

## Legislative Update - March 29, 2013

### ACTION ALERT

Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits (SB 20, 15 & 19) was delivered to the Governor for his signature on March 14th. **Governor Nixon has announced that he will sign SB 20 Friday morning, March 29. Please call the Governor and thank him for signing SB 20, 15 & 19 (this is one bill) which provides limited tax credits to those who donate to our Pregnancy Resource Centers. This bill supports the fund-raising efforts of Pregnancy Resource Centers in order for them to provide help to women in crisis pregnancies. The PRC tax credit is one of several benevolent tax credits listed in this bill. Governor Nixon's phone number: 573-751-3222**

### Priority Pro-Life Legislation

**SB 175 & HB 400** - Establishes the requirements for the administration and regulation of RU-486 and other abortion-inducing drugs and chemicals and would ban web-cam abortions in MO. When web-cam abortions began in Iowa they went from approximately 5 abortion clinics to 17. We do not want this to happen in Missouri!

**SB 175** is sponsored by Senator Wayne Wallingford. Hearing Completed in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, February 18. Bill is Still in Committee. **Link to Memo Delivered to Senator Bob Dixon, Chairman and Senator Ed Emery, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee Requesting that SB 175 be Voted Out of Committee and Reported in to the Senate.**

**HB 400** is sponsored by Representative Jeanie Riddle and 114 other House members (a veto proof bi-partisan majority). Hearing Completed in the House Health Care Policy Committee, March 14, voted Do Pass by Rules Committee and sent to the Speaker of the House.

### Budget Bills and Economic Development

The Budget Bills have passed the House and will now move to the Senate for debate. After the Senate has completed their process with the Budget, the House and Senate must come to a compromise between the two versions. Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed by May 10th. These bills still have a long way to go before they are completed.

Thank you to all House members that supported pro-life protections on HCS HB 7, the Economic Development and Appropriation Budget Bill. The pro-life language in Section 7.035 of HCS HB 7 will prevent the tax dollars in this bill from funding human cloning and research on human embryos.

We continue to monitor a multitude of economic development bills, watching for language that would put innocent human lives at risk due to open-ended life sciences research that would include human cloning and research on human embryos. We are seeking pro-life protections.

**Movement on Pro-life Legislation:      NOTE: Last Day of Session is Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.**

### In the Missouri State Senate:

**SB 20 (Includes SB's 15 & 19):** Senator Bob Dixon (and Senator Ron Richard), Sponsors – Reinstates and extends the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Delivered to the Governor on March 14th for his signature. We are

still waiting for the Governor to sign the bill. (See request for phone calls to Governor above.)

**SB 40:** Senator Scott Sifton, Sponsor - Immediate Coverage for Maternity Benefits – Second Read and Referred to Committee

**SB 50:** Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor - Protection for PRC Alternative to Abortion Providers to Freely Engage in Religious Practices – Hearing Completed in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, Feb 18. Bill Still in Committee.

**SB 84:** Senator Scott Rupp, Sponsor - Protection of Conscience Rights of Medical Professionals – SCS SB 84 Voted Do Pass, March 11

**SB 111:** Senator Ed Emery, Sponsor – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Second Read and Referred to Committee, January 24

**SB 126:** Senator David Sater, Sponsor – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – On the Senate Calendar for Perfection

**SB 175:** Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor – Regulation of RU 486, Ban on Web Cam Abortions – Hearing Completed in the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, Feb 18. Bill Still in Committee. (See link to Memo above to Senate Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence)

**SB 185:** Senator David Sater, Sponsor – Criminalizes Drug Abuse During Pregnancy – Second Read and Referred to Committee, January 31

**SB 318:** Senator Scott Rupp, Sponsor – Updates Abortion Statistic Reporting – Second Read and Referred to Committee

**SB 393:** Senator Doug Libla, Sponsor - Requires an ultrasound to be conducted and reviewed with the pregnant woman prior to the 24-hour waiting period for an abortion - Second Read and Referred to Committee

**SJR 17:** Senator Brian Nieves, Sponsor – Seeks Voter Approval to Give Support for State’s Right to Refuse to Legalize or Fund Abortion if Forced to by the Federal Government. This is One Part of a Larger Resolution that Includes Numerous Conservative Issues – Second Read and Referred to Committee

#### **In the Missouri State House:**

**HB 31:** Rep. Chuck Gatschenberger, Sponsor – Protection for PRC Alternative to Abortion Providers to Freely Engage in Religious Practices – Voted Do Pass Out of Committee, March 12

**HB 87:** Rep. Eric Burlison, Sponsor – Reinstates and extends the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – Passed House, Second Read in Senate and Referred to Committee

**HB 177:** Rep. Andrew Koenig, Sponsor – Abortion Inducing Drug Safety Act: Regulation of RU 486 – Voted Do Pass Out of Committee, March 13

**HB 288:** Rep. John McCaherty, Sponsor – Reinstates and removes sunsets of the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits – HCS Voted Do Pass Out of Committee, February 19

**HB 298:** Rep. Keith English, Sponsor - Requires an ultrasound to be conducted and reviewed with the pregnant woman prior to the 24-hour waiting period for an abortion - HCS Voted Do Pass Out of Committee, March 13

**HB 378:** Rep. Mike Kelley, Sponsor – Protection for a Pharmacy Owner from being Forced to Carry any Drug or Device – Referred to Committee, February 27

**HB 386:** Rep. John McCaherty, Sponsor - Prohibits an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis – Hearing Completed in the House Health Care Policy Committee, March 6

**HB 400:** Rep. Jeanie Riddle, Sponsor – Ban on Web Cam Abortions – Hearing Completed in the House Health Care Policy Committee, March 13 - Rules Committee Reported Do Pass, March 14

**HB 457:** Rep. Tim Jones, Sponsor - Specifies that anyone providing medical services cannot be required to perform or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles – Passed the House by a veto-proof bi-partisan majority of 116 yes to 41 no, March 12 - Second Read in the Senate and Referred to Committee

**HB 716:** Rep. Jeff Grisamore, Sponsor - Establishes the "Show-Me Healthy Babies Program" as a separate CHIPs program for low-income unborn children – Hearing Completed in the House Children, Families and Persons With Disabilities Committee, March 26

**HJR 19:** Rep. Kurt Bahr, Sponsor - Proposes a constitutional amendment specifying that each citizen has an inherent liberty that includes being able to make decisions regarding lawful health care related services or products - This Resolution would address the health care rationing in Obamacare - Hearing Completed in the House Health Care Policy Committee, March 13

**Senate Bills Opposed by Missouri Right to Life:**

**SB 93:** Repeals provision making changes enacted by Senate Bill 7, MOSIRA (1st Ext. Sess. 2011) contingent on the passage of another act - This act would remove the connecting language and put MOSIRA into effect. Second Read and Referred to Committee, January 17

**SCR 6:** Urges ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. A State ERA has been used for the basis to publicly fund abortion. Hearing was Cancelled, February 5

**House Bills MRL Formerly Opposed and "at this time" Have Become Neutral on:**

**HB 389:** Rep. Anne Zerr, Sponsor - Economic Development Bill dealing with types of research. MRL requested pro-life protections since "human" life sciences research was a part of this bill. The committee chose to simply take out the funding for human research and maintain the other forms of research. Missouri Right to Life becomes neutral at this time and will monitor any changes to HCS HB 389.