

**Unborn Victims of Violence Act
Debate in U.S. Senate
March 25, 2004**

On March 25, 2004, the U.S. Senate debated and passed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (UVVA) (H.R. 1997) without amendment. The appropriate pages in the *Congressional Record* for March 25 are: S3124-S3167 and S3171-S3172.

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The first part of the debate was on the Feinstein substitute amendment. Sen. Mike DeWine was floor manager for the Republicans during the debate. Sens. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Sam Brownback (R-KS), Jim Talent (R-MO), Rick Santorum (R-PA), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and Orrin Hatch (R-UT) spoke in support of H.R. 1997 during this portion of the debate. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) acted as floor manager for the Democrats during the debate on her substitute amendment. Two other senators spoke against the UVVA during consideration on the Feinstein Amendment: Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ).

After the Feinstein Amendment was rejected, debate on the Murray domestic violence amendment took place. Sen. Mike DeWine was floor manager for the Republicans. Opposing the Murray Amendment, the following senators engaged in the debate on the amendment: Sens. Jeff Sessions (R-AL), Norm Coleman (R-MN), Don Nickles (R-OK), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and Michael Enzi (R-WY). Sens. Sessions and Coleman also spoke in support of H.R. 1997 at that time. Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) was floor manager for the Democrats during consideration of her amendment, at which time Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) also spoke in favor of the Murray Amendment, though later voted for the UVVA on final passage.

Some senators did not speak during the debate, but submitted statements for the *Congressional Record*. Sens. Christopher Bond (R-MO), George Voinovich (R-OH), Gordon Smith (R-OR), and George Allen (R-VA) submitted statements in support H.R. 1997. Sens. Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Russ Feingold (D-WI) made statements opposing H.R. 1997. Sens. Chris Dodd (D-CT), Ted Kennedy (D-MA), and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) submitted statements both opposing the UVVA and supporting the Murray Amendment.

Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) who voted in favor of the Feinstein substitute but then voted for H.R. 1997 on final passage, engaged in a colloquy with Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) over the intent of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) spoke in support of the UVVA after debate and final passage of the bill were completed.