

Union Calendar No. 108

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2175

[Report No. 107-186]

To protect infants who are born alive.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2001

Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. HART, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WELLER, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BAKER, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. MICA, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. WAMP, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. RILEY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. TERRY, Mr. HAYES, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. KELLER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. POMBO, Mr. CAMP, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. PITTS, Mr. HYDE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. DELAY, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. CANNON, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. NEY, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BUYER, Mr. STUMP, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. TANCREDO, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. KERNS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina

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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 2001”.

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.

1 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘born alive’,
2 with respect to a member of the species homo sapiens,
3 means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or
4 her mother of that member, at any stage of development,
5 who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a
6 beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite
7 movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the
8 umbilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the
9 expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or
10 induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion.

11 “(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to af-
12 firm, deny, expand, or contract any legal status or legal
13 right applicable to any member of the species homo sapi-
14 ens at any point prior to being ‘born alive’ as defined in
15 this section.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
17 at the beginning of chapter 1 of title 1, United States
18 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
19 item:

“8. ‘Person’, ‘human being’, ‘child’, and ‘individual’ as including born-alive in-
fant.”.

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