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## Pro-Life Legislative Day

### Wednesday, March 2, 2016

### State Capitol, Lincoln, 14th & K streets



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#### Agenda:

Meet in Room 1126, south side of first floor

**9 a.m.**

Check in, rolls and coffee

**9:45 a.m.**

Briefings on Pro-Life bills by State Senators and explanation of legislative process

**10:45 a.m.**

Break into Legislative Districts

**11-11:45 a.m.**

Visit with State Senators in Rotunda

**11:45 a.m-1 p.m.**

Lunch on your own (Capitol cafeteria or downtown)

**1:30 p.m.**

Room 1113, Judiciary Committee Hearing on Pro-Life bills, LB 767, Dismemberment Abortion Ban, and LB 990, Strengthen Fetal Tissue Statute

Come for all or part of the day. School groups and home-school groups welcome. Please RSVP at nebraskartl@gmail.com or 402-438-4802 with number coming in morning for rolls & coffee so we can prepare the right amount of handout materials. All activities are FREE.

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THE STATE  
LINCOLN**



**Gov. Pete Ricketts addresses 5,000 pro-life Nebraskans. Photo courtesy Patrick McPherson**



**Scott Fischbach, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life executive director**



**The Nebraska Walk for Life is a family-friendly event**



**Elected officials at the State Capitol program with Keynote Speaker Sue Thayer standing next to Gov. Ricketts**

## **NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE**

An estimated 5,000 pro-life Nebraskans demonstrated their commitment to defending innocent life against abortion and euthanasia at the State Capitol on January 30th. The 42nd annual Nebraska Walk for Life, sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life, was held on a 40 degree day with sunshine, which bolstered the mood of the crowd.

Pastor Steven William Davenport of Calvary Community Church in Lincoln gave the Invocation. The Lincoln Pius X High School Sotto Voce vocal group lead the crowd in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. Speaking at the State Capitol were elected officials including Governor Pete Ricketts and U.S. Senator Deb Fischer. After releasing 400 pink and blue balloons commemorating the over 58 million unborn babies who have been aborted since 1973 (over 183,000 in Nebraska), the attendees marched seven blocks north to the indoor venue at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Union. Inside the Union, Keynote Speaker Sue Thayer, former Director of the Storm Lake, Iowa, Planned Parenthood facility, told the crowd of her conversion story and what really happens inside Planned Parenthood. Another special guest was Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Executive Director Scott Fischbach.



**Sue Thayer receives standing ovation after her keynote address.**



**About 5,000 people show their support for life.**

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**LINCOLN**

**A packed Centennial Room for the Nebraska Walk for Life program at the Student Union**



**LINCOLN**

**Marv Ward (I) heads up local Lincoln Knights of Columbus volunteers who take our donation buckets through the crowd to help pay for the Nebraska Walk for Life.**



**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**NRL Executive Director Julie Schmit-Albin with David Daleiden of the Center for Medical Progress at the March for Life Conference.**



**LINCOLN**

**NRL President Sandy Danek delivers pink and blue carnations to State Senators' offices, commemorating 58 million unborn babies' deaths by abortion since 1973. In Nebraska, the toll is over 183,000 babies aborted.**

# **NRL POSITION ON STATE LEGISLATION**



**State Sen. Tommy Garrett at the Nebraska Walk for Life. Photo courtesy Patrick McPherson**

**LB 767, Dismemberment Abortion Ban: Support**

Senator Tommy Garrett, LD 3, introduced LB 767, the Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act. This bill would ban a certain method of abortion that begins at around 13 weeks gestation when the unborn child's limbs are formed. The baby is torn apart with sharp instruments in an excruciatingly painful way. LB 767 could impact abortions that Planned Parenthood of the Heartland does up to 16 weeks.

LB 767 is Nebraska Right to Life's priority bill. Similar legislation has passed in Kansas and Oklahoma, and is pending in Missouri and West Virginia. LB 767 will be heard in Judiciary Committee on March 2nd.

**LB 990, Strengthen Fetal Tissue Statute: Support**

Senator Al Davis, LD 43, introduced LB 990 to strengthen our existing statute banning the sale for profit of aborted fetal tissue.

This bill addresses the issue raised in the Center for Medical Progress videos showing Planned Parenthood Affiliates discussing the sale and transfer of aborted baby body parts. LB 990 will be heard in Judiciary Committee on March 2nd.

**LB 1056: Physician Assisted Suicide: Oppose**

Senator Ernie Chambers, LD 11, has prioritized his Physician Assisted Suicide bill, LB 1056.

Nebraska Right to Life strongly opposes LB 1056 and turning our State into a haven for assisted suicide, as has happened in Oregon, Washington and California already. LB 1056 will be heard in Judiciary Committee on February 24th.

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## LB 768: Choose Life License Plates: **Neutral**

Senator Tommy Garrett, LD 3, also introduced LB 768 which would provide for specialty Choose Life license plates. Originally written to promote adoption, part of the license fees paid to the State would go to Crisis Pregnancy Centers which counsel and refer for adoption.

An amendment offered at the Judiciary Committee hearing on February 9th would send 75 percent of the fees to the prenatal care fund for indigent women.

Nebraska Right to Life is not opposed to the concept of the bill but is neutral due to strategy and priority. From prior



**State Sen. Al Davis addresses the Nebraska Walk for Life crowd.**

history we have learned that if a pro-life bill doesn't garner any opposition and is easier to pass, the Legislature is inclined to pass said bill and not pass any other pro-life bills that have vehement opposition from the abortion industry.

NRL would like to see all pro-life bills pass, but that is not the dynamic that is at work in the Nebraska Legislature. Thus we have to prioritize the bill(s) we think will really have an impact on abortion policy in the State and work solely for those.

This type of bill gives the Legislature an "out" to say they passed something "pro-life" and thus they don't need to address the harder bills to pass. If NRL had laid back and promoted "easier" bills to pass, Nebraska would never have passed the ban on abortion at 20 weeks based upon fetal pain in 2010, which has resulted in LeRoy Carhart killing 100 fewer babies in Bellevue. Nebraska would never have passed the Stop WebCam Abortion bill in 2011, which stopped Planned Parenthood of the Heartland from doing webcam abortions here, before they got started like they have in Iowa. We would never had stopped human cloning as the Legislature did in 2008, after much pressure. In a perfect world we would like to see the Unicam pass every pro-life bill introduced. Unfortunately, with Senator Chambers, they are often pushed into a corner to hold bills in Committee, except when an "easy" one comes along and then they pass that and call it good. This is unacceptable.