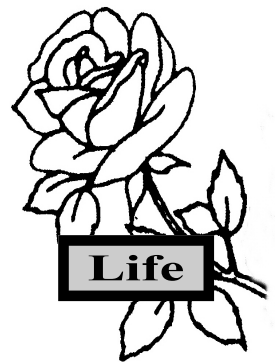


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gorgeous rose,
every human life
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as a perfect plan
from a
Perfect
Creator*



Gov. Dugaard Signs Informed Consent Measure! South Dakota Pro-lifers Ecstatic!

On March 22, SD Governor Dennis Dugaard, who is also a lifetime member of SDRTL, signed a crucial piece of pro-life legislation into law. House Bill 1217 helps prevent women from being coerced into receiving abortions and strengthens our informed consent law. Pro-lifers understand that when women are informed about human development and abortion alternatives, rather than merely told the pro-abortion slanted jargon used by abortion providers, they are more likely to choose life.

Strengthening South Dakota's informed consent statutes, House Bill 1217 specifically requires a woman to:

- Wait 72 hours after her consultation with the abortionist before receiving the abortion procedure (unless there is an emergency),
- Receive counseling from a Pregnancy Help Center, and
- Meet physically with her doctor prior to and during the abortion procedure.

"I think everyone agrees with the goal of reducing abortion by encouraging consideration of other alternatives," Gov. Dugaard said. "I hope that women who are considering an abortion will use this three-day period to make good choices."

HB 1217, which was sponsored by Rep. Roger Hunt and Sen. Al Novstrup, handily passed the State House with a vote of 49-19 and the State Senate by a vote of 21-13.

Pro-abortion forces like Planned

Parenthood and the ACLU plan to file a lawsuit in federal court prior to July 1, when the law is slated to take effect. They claim the legislation is unconstitutional and places undue burden on women seeking abortions and that its presumed litigation will greatly indebt South Dakota. To the latter fear, pro-lifers respond that thankfully South Dakota has an extraordinary litigation fund, Life Protection Subfund, that was established in order to deter the cost of defending pro-life legislation. In addition to the money that may be appropriated to the subfund, private contributions are also coming in.

In the Winter 2011 LifeFacts issue, SDRTL talked about introducing legislation prohibiting abortionists from prescribing the abortion drug RU-486 via teleconference. During these dangerous "webcam" procedures, the abortionist is never at the same location as the pregnant woman. We do not know if this is happening in South Dakota, but we do know this type of abortion is gaining popularity in Iowa. Since HB 1217 requires the abortionist to be physically present with the patient prior to and during the procedure, "webcam" abortions are now illegal in South Dakota.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, which was sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Kraus and Rep. Patty Miller honored the life-saving work of pregnancy care centers. SCR 1 passed the Senate by a vote of 33-1 and the House by a vote of 63-0. The lone vote opposing pregnancy care centers was Sen. Angie Buhl's. A staunch supporter of abortion rights, she is the



Gov. Dennis Dugaard addresses pro-lifers and reiterates his support for the pro-life agenda at the SDRTL State Convention, Oct. 9, 2010.

newly elected District 15 senator, as well as a former NARAL employee. For those SDRTL members living in the Sioux Falls area, Sen. Buhl's complete lack of consideration for unborn children is yet another terrific reason to get to the voting booth in 2012!

THANK YOU to all who voted for pro-life legislators who ultimately voted for pro-life legislation! Also thanks to Gov. Dugaard and to all individuals and groups who faithfully support the right to life for the most vulnerable humans.

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SDRTL is a non-profit, non-denominational organization whose philosophy is that all human life is inviolable and is to be guaranteed protection from conception until natural death.



Despite nasty weather, pro-lifers filled the Capitol rotunda for the annual Hour of Reflection, commemorating the 38th anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* decision. The theme, "Unity: Together We Succeed," was extraordinarily appropriate, not only for the occasion, but also for the entire legislative session. Speakers included Gov. Dennis Daugaard and District 24 Rep. Mark Venner. SDRTL and Pierre Area RTL co-sponsored the event.

SDRTL's 2011 Legislative Voting Card

Two votes are recorded on SDRTL's 2011 Legislative Voting Card. The vote on House Bill 1217, which improves our informed consent statutes, is recorded below.

The vote on SCR 1, which honors the important work of pregnancy help centers, was also scored. The lone legislator to oppose SCR 1 is District 15 Sen. Angie Buhl.

+ = Pro-life Vote
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Stronger Informed Consent Statute Marks Another Successful Legislative Session

by SDRTL Lobbyist Spencer Cody

SDRTL's hard work paid off as we celebrate another victorious legislative session! I owe a great debt of gratitude to SDRTL Directors and Fellow Legislative Committeepersons Valerie Johnson and Dan Hargreaves. When we realized how busy this session was going to be with multiple pro-life bills and no state director or paid lobbyist to oversee their progress, we were frantically thrown together as the eyes and ears of SDRTL's legislative agenda.

Not having a full-time lobbyist in the Capitol made obtaining information and spreading our message more challenging. However, by utilizing more multimedia like a YouTube account and making our on-line messaging more attractive and user-friendly, we were able to compensate for those shortcomings. In addition, Valerie, Dan, and I were in frequent contact with many of our legislators and lobbyists to keep SDRTL aware of the situation in Pierre and to represent our pro-life agenda. Valerie and several committed SDRTL members, including some smart teens, visited the Capitol just two weeks prior to my visit to talk to legislators and encourage them to support pro-life legislation. Several others made phone calls and wrote letters.

I was able to make it to Pierre the day HB 1217 was amended to voice SDRTL's support for the bill. The atmosphere in the hearing room that day before the Judiciary Committee was electric! Pro-life and conservative groups from across the state presented a unified front in support of HB 1217. After sometimes disagreeing on strategy in the past, I do believe that this year's process has healed some wounds. The personal testimony and broad support from the pro-life community squelched the opponents' arguments. HB 1217 was amended and passed to a floor vote, was passed by wide margins in the House and the Senate, and eventually was signed by the governor. I feel fortunate to have been there to see a part of history unfolding.

By using web ads, we were able to expose Planned Parenthood's busied-in

activist march at the Capitol on Jan. 31. To counteract the event, pro-lifers visited legislators the same day, handing out life-saver candies attached to the message "Abortion Hurts." Web ads were also useful in educating people about webcam abortions and promoting passage of HB 1217.

SDRTL also supported SCR 1, a resolution recognizing pregnancy help centers for all the life-saving services they provide. While we were working on these bills, we were also on guard against attacks on pro-life legislation and values. We sent out a letter to all state senators, thanking those legislators who voted in favor of SCR 1 while condemning Sen. Angie Buhl's lone vote of opposition.

It is an appropriate time to present my unofficial 2011 legislative session awards: most anti-life legislator is a **tie** between Sen. Angie Buhl and Rep. Peggy Gibson. Buhl had the early lead for this award with outrageous statements against SCR 1 on her computer blog. However, Gibson made up ground through her unprofessional behavior on the Judiciary Committee toward any pro-lifers supporting HB 1217 and, of course, her performance on the House floor opposing HB 1217. All I can say is that if you don't like your leadership, change it in 2012!

I would like to thank Rep. Hal Wick, Sen. Corey Brown, and Sen. Elizabeth Kraus for their advice and support when we needed it. I would also like to recognize Rep. Roger Hunt for his sheer courage in standing up against the pro-abortion agenda and Rep. Stace Nelson for his vocal support of pro-life issues this session. This guy is a champion of pro-life causes of heroic proportions.

By passing HB 1217, I believe South Dakota could be propelling the pro-life movement into yet another transformative moment. Nearly 20 years ago many pro-lifers were disappointed when *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* failed to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, but what they did not know at the time was that the provisions that stood after the court challenge would end up saving countless lives across the country over the next couple decades.

Could you image all the people who would not be here today if it were not for informed consent laws, waiting periods, or counseling? As HB 1217 winds its way



*A special "Thank you!" to
Spencer Cody, Region 9 Director
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his time and talents
as the 2011 SDRTL lobbyist*

through the courts, it may end up opening many new fronts in the fight against the anti-life agenda. This crucial law gives women a real opportunity to make an informed decision about alternatives to abortion. It does this by providing a longer waiting period, by adding multiple sources of information relating to abortion and abortion alternatives, and by adding balance to otherwise terribly biased information. Even if only a portion of this new law stands in the courts, it could save millions of lives for generations to come. Like *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, HB 1217 could transform how everyone views the abortion debate.



Senate Minority Leader
Jason Frerichs (D-Wilmot),
supported House Bill 1217.

When interviewed by South Dakota Public Broadcasting, he said, "I think all of us agree that we don't like to see abortions happen, no matter which side of the issue. My reasoning for supporting the legislation was that I think if we can have that patient be completely free of any sort of doubt that they're fine with going through with the process, I think that's important. So that's where I landed on the side of supporting the legislation."

Battling Big Abortion

The Truth about the Debate over Defunding Planned Parenthood

by Congressman Mike Pence (R-Indiana)

On Feb. 18, with bipartisan support, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Pence Amendment, which would end taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood. In response, Planned Parenthood used its vast resources to launch slick Madison Avenue television ads portraying the group - the nation's largest abortion provider - as an altruistic organization that provides healthcare services to the poor and has only an incidental interest in abortion.

Despite efforts to suggest otherwise, the Pence Amendment does not reduce funding for cancer screenings or eliminate one dime of funding for other important health services to women; the money that does not go to Planned Parenthood as a result of the Pence Amendment will go to other organizations that provide these services. If the Pence Amendment becomes law, thousands of women's health centers, clinics, and hospitals will still provide assistance to low-income families and women. The Pence Amendment would simply deny any and all federal funding to Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood clinics focus mainly on abortion - and because

money is fungible, there is no way to fund the useful services without freeing up money for the organization to spend on abortion. In 2009, the group made only 977 adoption referrals and cared for only 7,021 prenatal clients, but performed a record 332,278 abortions. In other words, a pregnant woman entering a Planned Parenthood clinic was 42 times more likely to have an abortion than to either receive prenatal care or be referred for adoption. Planned Parenthood recently made plain the centrality of abortion to its mission by mandating that every one of its affiliates have at least one clinic that performs abortions within the next two years.

Advocates for the abortion industry have sought to portray efforts to defund Planned Parenthood as a "War on Women," but the issue is big business, and that business is abortion. This legislative battle is about Big Abortion vs. American Taxpayers. As Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director, recently said, "Planned Parenthood's mission, on paper, is to give women quality and affordable health care and to protect women's rights. In reality, their mission is to increase their abortion numbers and in turn increase their revenue."

According to its most recent annual report, the organization raked in \$1.1 billion in total revenue. Of that amount, **\$363.2 million** came from taxpayers in the form of government grants and contracts. While current law prohibits Planned Parenthood from directly using tax dollars on abortions, taxpayers subsidize its overall operation, freeing up funds that can be diverted to direct spending on abortion.

And for all the talk about how poor women would be harmed if taxpayers stopped subsidizing Big Abortion, it is telling to see how Planned Parenthood is spending its money. According to a June 2008 story in the Wall Street Journal, Planned Parenthood was flush with cash and using its profits to re-

brand itself. The effort was designed to build the business by targeting wealthy consumers to complement their existing customer base of poor and minority populations. While taxpayers underwrite its operations, Planned Parenthood is building luxury health centers in shopping centers and malls, designed by marketing experts with touches such as hardwood floors, muted lighting, and large waiting rooms.

And Big Abortion routinely puts profits over women's health and safety. When women testify in favor of tightening safety standards at clinics, Planned Parenthood fights them. And despite the fact that 88 percent of Americans favor informed-consent laws that provide information about the risks of, and alternatives to, abortion for women, Planned Parenthood opposes these efforts and works to keep women in the dark. And tragically, in some instances, Planned Parenthood has refused to cooperate when law enforcement officials have sought information to help girls they believed to be victims of child rape or molestation.

The nation's largest abortion provider also offers some helpful services, but that should not translate into Americans' being forced to fund them. Many organizations that provide charitable services, such as the Salvation Army, do not expect to be underwritten by American taxpayers. Why should Big Abortion be the exception?

As Abby Johnson has said, "There are better uses of our money. Planned Parenthood provides shabby, limited health care." If supporters of Planned Parenthood wish to support the organization, they have every right to do so, but they should not expect everyone else to sign the check.

The time has come to deny any and all federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America.



U.S. Congressman
Mike Pence

South Dakota: Model for Reducing Abortion by Catholic League President Bill Donohue

For the past few years, the pro-abortion community has inexplicably said they support “abortion reduction” efforts (it is not clear why they would want to reduce the rates of a procedure they say is non-lethal). In any event, they should now be supporting what is going on in South Dakota (somehow, we believe they will side with Planned Parenthood, which is filing suit against the state).

The governor signed a law in South Dakota to require women who want an abortion to first learn what assistance is available to them in the event they decide to keep their babies; a waiting period of three days after the initial visit with an abortionist was also approved. In a *New York Times* article, it notes that this is happening in a state “despite an abortion rate that is among the lowest in the na-

tion.” Which made me wonder: Which states have the highest, and the lowest, rate of abortion? Also, what accounts for the disparity? That is why I repaired to the data on these subjects collected by the Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of Planned Parenthood.

The states with the five highest rates of abortion (1-5) are: New York, New Jersey, Nevada, Delaware, and Connecticut. Those with the five lowest rates (46-50) are: North Dakota, Nebraska, Kentucky, Utah, and South Dakota. None of the five with the highest rates has a waiting period, and none offer written material on the procedure, including fetal development throughout pregnancy. All of those with the five lowest rates re-



quire a 24-hour waiting period (now 72 in South Dakota), and all offer written material, including information on fetal development through term. Moreover, Utah and South Dakota also offer information on the ability of the baby to experience pain when he or she is being killed.

If the high abortion states are to mimic success, they will have to abandon their policy of keeping women ignorant. If these liberal states are to be truly pro-choice, they will have to start allowing women to make real choices. Their resistance to informed consent must end.

Obama Accuses Pro-life Legislators of Playing Politics When He Should be Pointing the Finger at Himself

President Barack Obama considers the House Republicans’ budget cuts, which include de-funding Planned Parenthood, unacceptable. He has threatened to veto the legislation if it makes it to his desk.

“Let’s not try to sneak political agendas into a budget debate,” Obama said. “If Republicans are interested in social issues that they want to promote, they should put a bill on the floor of the House and promote it, have an up-or-down vote, send it over to the Senate. But don’t try to use the budget as a way to promote a political or ideological agenda.”

So what is the difference between promoting the pro-life agenda within the budget legislation and promoting the pro-abortion agenda within the healthcare legislation? A mere one year ago, the President used shady tactics and back-room deals to promote and pass his historic healthcare legislation, which was laced with anti-life provisions - some of which did not pertain to healthcare. Apparently, in the eyes of the President only leftist priorities, such as funding the killing of unborn children through abortion, can be craftily snuck into completely unrelated federal legislation.

Judging from his own words, it appears the President has conveniently forgotten his own successful attempt to “sneak political agendas” into unrelated debates. Luckily, the American people

have not forgotten, and if pro-lifers have anything to say about it, the President will be reminded in about nineteen months.



The De Smet Teens 4 Life pose by their 2010 Settlers Day parade float. Check them out on their new Facebook page, De Smet Teens 4 Life.

Chapters: Backbone of Pro-life Movement

As always, South Dakota Right to Life and its national affiliate, National Right to Life, continue to be "bottom up" organizations. That means SDRTL, now more than ever, needs a chapter in your area. National Right to Life and SDRTL know that it's the chapters that keep the movement alive and growing.

There is strength in numbers. If we stand firmly together, no matter how many or how few of us, we cannot be ignored. By presenting the same message and issuing the same call for action at the national, state, and local levels we gain strength.

How does one start a chapter?

Contact SDRTL Educational Coordinator Valerie Johnson at 877-216-1628 or 605-224-9181. Since everyone's situation is different, Mrs. Johnson will help you decide how to best proceed.

We have pro-lifers in our area but they're all so busy.

How can that work?

There are several ways for a chapter to communicate with its members without frequent meetings. Sharing ideas via e-mails and newsletters between meetings works well for some chapters.

How many pro-lifers does it take to start a chapter?

Just you, along with a few other "spark plugs." Many pro-life people have never been asked to help. Get a few prime movers together. Give your chapter a name. Good things will follow.

What kinds of things do chapters do?

The sky's the limit. Make use of particular talents in your area. Examples are organizing a bake sale, manning an event booth, promoting legislative involvement, sponsoring a youth event, setting up a petition-signing station, planning a billboard, preparing a parade entry, sponsoring pro-life ads, writing letters to editors, getting families involved. Think positive. Be realistic.

Medicaid: Abortion Funding for Low-Income Women

Implemented by Congress in 1977, the Hyde Amendment bans state use of federal funds to pay for abortions unless the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, or the abortion is "necessary to save the life of the woman." This policy guides public funding for abortions under the joint federal-state Medicaid programs for low-income women. States may choose to use their own funds to cover other medically necessary abortions - usually loosely defined by states as those to protect the physical or mental health of the woman.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 32 states follow federal standards, funding only cases involving life endangerment, rape, and incest when it comes to using taxpayer dollars to fund abortions for low income women. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia exceed federal requirements, funding all or most medically necessary abortions.

Pursuant to a court order, neighboring Minnesota funds all or most medically necessary abortions. In a Jan. 26 editorial, Scott Fischbach, executive director of Minnesotans Citizens Concerned for Life, a NRLC affiliate, lamented the fact that Minnesota taxpayers have pur-

chased 50,869 abortions at a cost of \$15.6 million over 14 years. The state now faces a \$6.5 billion dollar deficit. He notes, "Some of those unborn victims would already be paying taxes to the state if they hadn't been killed using state taxes."

With abortion making such a negative economical impact in one state, this leads one to wonder how the 53 million abortions performed in the US have impacted our nation as a whole. The president of the Population Research Institute and a demographics expert, Steve Mosher says, "In 1940 there were 160 workers supporting each person on Social Security. By 2006 this number had fallen to 3.3 workers per pensioner. By 2034, there will be only 2.1 workers for each person collecting a government retirement check." Those additional taxpayers would sure be useful about now.

South Dakota is the only state in the Union that does not allow Medicaid money to fund abortions for low-income women.

The only situation that Medicaid-funded abortions would be allowed here is if the mother's life were endangered. Pro-abortion advocates claim that South Dakota is in violation of federal Medicaid law.

Volunteers Needed!

Fair time is upon us again! SDRTL needs more help in staffing and organizing your pro-life booths. We are only asking you to help out for an hour or two; whatever time you can spare is greatly appreciated. Please contact the State Office at (605) 224-9181.

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China is reconsidering its strict one-child family planning policy which has led to forced abortions, coercive sterilizations, and other human rights abuses. Allowing two children instead of only one, the Chinese government relaxed the policy in rural areas, which suffered from 160-100 boy-girl gender ration imbalances. While the two-child policy may be extended to urban couples, the Chinese Communist Party has not agreed to stop its atrocious methods of enforcement.

2011 SDRTL Donation/Membership Form

Unlike Planned Parenthood and some other abortion providers who receive millions of taxpayers' dollars annually, SDRTL relies solely on the generosity of pro-lifers to continue its lifesaving mission. Please help us continue our mission by donating to SDRTL and becoming a member. Your membership includes subscriptions to both LifeFacts (SDRTL's quarterly publication) and NRL News (National Right to Life's newsletter), as well as whatever pro-life support you request from the State Office.

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stand up for life this year?
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Urge Our Senators to De-Fund Planned Parenthood

On March 18, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to de-fund Planned Parenthood for this fiscal year. SD Rep. Kristi Noem joined the majority in passing the measure 240-185. Please contact Rep. Noem and thank her for standing up for life!



**Planned Parenthood
of Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

SDRTL also encourages all pro-life South Dakotans to contact Sens. Thune and Johnson as soon as possible! Urge them to insist that the Pence Amendment, which removes all federal funds from Planned Parenthood, remain part of the final appropriations bill.

Planned Parenthood often argues that increasing its funding results in fewer abortions; however, statistics indicate that the more money it receives, the more abortions it performs! In fact, it performed a record 332,278 abortions in 2009 and received \$363.2 million in taxpayer dollars.

Contact both senators today and ask them to support the de-funding of the nation's largest abortion provider!

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