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Pro-Life Legislation
Co-sponsored by Congressman Latta

H.R. 2 – Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act (Eric Cantor, R-VA) – repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which passed last March without pro-life protections.

*H.R. 2 passed on the House Floor on January 19, 2011 by a vote of 245-189, with REL support

H.R. 3 - No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (Chris Smith, R-NJ) - establishes a consistent government-wide prohibition on abortion funding.

*Passed on the House Floor on May 4, 2011 by a vote of 251-175, with REL support

H.R. 212 – Sanctity of Human Life Act (Paul Broun, R-GA) – declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human and is the person's paramount and most fundamental right.

H.R. 217 - Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (Mike Pence, R-IN) –mandates that no funds provided under Title X can be awarded to entities that perform, or provide funds to another entity that performs, abortions, such as Planned Parenthood.

*An amendment offered by Rep. Pence to the Continuing Resolution (CR) would prevent any federal funds made available under the CR from being provided to Planned Parenthood (through September 30, 2011). The amendment passed on the House Floor by a vote of 240-185, with Congressman Latta's support.

** Along with the vote on H.R. 1473, the Fiscal Year 2011 spending bill, the House and Senate voted on an enrollment correction, House Concurrent Resolution 36, to cut the flow of federal funds to Planned Parenthood. H.Con.Res. 36 passed 241-185-1 in the House, with REL support, but failed 42-58 in the Senate.

H.R. 358 - Protect Life Act (Joe Pitts, R-PA) - The Protect Life Act is the legislative descendent of Stupak-Pitts, and this bipartisan bill will ensure that no federal funds will be used on abortion through the Democratic-passed health care law.

*On February 11, Congressman Latta voted in support of H.R. 358 during a meeting of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health.

**On February 16, the full Energy and Commerce Committee passed H.R. 358, with Congressman Latta's vote in support, and now the bill awaits a vote on the House Floor.

***On October 13, 2011, H.R. 358 passed on the House Floor by a vote of 251-172

H.R. 361 – Abortion Non-Discrimination Act of 2011 (John Fleming, R-LA) - amends the Public Health Service Act to provide conscience protections for health care entities who refuse to participate in abortion.

H.R. 374 - Life at Conception Act (Duncan Hunter, R-CA) - establishes personhood at the moment of conception, thereby guaranteeing a child's Constitutional right to life.

H.R. 593 – Taxpayer Conscience Protection Act of 2011 (Pete Olson, R-TX) - This legislation calls for increased accountability of federal funds granted to organizations that perform, promote, and refer for abortion services. It would require each individual state to annually report the amount of money the state received from the federal government that was paid to an abortion provider.

H.R. 1179 – Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (Rep Jeff Fortenberry, R-NE) - Amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to permit a health plan to decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan or the purchaser or beneficiary (in the case of individual coverage) without penalty.

H.R. 2299 – Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-FL) - This legislation makes it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines to circumvent that state's abortion parental notification laws.

H.R. 3130 – Heartbeat Informed Consent Act (Michele Bachmann, R-MN) - Requires abortion providers to perform an ultrasound on a pregnant woman, display the ultrasound images so that she may view them, and provide a medical description of the ultrasound images of the unborn child's cardiac activity, if present and viewable. Bill requires the ultrasound to be performed before the woman gives informed consent for an abortion. It also requires an abortion provider to make the embryonic or fetal heartbeat audible for the pregnant woman to hear prior to the woman giving informed consent to an abortion if the pregnancy is at least eight weeks after fertilization.

H.R. 3541 – Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act of 2011 (Trent Franks, R-AZ) - The bill bans sex-selection abortion and race-selection abortion in the United States, attempting to break new ground in the legal battle to save innocent life by applying civil rights to the unborn - for the first time.

Legislation signed into Law

- On September 16, 2011, President Obama signed into law H.R. 1249, the America Invents Act, which is legislation that reforms and modernizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). This legislation codifies an important pro-life provision, known as the Weldon amendment, which ensures that the USPTO does not issue patents that are directed to, or encompassing, a human organism.