer!

## COUNTY FAIR SURVEY

In an effort to ascertain where we are lacking in pro-life education, please fill out this form and return to NRL. We want to ensure that Right to Life booths are running at as many County Fairs and Community Festivals as possible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we have a RTL booth at our County Fair which is \_\_\_\_\_ County.

No, we do not have a RTL Booth at our County Fair which is \_\_\_\_\_ County.

Yes, we have a RTL booth at \_\_\_\_\_  
(name Community Festival, town and date).

No, we do not have a RTL Booth at \_\_\_\_\_  
(name Community Festival, town and date)