

business time allotted to Senator GRAM of Florida be allocated to Senator DORGAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I understand there is a resolution at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 22) to express the sense of the Congress concerning the application by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 Presidential election campaign.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, on behalf of other colleagues, I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution will be placed on the calendar.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein not to exceed 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Pennsylvania is recognized.

Mr. SANTORUM. Thank you, Mr. President.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, this morning, I attended a press conference with Representative CHARLES CANADY from Florida, as well as Senator HATCH and Congressman HYDE, the chairmen of the respective bodies' Judiciary Committees, to introduce the House bill, which is companion to the bill I introduced last month, on the issue of partial-birth abortions.

At that press conference, Senator HATCH and Chairman HYDE announced a joint House-Senate Judiciary Committee, calling witnesses before the joint committee hearing to talk about previous testimony given by those organizations to Congress in light of the disclosure of Ron Fitzsimmons, who heads an organization of abortion clinics, that he "lied through his teeth," and others, likewise, I will add—this is me speaking, not him—lied through their teeth in telling Congress and the American public the situations in

which the partial-birth abortion procedure was used and the number of times that procedure was used.

I said at that press conference, and I will say to my colleagues in the Senate today, as I did last year when we debated this bill, I am hopeful that as a result of the new information having been brought to light, not just with Mr. Fitzsimmons but, frankly, over the past year or so, with this new information that has been brought to light not just by him, but by newspaper reports, magazine reports from the mainstream media, that we will have Members of the Senate on both sides—I ask everyone to relook at this issue and base your decisions on the facts as we now know them, not the misinformation or disinformation given out by organizations like the National Abortion Rights Action League or Planned Parenthood or others who deliberately lied to the American public, misled the American public on a variety of issues.

First, they came to the Congress and said—in fact, look at Members of Congress on the House side, going to the well, saying this was true because these organizations said it was true, that the procedure was done under anesthesia and the anesthesia killed the baby.

We had an anesthesiologist come forward and say, "Wait a minute, we have women now who won't get anesthesia to deliver children," which is normal in this country, of course, "because they are afraid they are going to kill their baby," and so they had to back off. "Well, we didn't really mean that." Well, of course they meant it. They testified to it.

Then the next great lie was that this was a procedure done, you know, with only a few hundred a year, only with women whose health was in danger or whose children were fatally deformed, and, as a result of that, we need to have this option available. "There's only a few hundred a year."

In fact, you know, tap into NARAL's home page. You will find the information still there. At least it was a couple days ago until some people found it. Now they may have pulled it. But they still say there are only a couple hundred being performed and only in the third trimester. That was their argument all along. It is a lie. That is what Mr. Fitzsimmons says—he lied through his teeth.

How would he know? He is the president of an organization of abortion clinics. He called up the doctors of the clinics, and the doctors said, "No. We perform this fairly routinely," not just on third trimester babies—and some are—but the vast majority—95 percent is my guess, or even more—are on healthy mothers with healthy babies in the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy. Those are the facts.

If Members of this body will look at those facts and vote based on the facts as we know them—this procedure, which involves taking a baby, late term, fifth, sixth, in rare cases seventh,

eighth, maybe even ninth month, but in rare cases in that situation, taking this baby, delivering the baby feet first, delivering the entire baby except for the head, then taking a pair of scissors and puncturing the base of the skull, sticking a suction tube in there and suctioning the brains out, killing the baby and then delivering this now dead baby.

If the Members of the U.S. Senate know, as we do know now, that that happens, not a few hundred times—in my opinion, a few hundred times is pretty horrible—now several thousand times, at least according to Mr. Fitzsimmons, 3,000 to 5,000—given the industry track record on what they report, probably multiples of that, but at least that many—whether we are going to condone healthy moms, healthy babies, some of them viable, being allowed to have this abortion done in this just most gruesome manner.

So I ask the Members of the Senate to not just fall into your camp that you are comfortable with, you know, if you are pro-choice, "I've got to be pro-choice." This is not pro-life, not pro-choice, certainly not Democrat or Republican. There were Democrats at the press conference. Democrats have been some of the most vocal supporters of this bill. This is an issue of who we are as a country and who this body is as a Senate.

We have a life-of-the-mother exception. I know Members continue to get up and say, "Well, we need to do this to protect the life of the mother." There is a life-of-the-mother exception. It is clear. It is solid. No one who reads it would say it is anything but a life-of-the-mother exception.

So, if this procedure needs to be done to save the life of the mother, which I have not found anybody who says it is necessary, but if it is, you can do it. But after that, this procedure must be made illegal, given the facts as we now know them.

So I am asking Members, new Members who have not voted on this issue, and Members who have voted the other way in particular, to take a look at this information.

Let me challenge folks here in the other gallery, in the news media, to start doing your homework. This information was readily available. All you had to do was report it. All you had to do was look. All you had to do is ask. I know you folks love to believe people who agree with you, and you take that as gospel. Well, do your work. Investigate. Find out the truth.

The American public just does not want to hear what your friends in these organizations say is the truth. They want to know the real truth. It is your job to tell them. We tried to tell them. We were here giving you the facts. You just decided not to report them. Tell the truth. Let the American public know what is really going on out there. When they continue, as they will, to lie on television, these organizations, to try to hide their dirty secrets, call