

The legislation before us is a step in the right direction toward the development of our domestic energy supply. This provision gives the Energy Secretary discretionary authority to purchase oil from domestic sources as opposed to the current practice of only buying foreign oil. H.R. 2884 authorizes, at the discretion of the Energy Secretary, the purchase of oil from these marginal "stripper" wells whenever the price of oil dips below \$15 dollars per barrel. This is vital to the improvement of our energy policy in the United States today. This legislation also takes a major step in improving the economic situation for the small, independent producers in America, while, at the same time, strengthening our national security.

There are more than 6,000 independent producers nationwide, many working out of their homes with few employees. Yet they drill 85% of domestic oil and natural gas wells in America, contributing close to half of our nation's domestic oil and gas output.

Mr. Speaker, we must develop a national energy policy that protects our security interests while, at the same time, improving the production economy in America. The passage of H.R. 2884 will be an important step in that direction. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in casting their vote in favor of this very important legislation.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN
ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, when the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act was before this body last year, opponents accused proponents of the legislation of bad taste, of offensive conduct. What was that offensive conduct? It was giving an admittedly accurate description of the gruesome act by which a baby's body is dismantled and mutilated and its young life painfully and unjustifiably ended. There is agreement. What a sorry spectacle. Unfortunately, ironically, there is no agreement—no consensus on an even sordid spectacle, an even greater outrage. That outrage is not a description of a partial birth abortion, it is the partial birth abortion itself. Imagine a society too humane and too caring to permit the discussion of such a heinous act, but one which at the same time not only permits, but defends this outrageous offense against humanity, liberty and justice.

Do not all of us have the compassion to agree that this should never happen to any human being? A violation of our God given dignity. Is not every partial birth abortion an offense against humanity: does it not weaken our conscience, harden our heart, and dull our mind. I submit to you that every innocent life taken by this procedure makes America less caring, less respectful of others, and leaves behind only feelings of guilt. Each procedure leaves scars that can last forever in our memory, in our hearts, and in our consciences.

[We in America like to consider ourselves a compassionate people. We pride ourselves on

wanting to protect the weak, to help those in need. But we refuse to acknowledge the suffering of a baby whose skull is cracked and whose brain is sucked out. Yet this happens at least 5,000 times each year in America. That means that every day 14 babies die hidden from our view. Babies need our protection, our care, and our concern. We have been elected to protect those who need our help, to make a difference in the lives of others. I, for one, feel the weight of knowing that all of those babies suffer so much and so needlessly. We have the power to stop their suffering, and to end this barbaric procedure.]

A mother's womb is where a baby should feel safest, free from all harm and literally surrounded by love. Every partial birth abortion is a failure of love. Every partial birth abortion is a failure of justice. And every partial birth abortion is an unnecessary procedure. Not only are these types of brutal degradations not required, the AMA says they should never happen in a medically advanced country like ours.

Let us all agree to go beyond partisan ways of thinking and consider what is really at stake: the life of an innocent, weak, and defenseless human being who needs our protection. Does not justice and conscience and respect for life cry out for passage of this legislation?

MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER
PRESENTS THE PINNACLE
AWARDS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 15, 2000, Monmouth Medical Center in Long Beach, NJ, will present the sixth biannual Physician Recognition Dinner and the presentation of the Pinnacle Awards. The event will be held at the Oyster Point Hotel in Red Bank, NJ.

Mr. Speaker, these awards will be presented in recognition of six physicians whose contributions have helped to establish Monmouth Medical Center as one of the foremost community teaching hospitals in New Jersey. The six outstanding physician recipients of the Pinnacle Award for 2000 have been leaders and achievers. Each has devoted a lifetime of faithful service to Monmouth Medical Center, exemplifying the ideals and traditions of the practice of medicine. More importantly, they have devoted a lifetime of service to the care and healing of innumerable grateful patients.

The Pinnacle Awards are presented on behalf of the entire household family, by authority of the administration of Monmouth Medical Center and the Medical and Dental Staff. The recipients of the Pinnacle Awards are:

Richard A. Daniels, M.D. Besides practicing medicine, Dr. Daniels has had another love for the past 49 years—teaching it. Although he officially retired from his internal medicine practice last year, he can still be seen on the patient floors of Monmouth Medical Center, providing one-to-one instruction to medical school students and medical residents. Dr. Daniels

has been actively involved in Monmouth's medical education program since the early 1960s. Throughout his career, he's placed a major focus on cardiology, serving as president of the Monmouth County Heart Association. Later, he combined that interest with geriatric medicine, becoming board certified in that specialty.

A 1955 graduate of the State University of New York, Dr. Daniels completed his residency in internal medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, serving as chief resident in his final year of training. He then spent two years in the military as chief of medicine at the Air Force Hospital in Minot, ND. He joined Monmouth's attending staff in 1961, and entered into private practice the same year. Since 1968, he has been an associate clinical professor at MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine, the teaching affiliate of Monmouth Medical Center. Dr. Daniels is a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine, a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Internal Medicine, and a member of the Teachers of Family Practice and an associate of the American College of Cardiology. His research work has been published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *American Journal of Medicine* and *New Jersey Medicine*.

Dr. Daniels and his wife Norma divide their time between Long Beach and Vermont. They have two sons, Steven and Jeffrey, both of whom are doctors—as is one of their sons-in-laws. They also have two daughters, Cathy Zukerman, an architect, and Barrie Markowitz, a director at American Express. Their four children have presented Dr. and Mrs. Daniels 12 grandchildren.

Barry D. Elbaum, D.D.S. Since joining Monmouth Medical Center's Medical and Dental Staff in 1996, Dr. Elbaum, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, has been a driving force in the growth of the Department of Dentistry. For the past 11 years, Dr. Elbaum has served as department chairman. Under his leadership, the number of dentists on the attending staff has quadrupled to 80 dentists. Having established his discipline as a major department that holds a permanent seat on the hospital's Medical Executive Committee, Dr. Elbaum is credited with changing the attending staff's official name to the Medical and Dental Staff. The dentists on the staff, under Dr. Elbaum's guidance, provide instruction to four resident dentists each year, providing hands-on training in one of the busiest facilities of its kind in the state. He has also offered direction in bringing in the most advanced dental and oral techniques. He has also helped to raise significant funds to establish the Samuel Elbaum Continuing Dental Education Program. He is also in private practice at several locations in Monmouth County.

Born in Poland, Dr. Elbaum is a Holocaust survivor who was 12 years old when he came to the United States in 1950. During his three-month stay at Ellis Island, he mastered both the English language and table tennis, which he later won a championship in. He graduated from the New York University College of Dentistry in 1962. After a four-year residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, he established his practice in Asbury Park, NJ. He became chairman of the oral and maxillofacial