

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I came here with a prepared text, but I just could not resist this smiling face. Through the miracle of modern technology, this is the picture of a baby in the womb. It is clearly a baby. It is clearly smiling. It is clearly a human being.

I did not bring with me some other visuals that would show you what is going to happen to Sarah in the partial-birth abortion procedure. She is going to be turned around in her mother's womb, and she is going to be delivered feet first. Not quite delivered. Her head is going to be left in the birth canal and then a trocar is going to be stuck in the back of her head, just where the spinal cord enters the brain. And then her soft brain tissue is going to be sucked out. Obviously, her life expired. This is partial-birth abortion. We are going to ban this hideous procedure today.

IN SUPPORT OF THE BAN ON PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTIONS

(Mr. BISHOP of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP OF UTAH. Mr. Speaker, often times we do things that are popular in America, but wrong. Today, we are going to do something that is popular with the majority of Americans, but very right.

H.R. 760 does not overturn the Roe v. Wade ruling, but it eliminates a heinous process that was never intended to be protected in the original judgment. When the Supreme Court bypassed the legislative process to make abortions legal 30 years ago, the legislative voice opposing abortion, was never heard. Thus the ruling laid the foundation for the outrage and protest we have today. The people were not allowed to be heard through their elected Representatives.

Many judges who today uphold the Roe v. Wade ruling today, oppose the procedure by which it became reality. By approving the conference report on the partial-birth abortion ban today, we will be enacting legislation the correct way. Both Chambers of Congress will have debated and spoken on this bill, and now the President will have the same opportunity.

The partial-birth abortion ban will be a good law, a righteous law, and it will be enacted the right way. I support this legislation because it protects the most important minority in America: those who cannot speak for themselves. I urge my colleagues to do the same.

IRAQ SUPPLEMENTAL

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, as we debate the Presidential supplemental request for Iraq, one point I do want to

address is the idea of placing some of the requested funds for reconstruction to Iraq in the form of a loan. I believe it is possible to do this considering the enormous assets of this country. I am not persuaded by the argument that we do not want to add to Iraq's current debt of \$200 billion, which is largely owed to France, Germany, and Russia. I find it difficult to believe that if these countries truly want to contribute to the stability of the region, they would not seek to forgive a substantial portion of their debt.

The American families sacrificed much to win the freedom in Iraq. However, we cannot expect Iraq to pay back funds first to those very countries that sat back and let our men and women undertake the risks to win the freedom in Iraq.

SUPPORT THE PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT

(Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, today this House is set to pass a historic bill, the partial-birth abortion ban. We have passed it several times in the past, but this time is different. In this case, we have a President who has said that he will sign this important bill to end this horrific practice.

I have a nephew that was born a few years ago less than two pounds, and many of the young men and women waiting to be born that have been killed by this procedure have weighed more than Alexander. So I call on my colleagues to rise to this historic moment, pass this important bill, and protect those, the most innocent among us.

IMMIGRANT WORKERS FREEDOM RIDE

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, immigrants who come to this country today work hard in the lowest-paying jobs, sometimes working two or three jobs just to support their families. They earn very little money for their efforts, but they bring the richness of hope to our civic and our cultural communities. They pay taxes. They are overwhelmingly honest and hardworking, and they deserve our respect. They wanted only a fair opportunity to share in the prosperity of this great country. They only want what so many others received before them.

Today, because of outdated and unnecessarily burdensome immigration restrictions, many immigrants live their lives underground, cannot get an opportunity for a more formal, legal status and get the opportunity to work for citizenship. Immigration laws and

policies that deny people opportunities for permanence or that leave them exploited should certainly be challenged. We should allow immigrant workers without documentation to seek permanent residency status without being forced to leave the country.

Undocumented workers, who have lived here lawfully and productively, should be eligible for immigrant visas based on family relationships and job skills. They should have the opportunity to become legal permanent residents and eventually U.S. citizens.

I join the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS) in her support of the Freedom Ride Resolution and urge the President to reform our broken immigration system.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 3, PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 383 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 383

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 3) to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purposes of debate.

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday the Committee on Rules met and granted a rule to provide for the customary 1 hour of consideration for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Conference Report of 2003.

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 3 and against its consideration. It also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

This conference report makes it illegal in the United States for a physician to perform a partial-birth abortion. As an original cosponsor of this legislation, I am very pleased to see this conference report reach the floor of the House of Representatives. I have been waiting for this day to come since 1995.

I am sure that President Bush is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to put an end to this horrific act of human violence by signing this legislation into law. Finally, we have a President in the White House who will not veto this monumental legislation.