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Hinchey	McKeon	Sanford
Hinojosa	McNulty	Sawyer
Hobson	Meehan	Saxton
Hoekstra	Meek (FL)	Scarborough
Holden	Meeks (NY)	Schaefer, Dan
Hooley	Menendez	Schaffer, Bob
Horn	Metcalfe	Schumer
Hostettler	Mica	Scott
Houghton	Millender-	Sensenbrenner
Hoyer	McDonald	Sessions
Hulshof	Miller (CA)	Shadegg
Hunter	Miller (FL)	Shaw
Hutchinson	Minge	Shays
Hyde	Mink	Sherman
Inglis	Moakley	Shimkus
Istook	Mollohan	Shuster
Jackson (IL)	Moran (KS)	Sisisky
Jackson-Lee	Moran (VA)	Skaggs
(TX)	Morella	Skeen
Jefferson	Myrick	Skelton
Jenkins	Nadler	Slaughter
John	Neal	Smyth (MI)
Johnson (CT)	Nethercutt	Smith (NJ)
Johnson (WI)	Neumann	Smith (OR)
Johnson, E. B.	Ney	Smith (TX)
Johnson, Sam	Northup	Smith, Adam
Jones	Norwood	Smith, Linda
Kanjorski	Nussle	Snowbarger
Kaptur	Oberstar	Snyder
Kasich	Obey	Solomon
Kelly	Olver	Souder
Kennedy (MA)	Ortiz	Spence
Kennedy (RI)	Owens	Spratt
Kennelly	Oxley	Stabenow
Kildee	Packard	Stark
Kilpatrick	Pallone	Stearns
Kim	Pappas	Stenholm
Kind (WI)	Parker	Stokes
King (NY)	Pascrell	Strickland
Kingston	Pastor	Stump
Klecza	Paul	Stupak
Klink	Paxon	Sununu
Klug	Payne	Talent
Knollenberg	Pease	Tanner
Kolbe	Pelosi	Tauscher
Kucinich	Peterson (MN)	Tauzin
LaFalce	Peterson (PA)	Taylor (MS)
LaHood	Petri	Taylor (NC)
Lampson	Pickering	Thomas
Lantos	Pickett	Thompson
Largent	Pitts	Thornberry
Latham	Pombo	Thune
LaTourette	Pomeroy	Thurman
Lazio	Porter	Tiahrt
Lee	Portman	Tierney
Levin	Poshard	Torres
Lewis (CA)	Price (NC)	Townes
Lewis (GA)	Pryce (OH)	Traficant
Lewis (KY)	Quinn	Turner
Linder	Radanovich	Upton
Lipinski	Rahall	Velazquez
Livingston	Ramstad	Vento
LoBiondo	Rangel	Visclosky
Lofgren	Redmond	Walsh
Lowe	Regula	Wamp
Lucas	Reyes	Waters
Luther	Riggs	Watkins
Maloney (CT)	Riley	Watt (NC)
Maloney (NY)	Rivers	Watts (OK)
Manton	Rodriguez	Waxman
Manzullo	Roemer	Weldon (FL)
Martinez	Rogan	Weldon (PA)
Mascara	Rogers	Weller
Matsui	Rohrabacher	Wexler
McCarthy (MO)	Ros-Lehtinen	Weygand
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	White
McCollum	Roukema	Whitfield
McCrary	Roybal-Allard	Wicker
McDade	Royce	Wilson
McDermott	Rush	Wise
McGovern	Ryun	Wolf
McHale	Sabo	Woolsey
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		Boyd
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		Brown (CA)
		Brown (FL)
		Brown (OH)
		Bryant
		Bunning
		Burr
		Burton
		Callahan
		Calvert

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

McKinney

NOT VOTING—9

Abercrombie	Green	Murtha
Ford	Leach	Serrano
Gonzalez	Markey	Young (FL)

□ 1221

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO CLOSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHEN CLASSIFIED NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, I offer a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. SPENCE moves, pursuant to clause 6(a) of House Rule XXVIII, that conference committee meetings on the bill H.R. 3616 be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration, provided, however, that any sitting Member of Congress shall have the right to attend any closed or open meeting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. SPENCE).

On this motion, pursuant to clause 6 of rule XXVIII, the vote must be taken by the yeas and nays.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 5, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 323]

YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Camp	Duncan
Ackerman	Campbell	Dunn
Aderholt	Canady	Edwards
Allen	Canon	Ehlers
Andrews	Capps	Ehrlich
Archer	Cardin	Emerson
Armey	Carson	Engel
Bachus	Castle	English
Baesler	Chabot	Ensign
Baker	Chambliss	Eshoo
Baldacci	Chenoweth	Etheridge
Ballenger	Christensen	Evans
Barcia	Clay	Everett
Barr	Clayton	Ewing
Barrett (NE)	Clement	Farr
Barrett (WI)	Clyburn	Fattah
Bartlett	Coble	Fazio
Barton	Coburn	Filner
Bass	Collins	Foley
Bateman	Combest	Forbes
Becerra	Condit	Fossella
Bentsen	Cook	Fowler
Bereuter	Costello	Fox
Berman	Cox	Frank (MA)
Berry	Coyne	Franks (NJ)
Bilbray	Cramer	Frelinghuysen
Bilirakis	Crane	Frost
Bishop	Crapo	Gallely
Blagojevich	Cubin	Ganske
Bliley	Cummings	Gejdenson
Blumenauer	Cunningham	Gekas
Boehlert	Danner	Gephardt
Boehner	Davis (FL)	Gibbons
Bonilla	Davis (IL)	Gilchrest
Bonior	Davis (VA)	Gillmor
Bono	Deal	Gilman
Borski	DeGette	Goode
Boswell	Delahunt	Goodlatte
Boucher	DeLauro	Goodling
Boyd	DeLay	Gordon
Brady (PA)	Deutsch	Goss
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart	Graham
Brown (CA)	Dickey	Granger
Brown (FL)	Dicks	Greenwood
Brown (OH)	Dingell	Gutierrez
Bryant	Dixon	Gutknecht
Bunning	Doggett	Hall (OH)
Burr	Dooley	Hall (TX)
Burton	Doolittle	Hamilton
Callahan	Doyle	Harman
Calvert	Dreier	Hastert

Hastings (FL)	McDermott	Ryun
Hastings (WA)	McGovern	Sabo
Hayworth	McHale	Salmon
Hefley	McHugh	Sanchez
Hefner	McInnis	Sanders
Herger	McIntosh	Sandlin
Hill	McIntyre	Sawyer
Hilleary	McKeon	Saxton
Hilliard	McKinney	Scarborough
Hinchey	McNulty	Schaefer, Dan
Hinojosa	Meehan	Schaffer, Bob
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Manton	Rodriguez	Weygand
Manzullo	Roemer	White
Martinez	Rogan	Whitfield
Mascara	Rogers	Wicker
Matsui	Rohrabacher	Wilson
McCarthy (MO)	Ros-Lehtinen	Wise
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Wolf
McCollum	Roukema	Wynn
McCrary	Roybal-Allard	Yates
McDade	Royce	Young (AK)
McDermott	Rush	

NAYS—5

Conyers	Furse	Woolsey
DeFazio	Stark	

NOT VOTING—17

Blunt	Green	Pelosi
Buyer	Hansen	Sanford
Cooksey	Hunter	Serrano
Fawell	Lazio	Stump
Ford	Markey	Young (FL)
Gonzalez	Murtha	

□ 1230

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3905

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 3905.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN
ACT OF 1997—MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-158)

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the further consideration of the veto message of the President on the bill (H.R. 1122) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

The question is, will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. CANADY) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Madam Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation under consideration.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN).

Mr. COBURN. Madam Speaker, we now come before the House again on a subject that has been debated many times. The advantage that we have today is that the American public now knows this subject.

The American public knows that there is no truth in the statement that there is a need for this procedure at any time, at any place, in any way.

How do I know that? I have delivered well over 3,000 babies. I have handled every major known complication of pregnancy. This debate in the past has been about untruth. It has been about a desire to preserve an option of not fulfilling one's responsibility to a child. We have already heard today mischaracterizations and facts that do not exist. Those are called untruths about this procedure.

It is my hope that we can come together as a Nation and understand that

partial-birth abortion is murder. Nothing short, nothing less. There is never an instance in which a woman would have to have a partial-birth abortion versus some other means of saving her life and caring for her infant. That is something that people should keep in mind as we debate this issue.

Mr. SCOTT. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, I wish we could discuss this very serious issue with a bowl full of truth and not one of jelly beans.

When a woman is faced with this type of painful circumstance, it is one that she should face without government interference. Frankly, I think the American people do not want Democrats playing God, and the Republicans certainly should not play God.

This is a very serious issue, and if the Republican Majority was so concerned about the loss of lives of babies, when the President vetoed this legislation in October of 1997, we could have swiftly moved to committee and looked at opportunities in order to save the mother's life and to protect the mother's health.

But, Madam Speaker, it is July 1998, just a few months from election, and they wish to play with the lives of women. We have 200 million citizens, over 51 percent of them women. I would imagine that 3,000 babies pale to how many babies have been delivered.

Madam Speaker, as a mother, I love children and I want to see the wonderful birth of children continue and the loving families to nurture them. But how many have listened to the pain that I have listened to? We have had women come and testify saying that they wanted nothing more than to have a healthy baby and to have an opportunity to give birth in years to come. Their doctor insisted, because of the health and the life of the mother to be able to be viable for birth again, that this procedure was a necessary procedure.

Yet, the Republicans want to tell us that they override the President's veto today so they can stand on the right side of the issue. This legislation will deny the physician, the woman's God, and her family to determine any type of procedure. No procedure will be allowed.

Let me tell my colleagues the bare facts. Last year 19 States banned so-called partial-birth abortion. Seventeen were challenged and the challenge was upheld. Those bans are no longer because reasonable people realize this is not something mothers go lightly into.

I saw the pain in these women's faces. I saw the desire to be mothers and to nurture. I saw the loss of fathers who wanted to be able to have a child.

Madam Speaker, I simply say to the Republicans, this is no time to play any games. When we have a child with fatal abnormalities, if my colleagues have ever looked at that living thing and saw that it could not live at all, that is a painful and wrenching decision that is required to be made again by our Heavenly Father, of whom we believe in, and the physician, and the family.

So I would ask that this override not take place, because I stand with those who want life and the opportunity for life.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN).

Mr. COBURN. Madam Speaker, I just want to clarify three misstatements of fact that were just made. Number one, the ban on partial-birth abortion never puts a woman's fertility at risk. That is number one.

Number two, this bill does allow in the instance of the life of a mother, if it is at risk, a partial-birth abortion to be done. We do not think that is ever the case, and I know that as a physician never to be the case, but we allow that under the law.

Finally, if a child has a terminal defect, what could be better than having it be born and loved rather than killing it?

Mr. SCOTT. Madam Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. FURSE).

Ms. FURSE. Madam Speaker, there is only one question that the people of America need to ask themselves in this debate. Only one. That is: "Do you want a physician in your doctor's office making this decision with you, or do you want a politician?"

Madam Speaker, I am not a physician. I am a politician. I will not make this decision for the women and families of this country, and no other politician should make that decision for them.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Mrs. CUBIN).

Mrs. CUBIN. Madam Speaker, I am a mother myself and married to a physician. There is very little that any of the previous speakers can tell me about abortions and about pregnancies and about life that I do not already know.

One thing I do know is our Constitution guarantees us the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The most fundamental of those things is life.

In our State laws in many States, the sanctity of unborn life is already regarded as a right. Let me tell my colleagues how. Criminally, if a woman is assaulted and loses her child, the person who assaulted her can be charged with manslaughter, can be charged with murder. Even if the mother survives, that child, that unborn child, has a right to live.

If someone negligently kills the father of an unborn child, the mother or