

Life Amendments in House and Senate

House Committee Votes July 16th, 17th, 30th and 31st:

- **Rep. Johnson Amendment in the Ways and Means Committee (7/16/09):** This amendment was to explicitly exclude abortion from minimum benefits and mandates. **Failed 18-23.**
- **Rep. Eric Cantor Amendment in the Ways and Means Committee (7/16/09):** This amendment was to prevent taxpayers from being forced to subsidize abortions. **Failed 19-22.**
- **Rep. Souder Amendment in the Education and Labor Committee (7/17/09):** This amendment was to explicitly exclude abortion from minimum benefits and mandates. **Failed 19-29.**
- **Rep. Souder Amendment in the Education and Labor Committee (7/17/09):** This amendment was to prevent taxpayers from being forced to subsidize abortions. **Failed 19-29.**
- **Rep. Capps Amendment in the Energy and Commerce Committee (7/30/09):** This amendment allows abortion coverage in the public health plan, and subsidizes health plans that cover abortion. Six Democrats voted No and all Republicans voted No except Rep. Murphy who didn't vote. Stupak, Ross, Matheson, Melancon, Barrow, and Hill voted No. **Passed 30-28.**
- **Rep. Pitts Amendment in the Energy and Commerce Committee (7/30/09):** This amendment says that no provision of this Act shall impose a requirement or authorize the coverage of abortion, except to save the life of the mother and in the case of rape. **Passed 31-27.**
- **Rep. Stupak, Rep. Pitts, and Rep. Terry Amendment in the Energy and Commerce Committee (7/30/09):** This amendment protects healthcare providers from discrimination based upon their refusal to participate in abortion. This amendment is to protect conscience rights. **Agreed to by a voice vote.**
- **Rep. Stupak and Rep. Pitts amendment in Energy and Commerce Committee (7/31/09):** This amendment would prevent any funding from going to abortion or to a health plan that covers abortion, except in the case of life, rape or incest. **Failed 31-27.**

Senate HELP Committee Votes July 13th:

- **On Senator Hatch's Amdt. # 227:** to prevent funding of abortion, the HELP Committee **defeated the amendment 12-11** with Senator Casey and the Republicans voting for it.
- **On Senator Coburn's Amdt. # 246:** to codify the Hyde/Weldon conscience protection law, The HELP Committee **defeated this amendment 12-11** with Democrat Senator Casey and 10 Republicans voting for it.
- **On Senator Enzi's Amdt #277:** to prevent the health care bill from mandating abortion coverage, the HELP committee **defeated it 12-11** with Senator Casey being the sole Democrat to vote with all Republicans in favor of it.
- **On Senator Kennedy's amendment #205:** supposedly protecting conscience rights on abortion, the HELP committee **passed the amendment by voice vote** after some confusion, though Senator Enzi and

other Senators clearly objected to it. This amendment says that no one should lose a contract with the healthcare Gateways because they refuse to perform abortion except in the case of emergencies.

- **Coburn Amdt #237:** Protect healthcare workers conscience rights with regard to euthanasia. The HELP committee **passed this amendment by voice vote.** Senator Coburn's amdt. will prevent the federal government or state or local government from discriminating against healthcare workers that do not provide health care services involving euthanasia, assisted suicide or mercy killing.
- **Coburn Amdt # 272:** Prevention of healthcare bill from preempting State laws on abortion. The HELP Committee **defeated this amdt. by 12-11** with Senator Casey voting for it. The Democrats, other than Senator Casey, voted against it. So the Democrats oppose preventing this legislation from trumping various state laws, such as parental consent laws.

Anti-Rationing Amendments Fail in House and Senate

House Energy and Commerce Committee Votes July 20, 2009:

- **Rep. Phil Gingrey Amendment #14A:** Dr. Gingrey's amendment ensured that healthcare providers made healthcare decisions without government intrusion. **Failed 24-33.**
- **Rep. Michael Rogers (MI) offered Amendment #1:** This amendment prevented the use of comparative effectiveness research from being used to decide whether to offer or withhold coverage or to reduce reimbursements for healthcare providers for offering treatments. **Failed 23-35.**

Senate HELP Committee Markup June 17th-July 15th:

- **Senator Enzi Amendment #271:** This amendment prohibited the government run plan from providing treatments to patients to preserve, restore or prevent their death. **Failed 13-10.**
- **Senator Enzi Amendment #273:** This amendment prohibited the Secretary of HHS from limiting doctor's ability to choose treatments for patients to prevent death, or restore or preserve their health. **Failed 13-10.**
- **Senator Enzi Amendment #7:** This prevented the Healthcare Center from developing healthcare rationing methods. **Failed 13-10.**