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NEBRASKA RIGHT TO LIFE POSITION ON STATE LEGISLATION SUPPORT

LB 187, introduced by Sen. Bill Kintner, LD 2. This bill would strengthen our Informed Consent on Abortion statute. It would direct the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to create a web page within its website that contains all of the Informed Consent on Abortion information from the 1993 statute, including a list of Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the State, the types of abortion and the risks inherent in having an abortion, fetal development information at two-week gestational increments. In addition, the DHHS web page would link to a fetal development website that contains photos and 4-D ultrasound videos of unborn babies developing in the womb. A key point of LB 187 is that it further directs that the abortion facilities in the State MUST link their own websites to the DHHS web page on Informed Consent for Abortion. Another key element of LB 187 is signage that would be posted in the State abortion facilities which speaks to the fact that no one may be coerced into having an abortion against their will, and that it is against the law for them to be coerced and for the abortion facility to perform an abortion if they are feeling coerced. These posters would be of a distinct size and font and must be posted in all waiting areas and procedure rooms of the abortion facilities.

Judiciary Committee, March 18th hearing date.

LB 114, introduced by Sen. Beau McCoy, LD 39. This bill would change the DHHS category of abortion facilities from "health clinics" to "ambulatory surgical centers." Currently under the designation that they fall under (health clinics), abortion facilities do not have to prove that they have emergency medical equipment on hand or even that their employees are trained in emergency procedures. LB 114 would put in statute that abortion facilities must follow the higher standards imposed upon ambulatory surgical centers.

Judiciary Committee, March 18th hearing date.

LB 358, introduced by Sen. Tommy Garrett, LD 3. This bill would ensure that rapists would not be able to obtain custodial or visitation rights to children conceived in rape without the approval of the mother of the child and court adjudication. This bill goes a little afield of our single-issue mission, but it would bolster a woman's decision to have a child conceived in rape and not abort that child.

Judiciary Committee, March 18th hearing date.

OPPOSE AS WRITTEN

Since the hearing we are working with Sen. Watermeier on a re-write of the bill.

LB 490, introduced by Sen. Dan Watermeier, LD 1. This bill would put in statute a form called "Providers Orders of Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment" to supplement Advanced Directives for end of life care. Ostensibly it is a voluntary program which would only be utilized by those in terminal situations. Our concerns with the bill lie with language that is biased toward patients selecting "non-treatment" over "treatment" and a host of other ills as elucidated by National Right to Life Medical Ethics Director, Burke Balch, J.D. He testified against LB 490 at its hearing. There are 18 undefined terms in the bill and 21 areas of concern that Burke highlighted.

Health & Human Services Committee, Feb. 18th, heard, action pending.



Burke Balch discusses LB 490 Feb. 18th during a press conference at the State Capitol.

PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE DAY: MARCH 18TH

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**State Capitol, Wherry Room, #2230, second floor,
east hallway by Secretary of State's Office
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come for all or part of the day!**

Please RSVP with number coming to nebraskartl@gmail.com or call 402-438-4802. School groups welcome, but please RSVP so we can plan. Thank you.

4,500 NEBRASKANS

STAND UP FOR LIFE AT STATE CAPITOL

4,500 pro-life Nebraskans stood outside the State Capitol in Lincoln on Jan. 31st and then marched seven blocks to the UN-L Student Union for the 41st annual Nebraska Walk for Life, organized by Nebraska Right to Life.

It is a testament to the commitment of pro-lifers in our State to endure any kind of weather to stand up for life. Several elected officials spoke at the State Capitol, as did representatives of UN-L and UN-K pro-life groups. Pius High School choir students led off the event with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. At the Student Union, more than 800 people packed the chairs in both the Centennial Room and the Ballroom, and watched a video from Oregon Right to Life, which showed just how big of a number over 57 million abortions is. Keynote Speaker Mario St. Francis kept the audience's rapt attention as he told his personal story of conversion from acting and modeling in the secular world to leading student groups to evangelization and pro-life.

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Nebraskans gather outside the Capitol.



Carly Mendlik of UN-L Newman Center Students for Life addresses the crowd at the Capitol.



Mario St. Francis makes his way to the Union to speak.



Nebraska Walk for Life participants



Nebraska Walk for Life at the Capitol Jan. 31



Overflow seating at the Union in the Ballroom



LINCOLN

BALCH TESTIFIES ON OPPOSITION TO LB 490

Nebraska Right to Life brought in National Right to Life Medical Ethics Director Burke Balch, J.D., for the hearing on our opposition to LB 490. We also held a Press Conference prior to the hearing and Burke was on Drive Time Lincoln KLIN Radio regarding the issue.



LINCOLN

FLOWERS FOR SENATORS MARKS ROE V. WADE ANNIVERSARY

Nebraska Right to Life has been giving flowers to State Senators for 40 years on the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. This year we handed out pink and blue carnations to represent the unborn baby girls and boys aborted in our nation (over 57 million since 1973) and in Nebraska (over 182,314).



NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



Bishop James D. Conley joins Lincoln Diocese Seminarians during the Jan. 22 National March for Life. Hundreds of thousands of citizens converge upon the National Mall in Washington, D.C., each year to show their support of life. The peaceful demonstration has marked the anniversary of Roe v. Wade every year since 1974.

MARCH FOR LIFE CONCLUDES WITH ROSE DINNER

(l to r) NRL President Sandy Danek and ED Julie Schmit-Albin with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson of the Knights of Columbus at Rose Dinner, Washington, D.C., Jan. 22nd.



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links/posts from national and State sources.
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to join the NRL pages.**

NEBRASKANS WALK FOR LIFE

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At the Student Union, the Walk crowd watched a video produced by Oregon Right to Life that illustrated how massive of a number 57 million abortions is.



Balloon handlers at the Nebraska Walk for Life

The following are to be commended for their help with the Walk which could not go on without them:

- Sanctified Sound & Light: Mike & Sam Crane set up and run equipment at the Capitol in adverse weather conditions
- Marvin Ward & Lincoln Knights of Columbus Council members who pass the buckets among the crowd to gather funds to help defray our costs of the Walk
- Nelson, Ridder & Dreifurst families do a masterful job at balloon handling
- Hy-Vee Williamsburg Floral Department, including Pam, who makes two trips with balloons to the Capitol
- Bob Ruyle, who performs audio-visual at the Union to ensure all can see the Speaker's A/V in both rooms
- Ladies from several Churches who work the Bake Sale at the Union
- Publicity from Christian/Catholic media
- UN-L City Union, Carrie Jackson
- City Traffic Department, Greg Topil
- Capitol Facility Use Permit, Roxanne Smith
- City Clerk's Office, Parade Permit
- Lincoln Police Department, UN-L Campus Police & Capitol Security who keep us safe at both venues
- All Roads Barricades
- Larry Hall, Alliance Insurance Group
- Chez Hay Catering, beverages
- High school & college student volunteers at both venues
- Pro-life organizations who host info tables at Union
- Thousands of pro-life Nebraskans who attend!