

earn between 12 to 40 cents per hour. They totally depend on the health services they receive from their institutions. Most female prisoners are unable to finance their own abortions, and, therefore, are in effect denied their constitutional right to an abortion.

Earning the maximum rate of wages, a female prisoner would need to work 40 hours a week for 12 and 1/2 weeks just to be able to afford the lowest cost of a first trimester abortion (\$200), but by that time she is no longer in the first trimester and, therefore, the cost of the abortion would be higher. So she would need to work even more to pay for the higher cost and more dangerous abortion. However, she will never make enough money in prison to pay for a timely, safe abortion even if she saves every penny she earns from the moment of conception. Why? Because the cost of later and later term abortions (from \$200 to \$700 to \$1200) increases faster than her ability to earn money. So the legislation essentially bans abortion services for women in prison.

Remember, many women prisoners are victims of physical or sexual abuse and are pregnant before entering prison. In addition, they will almost certainly be forced to give up their children at birth. Why should we add to their anguish by denying them access to reproductive services?

Even worse, prison health services are inadequate for pregnant women. A 1999 report by Amnesty International USA revealed that gynecological services for women in prisons are inadequate and of poor quality. So, not only are we forcing women to carry pregnancies to term, but we are forcing them to do so in an environment where medical conditions are notoriously bad. We, therefore, increase the risk of late-term miscarriages and other potentially life threatening complications. That is dangerous and unnecessary.

Furthermore, we ought to keep this debate in perspective. This ban on abortions does not stop thousands of abortions from taking place, rather it places an unconstitutional burden on a few women facing a difficult situation. Statistics show that there are approximately 10,448 women in federal prison, that only 4 had abortions in FY 1998 and only 2 had abortions in FY 1999. There were only 56 births in FY 1998, and 24 births in FY 1999. So this is a very small group of people.

I know full well that the authors of this ban would take away the right to choose from all American women if they could, but since they are prevented from doing so by the Supreme Court (and the popular will of the American people who overwhelmingly support choice) they have instead targeted their restrictions on women in prison. Women in prison, who are perhaps the least likely to be able to object.

Well watch out America. After they have denied reproductive health services to all women in prison, all federal employees, all women in the armed forces, and all women on public assistance, then they will once again try to ban all abortions in the United States. And they won't stop there, we know that many anti-choice forces want to eliminate contraceptives as well. It is a slippery slope that denies the realities of today, punishes women, and threatens their health and safety. This radical agenda must be stopped now.

I urge my colleagues to support the DeGette amendment.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, as an advocate for Women's Choice I strongly support Representative DEGETTE's amendment. Representative DEGETTE's amendment will strike the language in the Commerce Justice State Appropriations bill which would prohibit federal funds from being used for abortions in prison.

Abortion is a legal health care option for American women, and has been for over 20 years. Because Federal prisoners are totally dependent on health care services provided by the Bureau of Prisons, the ban, in effect will prevent these women from seeking the needed reproductive health care that should be every women's right—the right to choose an abortion.

We know that most women who enter prison are poor. Many of them are victims of physical and sexual abuse, and some of them are pregnant before entering prison. An unwanted pregnancy is a difficult issue in even the most supportive environs. However, limited prenatal care, isolation from family and friends and the certain custody loss of the infant upon birth present circumstances which only serve to worsen an already very dire situation.

In 1993, Congress lifted the funding restrictions that since 1987 had prohibited the use of federal funds to provide abortion services to women in federal prisons except during instances of rape and life endangerment. Women who seek abortions in prison must receive medical religious and/or social counseling sessions for women seeking abortion. There must be written documentation of these counseling sessions, and any staff member who morally or religiously objects to abortion need not participate in the prisoner's decision making process.

There was a 75 percent growth in the number of women in Federal prisons over the last decade. Currently, the growth rate for women is twice that of men in prison. Yet, the rate of infection for HIV and AIDs in women exceeds the rate of infection for men in prison, and pregnant women are of course at risk of passing on this disease to their unborn children.

This ban on federal funds for women in prison is another direct assault on the right to choose. This ban is just one more step in the long line of rollbacks on women's reproductive freedoms. We must stop this assault on reproductive rights.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE).

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE) will be postponed.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, I do so to engage in a friendly filibuster on behalf of the House, because what we are trying to do is to bring to the House floor a

unanimous consent agreement so that Members will understand what the intention is in terms of proceeding for the rest of the evening.

The staff is in the process of writing the changes to that agreement right now, so to prevent this from getting into another protracted debate on another amendment this evening, I am simply taking this time in the hopes that by the time I sit down, we will have the required paperwork so the Committee can proceed.

I am looking around with great expectation, hoping that the staff in fact has the paperwork ready, but I think they have all fled to the cloakrooms.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to tell the gentleman that as he was pondering where everything was, the paper was reaching the gentleman. I think he is a much happier man now.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I am happy we do not have to ask the Sergeant to bring in the absent staff.

If the gentleman is ready to proceed, I am happy to yield back my time so that he can propound the unanimous consent request.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. REYNOLDS) having assumed the chair, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500), making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LIMITING AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2500, DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2500 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 192, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except

1. Pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate; and amendments printed in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the legislative day, July 17, 2001 or any RECORD before that date, designated for the purpose specified in

clause 8 of rule XVIII, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee; shall be considered as read; shall not be subject to amendment, except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate; and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or the Committee of the Whole; And

2. The Clerk shall be authorized to print in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the legislative day July 17, 2001 designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII all amendments to H.R. 2500 that are at the desk and not already printed by the close of this legislative day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I will not object, but I just want to clarify something from the chairman.

It is clear to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), the ranking member and I the content of the unanimous consent. However, I want to make clear that there is an understanding that whatever discussions will take place on limitation on times are in no way referred to in this unanimous consent.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SERRANO. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would tell the gentleman, that is correct.

Mr. SERRANO. That may or may not be a discussion later on in this process.

Mr. WOLF. That is correct.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 192 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2500.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, with Mr. HASTINGS of Washington in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the bill was open for amendment from page 39, line 18, through page 39, line 24.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed in the following order: The amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS); amendment No. 2 offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY); the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE).

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. LUCAS OF OKLAHOMA

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The Clerk designated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 187, noes 227, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 233]

AYES—187

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| Barrett | Duncan | Johnson (IL) |
| Barton | Dunn | Kelly |
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| Bentsen | Emerson | Kerns |
| Berkley | Etheridge | Kind (WI) |
| Berry | Evans | LaFalce |
| Blagojevich | Fattah | Lampson |
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| Bono | Ford | Larsen (WA) |
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| Brady (PA) | Gordon | Lewis (KY) |
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| Barr | Goss | Miller (FL) |
| Bartlett | Graham | Mollohan |
| Bass | Granger | Moran (VA) |
| Bereuter | Green (TX) | Morella |
| Berman | Greenwood | Murtha |
| Biggert | Grucci | Nadler |
| Bilirakis | Hall (OH) | Napolitano |
| Boehlert | Hall (TX) | Northup |
| Bonilla | Hastings (FL) | Nussle |
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| Boucher | Herger | Obey |
| Brady (TX) | Hinojosa | Olver |
| Brown (FL) | Hobson | Ortiz |
| Brown (OH) | Hoeffel | Otter |
| Burton | Hoekstra | Owens |
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| Calvert | Honda | Pallone |
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| Capps | Houghton | Paul |
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| Castle | Isakson | Peterson (MN) |
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| Collins | Jackson (LL) | Phelps |
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| Conyers | (TX) | Portman |
| Cooksey | Jenkins | Pryce (OH) |
| Cox | Johnson, E. B. | Rangel |
| Coyne | Johnson, Sam | Regula |
| Cramer | Jones (NC) | Rohrabacher |
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| Crenshaw | Kanjorski | Rothman |
| Crowley | Kaptur | Roukema |
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| DeLauro | King (NY) | Schakowsky |
| DeLay | Kingston | Schiff |
| DeMint | Kirk | Schrock |
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| Diaz-Balart | Knollenberg | Serrano |
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| Doyle | Kucinich | Shays |
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| Farr | Levin | Skelton |
| Ferguson | Lewis (CA) | Smith (MI) |
| Flake | Linder | Smith (NJ) |
| Fletcher | Lipinski | Smith (TX) |
| Forbes | Lofgren | Snyder |
| Fossella | Lowey | Spratt |
| Frank | Lucas (KY) | Stenholm |
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