Union Calendar No. 493

106TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R.4292

[Report No. 106–835]

To protect infants who are born alive.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 13, 2000

Mr. Canady of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

September 11, 2000

Additional sponsors: Mr. DeMint, Mr. Herger, Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin, Mr. Bartlett of Maryland, Mr. Doolittle, Mr. Tancredo, Mrs. Chenoweth-Hage, Mr. Schaffer, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ryun of Kansas, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Hilleary, Mr. Chabot, Mr. Hostettler, Mrs. Myrick, Mr. Paul, Mr. Shows, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. Bliley, Mr. Wamp, Mr. Tiahrt, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mr. Souder, Mr. Hoekstra, Mr. Terry, Mr. Shadegg, Mr. Weldon of Florida, Mr. Gary Miller of California, Mrs. Emerson, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Mica, Mr. Lewis of Kentucky, Mr. Aderholt, Mr. Thune, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Rahall, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Hill of Montana, Mr. Lucas of Kentucky, Mr. Green of Wisconsin, and Mr. Hunter

September 11, 2000

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To protect infants who are born alive.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Born-Alive Infants
- 5 Protection Act of 2000".
- 6 SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF BORN-ALIVE INFANT.
- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1, United
- 8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 9 lowing:
- 10 "§ 8. 'Person', 'human being', 'child', and 'individual'
- 11 as including born-alive infant
- 12 "(a) In determining the meaning of any Act of Con-
- 13 gress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the
- 14 various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United
- 15 States, the words 'person', 'human being', 'child', and 'in-
- 16 dividual', shall include every infant member of the species
- 17 homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of develop-
- 18 ment.
- 19 "(b) As used in this section, the term 'born alive',
- 20 with respect to a member of the species homo sapiens,
- 21 means the complete expulsion or extraction from its moth-
- 22 er of that member, at any stage of development, who after
- 23 such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating
- 24 heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite move-
- 25 ment of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the um-

- 1 bilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the
- 2 expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or
- 3 induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion.".
- 4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 5 at the beginning of chapter 1 of title 1, United States
- 6 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 7 item:
 - "8. 'Person', 'human being', 'child', and 'individual' as including born-alive infant.".

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