

**Calendar No. 3**

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

**S. 24**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. HELMS introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Civil Rights of Infants  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPRIVING PERSONS OF THE EQUAL PROTECTION**  
2 **OF LAWS BEFORE BIRTH.**

3 Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C.  
4 1983) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Every person”;

6 and

7 (2) by adding at the end thereof the following  
8 new subsection:

9 “(b) For purposes of subsection (a), and for purposes  
10 of other provisions of law, it shall be a deprivation of a  
11 ‘right’ secured by the laws of the United States for an  
12 individual to perform an abortion with the knowledge that  
13 the pregnant woman is seeking the abortion solely because  
14 of the gender of the fetus. No pregnant woman who seeks  
15 to obtain an abortion solely on the basis of the gender  
16 of the fetus shall be liable in any manner under this sec-  
17 tion.”.



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