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## Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act Enactment Oct. 15th

In April, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 1103, which bans abortions at 20 weeks and beyond based upon medical documentation of an unborn baby feeling pain at that gestation.

When LB 1103 was going through the Legislature, abortion advocates hinted strongly that a legal challenge would be posed to thwart implementation of the law. At this writing, with the enactment date of October 15th, it is not anticipated that any legal challenge will be mustered. Apparently, the abortion industry does not want to risk LB 1103 going up before the U.S. Supreme Court, thus replacing viability with

a new standard of pain.

Their strategy instead seems to be battling this new legislation state by state, according to Mary Spaulding Balch, National Right to Life State Legislative Director who worked closely with Speaker Mike Flood to get LB 1103 passed.

This is a pro-life victory as this legislation will take off like wildfire in State Legislatures just as the partial-birth abortion ban was passed in many States. And, most importantly, this country will be exposed to the medical documentation that unborn children do feel pain when aborted and those children should be protected by law.

## Abortion Partnership Straddles Vastly Different States

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By Joanne Young

The two states are side by side in the middle of the country.

There's corn. And cattle.

That's about where the similarities stop between Iowa and Nebraska, especially when it comes to politics and perspectives.

On the Iowa side, Democrats control the governor's office, other administrative offices and the statehouse.

In a recent Des Moines Register poll, nearly half of those surveyed claimed to be political independents. And they account for the largest number of active voters.

There's no death penalty.

Gay marriage is legal.



The rear of the new Planned Parenthood facility in Omaha.

And with no political pro-life majority, medical abortions are done in walk-in clinics via computer screens and remote control drawers.

It's the opposite in Nebraska, with conservatives and Republicans ruling state political offices. The largest number of registered voters are Republicans. A little less than 17 percent of registered voters are independent.

Capital punishment is in force. Only heterosexual couples can wed.

And because of the strong pro-life agenda, national Right to Life officials have chosen the state to help move innovative anti-abortion bills.

So the merger of Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa and Planned Parenthood of Nebraska-Council Bluffs may have made sense in terms of proximity, but it couldn't have brought together two states with more divergent attitudes about a lot of things, including women's reproductive rights.

Planned Parenthood of the



The front of the new Planned Parenthood facility near 93rd and Maple in Omaha.

Heartland has 19 clinics across Iowa and four in Nebraska - two in Omaha, two in Lincoln.

Executive director Jill June said the Guttmacher Institute ranks Nebraska 51st in the nation, including the District of Columbia, in access to reproductive health and pregnancy prevention. Public funding for those services is extremely limited and there are political barriers to such access, she said.

With the merger of the two programs a year ago, the organization plans to expand the number of clinics - in Omaha and across the state - to offer more access to birth control, breast exams, cancer screening and screening for sexually transmitted diseases.

In Lincoln, the O Street Planned Parenthood location has been sold and

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# Fetal-Pain Law Puts Pro-Aborts in a World of Hurt

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By Jill Stanek

I wrote in my Jan. 27, 2010, column that if Nebraska's fetal-pain bill were ever signed into law, it would create a world of hurt for pro-aborths, pardon the pun.

Such a law would be as difficult for the other side to defend from a PR standpoint as were the Partial Birth Abortion Bans.

Both pieces of legislation evoke vivid mental images of late-term preborn children being torn limb from limb.

But Nebraska's Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which indeed became law yesterday, ups the ante.

It bans all abortions past 20 weeks based on studies that babies assuredly feel pain at that point, corroborated by emerging protocols requiring surgeons who operate on late-term preborn babies provide them pain relief.

Abortions hurt the baby.

Pro-aborths did not see the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act coming and are scrambling to rebut. According to the Associated Press yesterday, although the "bill is sure to be challenged in court," no one is sure who will do the challenging. Neither Nebraska late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart nor the Center for Reproductive Rights have determined whether they will participate. Pro-aborths are probably drawing for the short straw as I write.

Actually, our side didn't see Nebraska's fetal-pain act coming, either.

Ironically, it was prompted by the murder of late-term Kansas abortionist George Tiller.

In the aftermath, Nebraska late-term abortionist Leroy Carhart made several conflicting statements to the press indicating he aborted contrary to either the spirit or letter of Nebraska law that prohibits abortions when "the unborn child clearly appears to have reached viability, except when necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother."

According to Newsweek, Aug. 15, 2009:

*There are many circumstances that can bring a woman to seek a late-term abortion. But whether she is that suicidal rape victim or a well-heeled*

*New Yorker who just discovered a fatal fetal defect, her options for ending the pregnancy are limited. Since Tiller's death, there are fewer than 10 doctors across the country willing to help. LeRoy Carhart is one of them.*

*But late-term abortions for fetal anomalies are disallowed by Nebraska law; and that Carhart will abort a mother claiming she is suicidal demonstrates its "mental" health loophole.*

Meanwhile, Carhart told Newsweek "he won't, for example, do elective abortions past 24 weeks, because the fetus is likely viable."

But according to the New York Times on Dec. 3, 2009:

*Dr. Carhart has also begun performing some abortions "past 24 week," he said in an interview, and is prepared to perform them still later if they meet legal requirements and if he considers them medically necessary. ... Dr. Carhart declined to provide specifics on how late in a pregnancy he would be willing to perform an abortion. ... Dr. Carhart's fee schedule lists prices for abortions up to 22 weeks and 6 days (at that point, \$2,100 in cash or \$2,163 on a credit card), but notes that abortions after 23 weeks are available "after consultation with our doctor," and that abortions after the 27th week may take four days.*

Carhart's sloppy big mouth prompted pro-life Nebraska Speaker of the Legislature Mike Flood to ask Nebraska Right to Life to help craft a new law to constrict Carhart, since the current late-term abortion ban clearly wasn't working.

That's when Mary Spaulding Balch of National Right to Life conceived the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

The Associated Press calls the law both "groundbreaking" and "landmark."

It is both, attacking the Roe and Doe abortion decisions on two fronts: fetal viability and mental health. Nancy Northrup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights said "this would be like taking a huge hacksaw

Fetal Growth From 8 to 40 Weeks



to [abortion] rights."

Hope so.

At this point the other side's primary argument is that the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists "knows of no legitimate scientific information that supports the statement that a fetus experiences pain at 20 weeks' gestation."

That's because ACOG is pro-abortion and automatically opposes any legislation limiting doctors' rights. But ACOG did not testify at any of the fetal-pain committee hearings nor has it publicly released any data supporting its claim that fetal pain is merely a notion.

Nebraska Right to Life submitted nine studies finding late-term babies feel pain. The only study the other side has is not a study at all but a 2005 "review" of previous fetal pain studies, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association by abortion activists. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer:

*But their seven-page article has a weakness: It does not mention that one author is an abortion-clinic director [Eleanor A. Drey], while the lead author – a medical student [Susan J. Lee, JD] – once worked for NARAL Pro-Choice America.*

*AMA Editor in Chief Catherine D. DeAngelis said she was unaware of those facts, and acknowledged it might create an appearance of bias that could hurt the journal's credibility.*

Just as the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court could not possibly have considered that someday abortionists would deliver a baby breech up the head, pierce her skull and suction her brains out, it had no way of knowing preborn babies can feel pain.

And just as with the Partial Birth Abortion Bans, pro-lifers will soon be asking the court to reconsider its previous decision based on additional new information.

**Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Length of Fetus, Nebraska, 2009**

Fetus Length	Number	Percent
1-5 inches	0	-
6-10 inches	1	0.0
11-15 inches	0	-
Not Measurable	2,550	100

**Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Weight of Fetus, Nebraska, 2009**

Fetus weight	Number	Percent
< 1 lb.	1	0.0
Not measurable	100	

**Number and Percent of Abortions by Length of  
Gestation\* (in weeks), Nebraska, 2009**

Length of Gestation (In weeks)	Number	Percent
Under 5	0	-
5-9	0	-
10-14	0	-
20 and Over	1	0.0
Not Reported	2,550	100

\*Optional Question

**According to Nebraska DHHS Statistics,  
Planned Parenthood and LeRoy Carhart  
are not answering questions which will  
now be mandated under LB 1103.**

From the Nebraska 2009 Statistical Report of Abortions, Nebraska  
Dept. of Health & Human Services



**Above: Lincoln's Planned  
Parenthood South Street abortion  
facility has been for sale for  
months while Planned Parenthood  
continues to do abortions there on  
Tuesdays and Fridays.**



**Left: Lincoln's Planned Parenthood  
"O" St. office has been sold. At this  
time we don't know where Lincoln  
Planned Parenthood's new facility  
will be.**

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the South Street clinic is also for sale, but both will remain open while the organization searches for other sites in the city.

"We are committed to change what we consider to be a dismal reality for the state of Nebraska," June said. "We believe these prevention programs are needed, important and effective."

She said there is broad-based support for family planning and pregnancy prevention, but "we do have a lot of education to do in Nebraska."

Planned Parenthood's merger of the two state programs is a great concern for national and local Right to Life groups.

"It certainly seems that Iowa has been the stronger, more aggressive promoter of abortion in recent years, and now that same team is going to be running things in Nebraska," said Randall O'Bannon, National Right to Life director of education and research. "I don't think that bodes well for Nebraska's unborn children."

June acknowledged that access to abortions will increase in Nebraska, beginning with a new clinic set to open by the end of the year in Omaha.

As the number of clinics expands

across the state, June said, they will offer "whatever services are needed and requested by patients."

In Iowa, women can get abortions using a videoconferencing process in which a doctor many miles away talks to a woman seeking a medical abortion and then the doctor remotely opens a drawer in a clinic where the woman is to dispense a series of drugs meant to end her pregnancy.

Jenifer Bowen, Iowa Right to Life director, said Planned Parenthood in her state "runs unchecked."

"They were the first in the nation with the Web cam abortions, in part because Jill June is so good at her job," she said.

And tax dollars pour into the organization, she said.

Pro-life supporters have tried to get bills passed to put Planned Parenthood clinics under the same guidelines as other health clinics in the state, but in an unfriendly political atmosphere those efforts have been unsuccessful, she said.

Julie Schmit-Albin, Nebraska Right to Life director, said she and others believe Nebraska laws are strong enough to prevent telemedicine abortions.

Nebraska abortion laws are more stringent than Iowa's.

Iowa has a two-house Legislature and does not have a majority of pro-life voters in either house, Schmit-Albin said. It is easier to pass stricter abortion laws in Nebraska with a Unicameral, senators who are largely conservative and a Republican governor, she said.

Nebraska Right to Life has had a strong influence in maintaining a pro-life majority in the statehouse.

This year, the Nebraska Legislature passed two landmark abortion bills thought to be first-of-a-kind legislation.

LB594, which requires extensive screening of women before allowing them abortions, has been blocked by a federal judge. The state has not stepped in to defend it.

The other, LB1103, creates a new standard, banning abortion beginning at the 20th week after conception, and is based on the idea that a fetus can feel pain at that time in development.

That law becomes effective Oct. 15. June would not say if there are plans to challenge it.

"We don't disclose legal strategies unless and until we take action," she said.



Educating a new generation!



Scott & Hannah Moore and their children. The Moore's were NRL's onsite coordinators for the State Fair booth

# Nebraska Right to Life: 37 Years At the Nebraska State Fair



Children love the fetal models



Don & Betts Cumpston were just two of the many volunteers who answered the call for help at the Fair booth.

# The Line in the Sand

By Vera Faith Lord

I've never been brave. As anyone who knew me growing up will tell you, I was a wimpy little girl, and I grew into a decidedly cowardly adult.

I have never struck another human being in anger. I survived two abusive marriages by literally & figuratively curling into a ball & waiting until my attacker tired or lost interest.

I speak in front of large audiences, so there are those who call me courageous. Nonsense. I'm the instrument -- calling me courageous is like congratulating the violin on a good performance. --- I've always been a coward.

But that all changed on Sept. 11, 2001. The universe shifted that day for me & for all of us. As I watched in horror at the people leaping to their deaths (the couple holding hands & stepping into space is an image I'll take to my own grave), I felt a physical change. Had I been young enough, I would have enlisted in the military that very day, along with thousands of others. Being trapped in a middle-aged body, I settled for going in the afternoon to the local (Washington DC) blood bank & joining the long line to give blood.

I remember the weeks immediately after 9/11. Every house & many cars had an American flag proudly displayed. We were At War. In those weeks, we really were "ONE nation, under God" --- united in our determination that the enemy would fall & we would prevail.

Not so today.

Many have forgotten that we are at war. The Enemy is glad. There is no weapon more beneficial for the Enemy than a complacent, forgetful nation. The war rages on, whether we choose to acknowledge it or not.

I speak to you today from the front lines in the Battle for Life. The Enemy is strong. In the White House, sits the most Pro-Abortion president in the history of the nation, & he has inflicted not one, but two of his minions onto the Supreme Court.

At every turn, he has ignored the

will of the people, & driven forward, with his Culture of Death agenda. It's easy to see this evil army charging at us & believe he's larger than life & all-powerful. Don't.

I have a theory: I believe that

our Pro-Abortion president & his army of zealots are in power now at Exactly the Right Time in history.

As millions woke up in September, 2001, millions MORE woke up in January, 2009. The sleeping giant is no longer asleep --- he's awake, he's angry, & he's not going to be told to shut up & go back to bed.

Think about it: The president has done us a great favor ---- he's ELIMINATED the middle of the road !!

Remember the Middle?? Picture a 4 lane highway -- cars speeding in both directions &, in the middle, an oasis of green with trees & shrubs & flowers. On some stretches of highway, the median is so large that you can't even see the 2 lanes on the other side. Millions of people LIVED in the middle. Here's what they all said: "I believe abortion is wrong & I'm emotionally/religiously opposed to it -- I'm Emotionally Pro-Life. BUT, I believe it's every woman's private right to choose, so I'm Politically Pro-Choice" ---- Emotionally Pro-Life & Politically Pro-Choice --- welcome to the Middle. Quite comfortable as long as you don't look too closely at the 2 diametrically opposed viewpoints in the same brain. Just enjoy the trees & the flowers here in the Middle

Then came January 2009. The president's highway crews came along & demolished the Middle -- no more comfortable green median strip. Now the only thing separating the 4 lanes of rushing traffic is one thin white painted line. Oh, you could still sit there on the middle line, but only if you're suicidal.

So now that you can't sit comfortably in the middle any more, you have to be moving in one direction or the other. Millions of dazed middle-of-the-road people are waking up & realizing that they must now choose sides, or be run over.

We on the Pro-Life side can help them in that life or death decision by gently introducing them to the Cross-Over Issues. Post-Abortion Syndrome,

Partial-Birth Abortion, The Unborn Victims of Violence Act (Laci & Conner's Law), & The Born-Alive Infants Act are the ones I believe to be most easily introduced & assimilated.

These Cross-Over Issues are so compelling, so undeniably Right, that the ex- middle-of the-road person is moving in the Pro-Life direction from the first sentence. By the time they have all the information, they are solidly Pro-Life, on the Right side of the road, & one more life has been saved.

This is my mission. I have pledged the rest of my time on Earth to speaking & educating everyone who will listen, all over the world, on the Cross-Over Issues, our greatest Weapon in the War for Life.

A few pages ago, I described a 4 lane highway to illustrate a point. I don't see the highway ---- I see a much starker picture: I see a great Battlefield with two opposing armies facing each other. Between them, there is one thin line in the sand.

The time has come to enlist. There are no neutral countries or neutral people in this war. There is no Middle, & the line is too clear.

No matter how fiercely the wind blows, the line remains, stretching into the horizon. Nothing can blur the distinction between the two opposing forces. The line remains because it was drawn by the finger of God.

Which side are you on ??

*Vera Faith Lord is a Pro-Life speaker, writer, & educator. Her book "Dirty Little Secrets -- the Truth Behind the Door Called Choice" (April, 2010), is available through barnesandnoble.com by title or ISBN 9781452006604, or through Author House at 888-519-5121 ext. 5022.*

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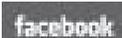
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## Life Chain



Lincoln Life Chain, Sunday, October 3rd. Approximately 60 Life Chains were held around Nebraska that day.



From left, Judy Kerkman and Melissa Zierke, Life Chain coordinators for Blessed Sacrament Church in Lincoln.

## Justice for All



Justice for All, a pro-life educational group from Kansas, spent three days on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln city campus in September.

