

**Missouri Right to Life Press Release**

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**Victory for Babies and Protection of Women!  
HB 213 & SB 65 Become Law**

The following statement can be attributed to Pam Fichter, President of Missouri Right to Life.

**Missouri Right to Life applauds Governor Jay Nixon for not vetoing HB 213 & SB 65!**

During the 2011 Legislative Session, the Missouri Senate and House each took up and passed their respective bills banning late-term abortions after 20 weeks gestation except when continuation of the pregnancy will create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant mother.

Today, as he did on the 2010 pro-life legislation, Governor Nixon allowed this legislation to become law. Per the Missouri Constitution, Governor Nixon's decision to neither veto nor sign HB 213 and SB 65 is a decision to allow these bills to go into effect.

Because of Governor Nixon's decision, Missouri law now protects babies in their last trimester before birth from the slaughter of abortion. This decision saves lives and protects women from the risks of a late-term abortion. Missouri Right to Life has worked hard for years to find ways to protect innocent human lives and women in crisis pregnancies.

We also thank the Senate and House sponsors of this legislation and the members from both parties who supported HB 213 & SB 65.

While we are pleased to see the steps taken in HB 213 and SB 65, we still have much to do to restore the inalienable right to life recognized by our founders.