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Governor set to call MO General Assembly to September special session to consider Missouri Science Innovation and Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA)

Missouri Right to Life urges "no" vote on state tax credits for unethical research

Protective language for MOSIRA or any economic development legislation required

- Without restrictions to prevent public funding of embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, or even fetal research on aborted babies, Missouri Right to Life opposes the Missouri Science Innovation and Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) and any economic development legislation that provides tax credits for certain life sciences research and development expenses, including tax credits for work in the fields of life sciences, biology, and pharmaceuticals. These will be considered during the Special Session.
- MOSIRA sets up a fund to be administered by The Missouri Technology Corporation. This fund is the vehicle through which certain Missouri businesses can invest money through the state budget process to set up business incubators, mainly through the university systems, to receive tax credits and/or incentives from the state. Because these monies pass through the state budget, they become public money and should have pro-life protections ensuring that the state does not provide incentives for abortion, human cloning, or embryonic stem cell research.
- Missouri Right to Life opposes any economic development legislation that includes only a reporting requirement for this life-destroying research. Again, public dollars in any form should prohibit any of these actions, not just require their reporting after innocent human beings have been killed during research.
- Missouri Right to Life requests that the General Assembly add the following pro-life protective language in the numerous sections where necessary for valid protection:
"Public funds shall not be expended, paid, or granted to or on behalf of an existing or proposed research project that involves abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research as defined in section 196.1127."

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THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW . . .

Federal Judge Suspends New York City Ordinances Targeting Pregnancy Centers



A federal judge offered a surprising rebuke against New York City officials for violating the free speech rights of

local pregnancy centers.

The city council had approved a requirement for pregnancy resource centers to post signs and tell clients what services are not offered -- specifically abortions and contraception. The ordinance also puts the centers at risk of costly legal action.

Judge William Pauley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York also granted the pregnancy centers' request for a temporary injunction — or suspension — from the ordinance.

The judge wrote that the law's "over-expansiveness is evident from its very language," and would "upend established free speech protections.

"While Defendants apparently regard an assembly of people as an economic commodity, this Court does not. Under such a view, flyers for political rallies, religious literature promoting church attendance, or similar forms of expression would constitute commercial speech merely because they assemble listeners for the speaker."

CeCe Heil, senior council for American Center for Law and Justice, which represented the centers, called the court's action a resounding victory and is confident the law will ultimately be struck down. In January, a U.S. District Court in Baltimore struck down a similar law in Maryland.

"This law, which forces crisis pregnancy centers to adopt and express views about abortion and contraception that they strongly disagree with, is constitutionally flawed," Heil said.

The Centers for Disease Control has reported that nearly 41 percent of all pregnancies in New York City end in abortion.

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Adult Stem Cell Trial in Texas Will Treat Stroke Patients

Researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston have enrolled their first patient in a trial to use adult stem cells to treat strokes up to 19 days after the stroke occurred. Stroke is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States.

The stroke patient was treated June 8 at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, after suffering a stroke May 23, by Dr. Sean Savitz of the UT Medical School. According to Dr. Savitz:

"This represents a new approach using stem cells for stroke. A major question in the field of stem cell research is whether we can extend the time window for administering stem cells. A longer window increases the number of patients that might be helped."

Savitz is one of the investigators in the FDA-approved Phase II study. The study will investigate use of ALD-401, a therapy developed by the company Aldagen that uses a patient's own bone marrow adult stem cells. The trial is a *double-blind study.

This new trial proposes using the adult stem cell treatment up to 19 days after the stroke event. Dr. Savitz is also currently involved in another trial that treats stroke patients with their own adult stem cells, but injects the cells within the first 3 days after the stroke. Early results from this patient trial are very encouraging. Other studies have indicated that adult stem cells can have a positive effect long after the stroke occurs.

** ed. note: a double-blind study is an experimental procedure in which neither the subjects nor the experimenters know which subjects are in the test and control groups during the actual course of the experiments.*

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State of Public Opinion on Pro-Life Laws

One of highlights of the various 2011 state legislative sessions is the successful passage of many solid pro-life bills. According to a recent report by Guttmacher, 80 bills restricting abortion were passed in 19 states, more than tripling the 23 passed last year. This impressive number not only sets a record for the most life-affirming bills passed in one year, but it also more than doubles the previous record of 34 bills in 2005.

Some abortion advocates suggest that this is an example of legislators with extreme right-wing social ideologies "pushing" their agenda on the people in their state who likely do not agree with them on these issues. They even go so far as to assert that there has been an all out "attack on women" by these state legislators.

Now, thanks to Gallup poll data released July 25, we can check those assertions. Are these pro-life legislators out of touch or do they reflect the feelings of the majority of Americans? Are women feeling attacked and fighting back, or do they support and advocate bills that require their doctor to fully inform them of potential abortion risks, show them an ultrasound, and get parental consent for minors to receive an abortion?

Gallup says, "Of seven abortion restrictions tested in a July 15-17 Gallup poll, informing women of certain risks of an abortion in advance of performing it is the most widely favored, at 87%. Seven in 10 Americans favor requiring parental consent for minors and establishing a 24-hour waiting period for women seeking abortions. Nearly two-thirds favor making the specific procedure known as 'partial birth abortion' illegal."

Data from this poll also affirms a striking consistency in polling data that abortion is not a man-verses-woman issue, with men pushing pro-life views on women who just want to make choices with their pregnancies. To the contrary, four out of seven pro-life measures addressed in this poll scored a higher percentage of support among women than men!

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For Just One Life

I did an interview recently in which the reporter wanted me to respond to comments by the head of the St. Louis Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, Paula Gianino. Commenting on the impact of the bans on late-term abortion passed in the Missouri legislature this year and allowed to become law by Governor Nixon on July 14, Ms. Gianino told the reporter that she didn't understand the motivation for the legislation because it would only affect a small number of abortions.

HB213 and SB65 both ban abortions from twenty weeks on unless continuation of the pregnancy is a risk to the life of the mother or would create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant mother.

The reporter wanted to know if I thought it was worthwhile legislation since it would have so little impact.

I took a while to reply because I was a little stunned by the question. Our discussion of abortion usually focuses on the big numbers: over 53 million abortions in the U. S. since the U. S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, over 20,000 abortions in the United States every week, over 3,000 abortions every day, over 10,000 Missouri resident abortions per year. We want people to know the staggering number of lives lost to abortion.

But the reporter's question asked why we worked so hard to pass legislation that would prevent relatively few abortions? Missouri statistics are unclear as to the exact number of abortions 20-weeks gestation or more. According to the latest available statistics from the Missouri Department of Health from 2009, there were 63 abortions of babies 21-weeks gestation and more, and 278 abortions categorized as 17-20 weeks. Even so, should we be so concerned about such a relatively small number?

Instead of answering the question directly, I told the reporter the story about a man walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy he asked, "What are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Son, don't you realize there are miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't possibly make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, "I made a difference for that one."

We made a difference for possibly hundreds of babies. Not a big number compared to the total number of abortions. But each of those babies was someone's child, someone's grandchild. I think of my own precious grandchildren - Maddie, Mike, Matt, Jack, and Tommy. Would I work hard to save just one life - just one of those little ones? With every fiber of my being! For just one life.



*Blessings,
Pam. Fichter*



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PRO-LIFE BILLS BECOME LAW

VICTORY FOR BABIES AND PROTECTION FOR WOMEN

During the 2011 Legislative Session, the Missouri Senate and the 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 to the life of the mother or substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function.

On July 14, 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 HB213 and SB65 is a decision to allow these bills to go into effect.

Missouri law now will protect 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 thank the Senate and the House sponsors of this legislation and the members from both parties who supported HB213 & SB65.

We are pleased to see the steps taken in HB213 and SB65. Of course, we still have much to do to restore the inalienable right to life recognized by our founders.

Thank you

for helping

good things

happen!

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A sincere thank-you to the legislators who worked to pass the ban on late-term abortions (HB213 & SB65). Recognizing the overwhelming bipartisan support for this legislation, Governor Nixon allowed these bills to become law by not vetoing them before the July 15 deadline. Babies over 20-weeks gestation will be saved and women will not suffer the effects of late-term abortions.

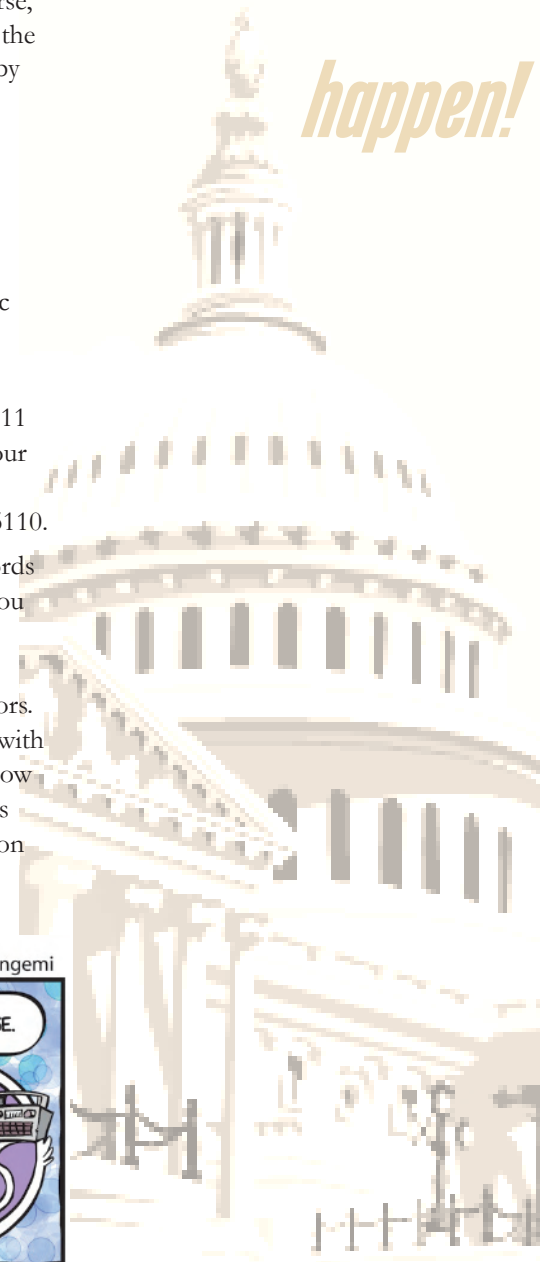
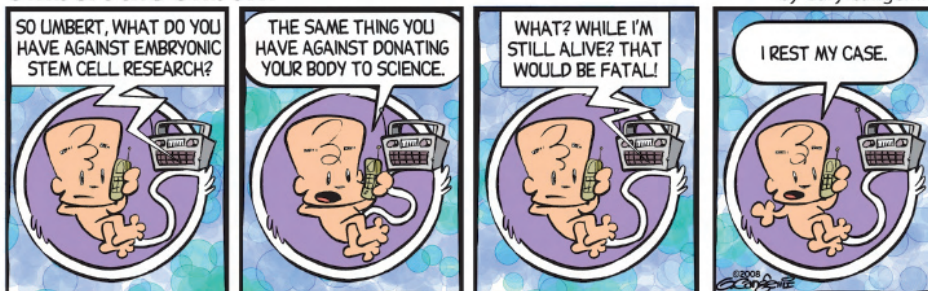
Missouri Right to Life also wants to thank legislators for maintaining \$1,583,561 for the Alternatives to Abortion program we worked to put into statute in 2007. This funding is available to our Pregnancy Resource Centers to help women in crisis

pregnancies choose life for their unborn children. In these economic times we are very thankful for the continuation of this funding.

The voting records for the 2011 legislative session are available on our website www.missourilife.org or by calling our state office at 573-635-5110.

As you review the voting records of your legislators, we encourage you to call our state office if you have any questions. It is our privilege to work with so many pro-life legislators. There are many variables involved with votes, and we are very careful to show an accounting for every bill that has either a pro-life or anti-life impact on innocent human lives.

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Questions and Answers on Legislative Voting Records

The vote tallies for the 2011 legislative session are now complete and available on the Missouri Right to Life website at www.missourilife.org. You may also request a printed copy from the MRL State Office, 573-635-5110.

Some of the most common questions and answers regarding the voting records are:

Why does Missouri Right to Life count legislative votes?

One of the primary responsibilities that MRL has to the pro-life voters of Missouri is to closely follow a legislator's actions on legislation involving the core life issues of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, human cloning, and embryonic stem cell research.

What legislative votes are counted?

MRL's legislative team and Board of Directors closely follow proposed legislation and determine whether or not a proposed bill has either a positive or negative impact on our issues. We make our position known to the legislators by testifying at hearings, distributing memos and e-mails, and personally contacting legislators. Every vote that advances a good bill is a pro-life vote. Every vote that advances an anti-life bill or weakens a pro-life bill is an anti-life vote.

Why do committee votes and procedural votes count the same as a final vote on a piece of legislation?

Procedural votes are every bit as important as a final vote. Unless a bill gets out of committee and moves through the legislative process, it can never get to a final vote.

Why does MRL count votes to "call the previous question" (PQ)?

The PQ votes are often critical in advancing or killing the progress of legislation. While not all PQ votes have equal impact, in order to be consistent and fair to members of both parties and members of both houses of the legislature, PQ votes are counted the same as other procedural votes on legislation that impacts our issues.

How does MRL use the voting records?

The voting record of a legislator seeking our endorsement is an important factor for MRL's Political Action Committee (PAC) in deciding whether or not a particular legislator has earned a campaign endorsement. The MRL PAC considers up to a four-year voting record when determining the endorsability of a candidate. For a legislator who has served in office over four years, only the most recent four-year voting record will be considered. For a legislator who has served less than four years, all of their voting records will be used.

What about an anti-life candidate who has a good voting record on MRL's issues?

Occasionally a legislator who is not with us on our issues will appear to have a pro-life voting record. However, because that legislator is not with us on the issues, we know that those votes were not for pro-life concerns. Therefore, the voting records of legislators who are not with us on the issues are irrelevant as those legislators would not be considered for endorsement.

Photo by Daniel Longar, *Columbia Missourian*



Missouri Right to Life Legislative Liaison Susan Klein, along with hundreds of pro-lifers, attended MRL's 2011 Pro-Life Action Day

Jeff City Pro-Lifers Celebrate July 4th



Missouri Right to Life and the pro-life message were in evidence at Jefferson City's July 4th festivities. And the many young people who manned the booth demonstrate that the pro-life message continues to be in good hands!

Think Planned Parenthood, Think Abortion

National Right to Life releases YouTube video, "The Truth About Planned Parenthood"

Good vs. evil -- it's the constant struggle won only by those who persevere.

Planned Parenthood is trying to play both sides of this timeless struggle.

They claim they do "good" . . . provide health care, tests, screenings . . . and they use that claim to take hundreds of millions of our tax dollars every year. They also use those "services" as a marketing ploy to try to sound "good" to the general public.

But they kill unborn babies. Hundreds of thousands of unborn babies each year. An organization that kills unborn children is doing evil -- no matter what other "services" or "good" they claim to provide.

National Right to Life is determined to expose and publicize the evil that Planned Parenthood does -- directly killing more than 300,000 unborn babies each year, more than one-fourth of all abortions in the U.S.

Planned Parenthood is expanding their organization to build new and bigger abortion facilities, they're lobbying to allow even more abortions both here and overseas, and they are shamelessly using your tax dollars to do it.

For more information about how Planned Parenthood is using public relations to fool American citizens about their work, please go to YouTube for a video from National Right to Life's President Carol Tobias. The video may be accessed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKI1RYTWYCK>. Or simply go to youtube.com and search NRLC Planned Parenthood.

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Given by:

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Western Region Spring Golf Tournament



Photos by Phil Muelhner



A little rain didn't stop golfers from having a great time at Missouri Right to Life-Western Region's 8th Annual Spring Golf Tournament.

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ACTION ALERT

Call Your State Senator and Representative Today!

Background:

The Governor and the House and Senate Leadership are set to call a special session in September of the MO General Assembly to consider an omnibus economic development bill.

One part of this legislation is the Missouri Science Innovation & Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA). MOSIRA sets up a fund, channeled through the state budget and to be administered by the pro-cloning Missouri Technology Corporation, to provide state money or tax incentives for new technology businesses, including businesses engaged in human life science research. MOSIRA does not currently include language preventing unethical research but only requires unethical research to be reported.

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On July 1, MRL sent a letter to Governor Nixon, all Representatives, and all Senators expressing our concerns and suggesting pro-life protective language for MOSIRA. That letter may be read at our website, www.missourilife.org.

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"So today we sanction the production of a 5-day old human life to destroy it. Tomorrow it's a 3-month-old, then an 8-month-old fetus. How far is it, really, from a 5-day-old cloned embryo to fetal farming - manufacturing fetal humans to harvest their body parts? Not very far, when one recognizes how well the slippery slopes have already been greased."

-- Father Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center