Partial-Birth Abortion Debate in the Senate

March 10 -- March 13, 2003

The full Senate debate on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (S. 3) took place over four days and fills more than 100 pages in the Congressional Record. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) was the floor leader for support of the bill and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) was the leader for opposition. Sixteen senators spoke in support. Twenty-two senators spoke in opposition, either in regard to the whole bill or in regard to support for one or more opposition amendments.

The debate can be found in the Congressional Record at:

- March 10, 2003: S3383-89, S3390-99, S3420
- March 11, 2003: S3422-29, S3454, S3456-63, S3482-94
- March 12, 2003: S3560-S3614
- March 13, 2003: S3653-S62

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I. Text of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 (S. 3) PDF

II. Senators who made pro-life statements (listed alphabetically by state):

Senators are listed alphabetically by state. Links to their statements in the Congressional Record are to the right of the statements' description. All links are in PDF.

Arizona
Jon Kyl (R)
1. General Statement -- S3399 (3/10/03)
2. General Statement -- S3473 (3/11/03)

Illinois
Peter Fitzgerald (R)
1. General Statement -- S3569 (3/12/03)
Iowa
Charles Grassley (R)
1. Statement against Murray-Reid Amendment -- S3476 (3/11/03)
2. General Statement -- S3655 (3/13/03)

Kansas
Sam Brownback (R)
2. General Statement -- S3597 S3598 (3/12/03)

Kentucky
Jim Bunning (R)
1. General Statement -- S3580 S3581 (3/12/03)

Minnesota
Norm Coleman (R)
1. General Statement -- S3568 S3569 (3/12/03)

Montana
Conrad Burns (R)
1. General Statement -- S3654 (3/13/03)

Nevada
John Ensign (R)
1. General Statement -- S3584 S3585 (3/12/03)

New Mexico
Pete Domenici (R)
1. General Statement -- S3602 S3603 (3/12/03)

Ohio
Mike Dewine (R)
1. General Statement -- S3390 S3391 (3/10/03)
2. Response to Senator Boxer (D-CA) -- S3393 (3/10/03)
3. Exchange with Senator Boxer (D-CA) -- S3394 S3395 (3/10/03)
4. General Statement -- S3462 S3463 (3/11/03)
5. Statement that PBA is never medically indicated -- S3489 (3/11/03)
6. Statement against Durbin Amendment -- S3573 S3575 (3/12/03)
7. Statement against Feinstein Amendment -- [S3604, S3605] (3/12/03)

George Voinovich (R)
1. Support for PBA ban -- [S3396] (3/10/03)
2. Exchange with Senator Boxer (D-CA) -- [S3397, S3398] (3/10/03)

Pennsylvania
Rick Santorum (R)
1. Introduction to PBA ban -- [S3384] (3/10/03)
2. Exchange with Senator Boxer (D-CA) using example of female genital mutilation -- [S3387] (3/10/03)
3. Response to claims made by Senator Murray (D-WA) -- [S3388] (3/10/03)
4. Closing Statements -- [S3389] (3/10/03)
5. General Statement -- [S3422, S3423] (3/11/03)
6. Questioned by Senator Durbin (D-IL) on Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3428, S3429] (3/11/03)
7. General Statement -- [S3456, S3457] (3/11/03)
8. Raised Point Of Order against Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3466] (3/11/03)
9. Point Of Order against Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3470, S3471] (3/11/03)
10. Response to Senator Durbin (D-IL) re: role of legislation in medical decision making -- [S3471] (3/11/03)
12. Exchange with Senator Durbin (D-IL) -- [S3475] (3/11/03)
13. Statement against Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3478] (3/11/03)
14. Statement against Durbin Amendment -- [S3484, S3486] (3/11/03)
15. Challenge to Durbin Health Exception -- [S3487, S3493] (3/11/03)
16. Statement against Senator Boxer's (D-CA) Proposal to send bill to committee -- [S3562, S3565] (3/12/03)
17. Statement of difference between NE Statute and S. 3 -- [S3568] (3/12/03)
18. Statement of difference between NE Statute and S. 3 -- [S3570] (3/12/03)
19. Statement against Durbin Amendment -- [S3573] (3/12/03)
20. Statement against Durbin Amendment -- [S3577, S3578] (3/12/03)
21. Statement against Senator Boxer's (D-CA) Proposal to send bill to committee -- [S3580] (3/12/03)
22. Statement against Harkin Amendment -- [S3583] (3/12/03)
23. Exchange with Senator Clinton (D-NY) -- [S3583, S3588, S3590] (3/12/03)
24. Exchange with Senator Harkin (D-IA) -- [S3590, S3591] (3/12/03)
25. General Statement -- [S3591, S3592] (3/12/03)
26. General Statement -- [S3599] (3/12/03)
27. Statement against Feinstein Amendment -- [S3606, S3607] (3/12/03)
28. Exchange with Senator Boxer (D-CA) -- [S3607, S3608] (3/12/03)
29. Statement against Feinstein Amendment -- [S3609, S3610] (3/12/03)
30. Concluding remarks -- [S3644, S3647] (3/12/03)
31. Submission of 5 letters from physicians refuting need for PBA -- [S3653] (3/13/03)
South Carolina
Lindsey Graham (R)
1. Statement against Harkin Amendment -- S3583 (3/12/03)

Tennessee
Bill Frist (R)
1. General Statement -- S3457, S3458 (3/11/03)

Utah
Orrin Hatch (R)
1. General Statement -- S3467, S3468 (3/11/03)
2. Applauded Senate for passing S. 3 and thanked leadership -- S3660 (3/13/03)

Wyoming
Michael Enzi (R)
1. General Statement -- S3482, S3483 (3/11/03)

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