

commodity into a financial asset, traded for its speculative value instead of its energy value. Even the Saudi oil minister has argued that high oil prices are due to excessive speculation in the markets.

As former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich noted on National Public Radio a few weeks ago, the problem is the government's failure to curb excessive speculation.

There are significant loopholes that exempt energy trading from these protections against excessive speculation: The Enron loophole, the Foreign Boards of Trade No Action letters, the Swaps loophole, and the Bona Fide Hedging Exemption. While the recently passed farm bill addressed the Enron loophole for electronic trading of natural gas, a significant portion of the energy trading continues to be exempt from any Commodity Futures Trading Commission action to curb excessive speculation.

For 3 years, I have looked into excessive speculation in the energy markets. My latest bill, the PUMP bill, H.R. 6330, would end all of these exemptions to ensure that excessive speculation is not driving up these markets beyond the fundamentals of supply and demand.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PETERSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ABORTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to ask a very serious question: Why is Congress, why are we, subsidizing the abortion industry?

Most Americans, I suspect, probably have no idea whatsoever that our tax dollars have enabled abortionists to establish and to run hundreds and hundreds of abortion mills throughout America. Indeed, America's biggest abortion chain is Planned Parenthood. Each year, approximately 290,000 children are aborted in Planned Parenthood clinics. Each year, Planned Parenthood gets more than \$335 million in taxpayer funds, including huge amounts from the Department of Health and Human Services' title X program. Tragically, as their business grows, and they now have some 850 clinics and they have embarked on a building binge, and this chart clearly shows that as the taxpayer funds go up, the number of abortions go up because more venues are then provided to destroy the unborn child.

It may come as a surprise to at least some of my colleagues and the American people that the babies lost and women wounded by abortion are disproportionately African American and Hispanic. A study in 2005 found that 62 percent of Planned Parenthood abortion mills are located in African American communities. And when Hispanics are included, that percentage rises to over 70 percent. Of course, every human life is sacred regardless of race, gender, disability or condition of dependency. Every human life is of infinite value. But the disproportionate number of minorities who are aborted in Planned Parenthood clinics begs the question.

Two weeks ago, Dr. Alveda King, niece of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, said here in Washington, "Defending human life is part of the civil rights struggle." She said, "We are uniting civil rights and moral rights to fulfill the dream of what my uncle called the beloved community." She goes on to say that "America needs to know that black leaders do support life. We start where life begins, with the babies, and we will march until abortion, racism, and all of society's ills bow to the truth that we are all one race."

Dr. King, who has had two abortions herself, now boldly speaks out for both victims of abortion, the unborn child and his or her mother. She has said, "The government should not be subsidizing racism, but that is exactly what it's doing through Planned Parenthood."

Mr. Speaker, it is time, it is long past time, for us to take a serious, and for some a second, look at Planned Parenthood, its origins, and the fact that since 1973, the year the U.S. Supreme Court issued its infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision and legalized abortion, that approximately 4.5 million babies, disproportionately African American and Hispanic, have died in Planned Parenthood clinics.

It is time to look past the slogans and the rhetoric and the cheap sophistry, the euphemisms that are used to mask and to cloak this deed that kills a child. Abortion is big business and it is destroying the next generation of Americans, and you and I, Mr. Speaker, are subsidizing it.

Tragically, the seemingly benign Planned Parenthood, which works overtime to market its image and its brand, is in the grisly business of dismembering the fragile bodies of unborn children with chemicals, sharp knives, and hideous suction machines that are 25 to 30 times more powerful than a vacuum cleaner used at home. Planned Parenthood ought to be known as Child Abuse, Incorporated for the large number of children, 4.5 million, that it has already killed and continues to kill all while being subsidized by American taxpayers. This is not a business of healing or nurturing or caring. This is a business of destroying the most vulnerable and weakest members of our society.

For Planned Parenthood, business is good. Violence against children pays handsomely. In 2006, it actually increased the number of abortions it performed by nearly 25,000, while abortions nationwide were in decline, for a total of 289,750, a new pathetic record of kids killed even for Planned Parenthood. For so-called medical abortions, Planned Parenthood quotes prices from \$350 to \$650. For surgical abortions, they earn \$350 to \$900 apiece. These fees for so-called "services rendered" boosts the bottom line of this big business.

To put the annual number of child deaths in perspective, I ask my colleagues and the American people to picture this: 71,000 fans filled the University of Phoenix stadium to watch the Super Bowl this past February. It was a great game, my team won, the Giants. But the number of unborn babies whose lives were taken from them before they could take their first breath by this one corporation in one year could have filled that enormous stadium more than four times over. Planned Parenthood is now responsible for committing more than one out of every five abortions performed in the United States of America.

If the number of abortions performed alone doesn't convince you of Planned Parenthood's agenda, just compare it with other services it provides to pregnant women. Planned Parenthood, they have got the word "parenthood" in their slogan, in their name, but they provided a mere 11,000 clients with prenatal care. You walk into what is called a Planned Parenthood clinic, and you would expect to walk out with a baby, but prenatal care is not something they put an emphasis on. That is a ratio of one parent to every 26 women who lose their children to abortion. After it was revealed that Planned Parenthood had referred a meager 1,414 clients to adoption services in 2004, Planned Parenthood stopped reporting this miniscule adoption referral number. So, again, those children who go to abortion clinics with their mothers, in utero that is, don't walk out as potential adoptees.

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To me, Mr. Speaker, this record doesn't seem to be that of an organization dedicated to preserving women's choices. I might add that these tiny lives are being extinguished. There are thousands of American families waiting to adopt, and we all know that. There are upwards of 2 million families who would love to adopt, but unfortunately, the babies are aborted.

Finally, if that is not enough, this so-called "pro-choice" organization does everything within its power and massive budget to prevent women from knowing all of their options and from being certain that their choices are truly informed.

Let's not forget that Planned Parenthood lobbies this Chamber and the Senate and, certainly, in each legislature throughout the country, and they litigate and litigate and bring court cases

over and over again in all of the States, against virtually every child protection initiative at both the State and Federal levels, including that of parental notification, spousal notification, women's right-to-know laws, informed consent laws—which actually bring down the numbers when women get the booklet and are informed about the growth and about the development of their child as well as about deleterious effects to their health—waiting periods, partial-birth abortion, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, statutory rape reporting laws, and of course, abortion funding bans.

Can we trust Planned Parenthood? They say their vision is to be the Nation's most trusted provider of sexual and reproductive health care. This is from an organization that targets minorities, that performs millions of abortions and barely even attempts to help women carry the babies to term. Reproductive health should include, not exclude, babies.

Mr. Speaker, the truth about Planned Parenthood's long, systematic destruction of vulnerable human life, at long last, must be brought to light. The cover-up must end.

I would like to yield to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PRTS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PRTS. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the practices of an industry that are characterized by death, deception and depression—the abortion industry—and that's just what it is, an industry.

Since 1973 and the infamous Roe v. Wade decision, 50 million unborn babies have been lost. Abortion has burgeoned into a thriving industry. At the average cost of hundreds of dollars per abortion, the abortion business is a billion-dollar-a-year industry in the United States. It's even bigger than that internationally, and the American taxpayer subsidizes it. Abortion providers continue to receive hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer funds every year. The U.S. Government subsidizes this industry every year in every budget.

Planned Parenthood has emerged at the front of this big business as one of the top abortion providers in the country. Two years ago, this not-for-profit organization posted record-breaking profits. Last year, it reported even higher profits, but at whose expense does this profit come? It's at the expense of helpless unborn children, young girls and women.

While the government continues to provide a slush fund for abortion providers, a mother mourns the loss of her child; siblings grieve their unborn brother or sister, and grandparents lament the grandchild who was taken from them. My own words could never fully capture the pain that has been meted out by the hand of the abortion industry. So, instead of sharing my own thoughts, I'll give voice to the stories of so many who have been silenced by the powerful abortion lobby.

One woman tells the story of how she was routinely raped by her father. When she was 16, he forced her to have an abortion at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Cincinnati where she reported the abuse to the staff. However, the staff chose not to report her case to law enforcement. It was not until the girl told a school counselor that the authorities were notified so that they could intervene and rescue her.

The bottom line is that abortion clinics are habitually covering up abuse by failing to report statutory rape, and we are funding those clinics with title X money. We must stop funding clinics that facilitate abuse and that cover up crimes against children.

Another woman from Nebraska recently filed a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood after undergoing an abortion that resulted in the perforation of her uterus and in a severe loss of blood. According to reports, the abortion practitioner began the procedure with a shot in the woman's uterus, and she immediately complained of severe pain. She told the practitioner to stop, but he allegedly replied "We can't stop." The woman was then restrained by three Planned Parenthood employees while the practitioner completed the abortion. She experienced severe pain, bleeding and three seizures by the time she arrived at the hospital. A hospital report stated that her uterus was perforated during the abortion and that doctors had to perform an emergency hysterectomy because of the severe damage to her body. The doctors later said that the botched abortion could have killed her.

The abortion industry makes false claims that abortion is harmless and that it is a simple procedure. They often use safety as a talking point for legalization. However, the truth is that abortion, legal or not, is a risky procedure that carries potentially serious side effects for the health of the woman. Unfortunately, the deceit does not end there. The abortion lobby denies the reality that abortion has a very powerful and lasting emotional impact on most women, but real human stories decry this lie. Again, I'll share not my words but the stories of those who've experienced the pain themselves.

A 14-year-old girl writes "This was something I really never thought I'd go through, something I don't want anyone else to have to go through. I did not feel a thing physically, but emotionally, I'm scarred for life. The day it came, I was so upset: the last time I could sing or talk to my baby again. Not even a day after, I'm already regretting it, just sitting here, wondering what he or she would have become."

While we continue down the path of deception, women continue to suffer. I hope, during this hour, we might remember the lives of those who could have been. We might remember the lives of unborn children who are lost. We might remember the lives of women and families who carry hurt and pain

from an experience that they were told would be harmless.

Organizations like Planned Parenthood claim to work to reduce abortions, but ironically, they remain the top abortion provider in the country. Every Federal dollar to support abortion providers is a dollar to help the abortion industry flourish at the expense of women, of young girls and of unborn children.

As the chairperson of the Feminists for Life, Frederica Mathewes-Green once said, "An abortion wounds a mother's heart. They will never recover from the grief of an abortion. There are always two victims within an abortion—the baby and the mother—one wounded, one dead."

Mr. Speaker, the taxpayers deserve to know that their hard-earned dollars supposedly destined for family planning services are being used to subsidize the abortion industry. I urge my colleagues to oppose Federal funding for abortion providers and to support the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act.

I thank the great leader in the pro-life movement here in the House, CHRIS SMITH, for leading this hour. Like my hero, William Wilberforce, the British parliamentarian who led the abolition movement in Britain because he was against slavery, CHRIS SMITH and other pro-life leaders here tonight are leading the pro-life movement because we're against abortion.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank my good friend for his very eloquent statement, and I thank him for his leadership. This is the human rights issue of our time, and it's about time people recognized it as a human rights issue.

I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE).

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I'm pro-life. I don't apologize for it. I believe that the sanctity of life is a central axiom of Western civilization.

Let me say, as we gather this evening under the leadership of the chairman of the Pro-Life Caucus here in the House of Representatives, Mr. Speaker, we are not really gathered this evening to debate the sanctity of life. We're really gathered tonight to shed light on a fact about Federal funding that, I think, escapes most Americans, and that is this simple fact:

That the largest abortion provider in America is the largest recipient of Federal funding under title X.

You know, when I'm walking down the street in Anderson, Indiana or in Muncie, Indiana, people know about my work on this particular issue. With the legislation I authored last summer during the appropriations process that received 189 votes to defund Planned Parenthood, one person after another will grab me by the elbow and will say,

“Mike, I did not know. I did not know that we gave a penny to the largest abortion provider in America, let alone the fact that the largest abortion provider in America, namely Planned Parenthood, is the largest recipient of Federal funding under title X.”

I mean the truth is that there has been much debate since 1973 and the decision of *Roe v. Wade* about the sanctity of life and the fault lines of the law and life, but where there has been national consensus since the very early days of this debate when a Congressman from Illinois named Henry Hyde conceived of the Hyde Amendment, there has been a national consensus behind the notion that, whatever your view of abortion, it is simply morally wrong to take the taxpayer dollars of millions of Americans who believe abortion is morally wrong and use it to pay for or to subsidize the performance of or the promotion of abortion.

The Hyde Amendment gave birth to what has been the dominant philosophy in our foreign aid funding. It's called the Mexico City Policy. It essentially says that no U.S. foreign aid can go to any organization that performs or that promotes abortion as a means of birth control.

You know, Madam Speaker, I really think many Americans think that that's the law here at home, too, that because the overwhelming majority of Americans think that pro-life Americans should not be forced to pay for abortions or to subsidize organizations that promote abortion, they think it doesn't happen here, when, in fact, let me say again that the largest abortion provider in America is the largest recipient of Federal funding under title X.

Now, abortion-rights advocates and, most especially, Planned Parenthood would be the first to step forward to say that they don't use title X family planning money to perform abortions. In fact, there are very strict Federal regulations that are in place that require a separation between Planned Parenthood abortion service clinics and Planned Parenthood title X clinics for the poor. I suppose, while there have been instances of alleged misfeasance and of the commingling of funds, I'll leave that completely out of this conversation and will allow for the fact that there is this separation, but I've got to tell you, Madam Speaker, that anybody knows that the money that Planned Parenthood receives for its non-abortion activities frees up resources to go into its abortion activities.

The American people also deserve to know that this nonprofit organization received over \$336 million in government grants and contracts, I think, in 2006. It had an excess of revenue over expenses of \$56 million in 2005, and it had \$112 million in 2006, which has given rise to the building spree that was reported on page 1 of the Wall Street Journal. Well, now Planned Parenthood is planning to go suburban

with all new up-scale abortion mills around the country. So I commend the gentleman from New Jersey for bringing this conversation to the floor.

I authored a bill last year in the Labor-HHS legislation that would have denied any Federal funding in title X from flowing to Planned Parenthood of America, and it received 189 votes, including 20 Members of the majority voting for it. If Congress ever got around to considering the Labor-HHS appropriations bill this year, I sincerely believe that that number would grow as public awareness has grown about the simple fact that the largest abortion provider in America, Planned Parenthood, is the largest recipient of Federal funding, and that ought not to be.

Whatever a person's view of abortion is, it is my hope—and frankly, it is my prayer—that this Congress will come together in a bipartisan way and will implement a domestic Mexico City Policy and will say to the millions of Americans, to the hundreds of millions of Americans, perhaps, who have moral objections to abortion, we will not take your tax dollars and use it to subsidize the largest abortion provider in the United States of America. That's all we're here to talk about today.

I urge my colleagues to reflect deeply on the fundamental fairness of this issue and to support the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act that would bring a change to the law. In the appropriations cycle, if we ever get around to it in this Congress, let's take decisive action to defund Planned Parenthood, not cut a dime out of title X and its family planning programs, but let's say no more Federal tax dollars to the largest abortion provider in America.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I want to thank my friend for his eloquent statement.

I yield to MICHELLE BACHMANN such time as she may consume, and I understand some of the other Members may want to ask you to yield for a colloquy or for some comments.

Mrs. BACHMANN. Absolutely. Thank you, Mr. Congressman.

I'll be referring to an article that came out. It's a shocking article that many of us in this Congress read just a few weeks ago, and I commend the American people to pick this up on the Internet or go find it at your local library. June 23, 2008, the Wall Street Journal newspaper, it's on page 1. It's an article by Stephanie Simon called “Abortion Provider Goes Upscale. Aid For Poor Questioned.” And here is the bottom line of this article.

It exposes the fact that Planned Parenthood, a 501(c)3 organization, which is a nonprofit organization—in other words, Planned Parenthood pays no taxes. They don't have to pay taxes because they're considered a nonprofit. This nonprofit is big business. It was

started back in 1916 by Margaret Sangar, a woman who promoted eugenics, and this organization has now become a big box retailer, big abortion, in other words. It is a big retailer. And it brought in, get this, \$1 billion in revenues—\$1 billion in revenues.

Not only does this organization not pay taxes like other businesses do, but they receive in that \$1 billion, almost one-third of what they receive comes in the form of your tax money, Federal tax money, State tax money. But get this: they receive almost \$1 billion, according to this article, in annual revenue, one-third of that coming from Federal and State grants to care for women. The nonprofit ended the year with a surplus of a \$115 million.

So they had your money, your money that you're paying in taxes. They had an extra \$115 million cash on hand at the year end. A \$1 billion budget, and they had that much cash on hand, about 11 percent of its revenue, net assets of \$952 million, almost a billion dollars in net assets.

So the article asks, Why are we giving them so much money? That's exactly right. Why are they receiving, as Congressman MIKE PENCE asked, why are we giving them so much tax money? They have 882 clinics State-wide, and they quietly dropped their statement that said no matter what a person's income, we're going to be helping those people.

Well, let me tell you, they've made a decision, Planned Parenthood, that they are going to go after the affluent. How do I know that? It's happening in my district, and it was detailed in this article. It said three express centers in wealthy Minnesota suburbs and shopping centers and malls, places where women are already doing their grocery shopping, picking up their Starbucks, living their daily lives.

Do we understand what this is? This is to promote women, to promote that woman intentionally take the lives of their unborn children. We are asking God-fearing Americans to subsidize this brutal and bloody procedure on a regular business in upscale shopping malls all across the United States.

Not only are they not paying taxes, but we are giving them over \$330 million a year to do this dastardly deed. And when they do this, do you realize they could take this money and they can use it for political functions? I don't know how this works. What a game. Who wouldn't want to get in on this?

And all across the country, we have very poor, struggling life care centers, organizations that are trying to give positive alternatives to women. They don't get these grants. They don't get them. They get local donations to try to help women make a decision about saving lives and choosing life.

I just want to end with the fact that if we can agree on nothing else, it should be that the United States taxpayer shouldn't have to pay taxes to an organization that uses your money to

politicize, yes, in upcoming elections candidates who give them more of your tax money. This is unconscionable.

And I look so forward to hearing what our colleagues are going to have to say to the American people about this gross injustice. You bet we should defund Planned Parenthood. We should take away their tax fund and we should defund.

Mr. HENSARLING. Would the gentelady yield?

Mrs. BACHMANN. Absolutely.

Mr. HENSARLING. I want to thank her for bringing this article in the Wall Street Journal, one of America's largest newspapers, to the attention of this body; and obviously it is fascinating for us to discover that the single largest provider of abortion in the Nation, Planned Parenthood, I believe performing one out of five abortions in America, has now planned, according to the press, a rebranding campaign to appeal to women of means.

I quote from the article, A move that opens new avenues for boosting revenue and they hope political clout.

And as I understand from the gentelady from Minnesota, as I read through this article, that their political action arm plans to raise \$10 million to influence the fall campaign; and as they take the lives of almost 300,000 innocent children, not only is the American taxpayer being asked to subsidize this horrid, this gruesome procedure that so many in America consider to be absolutely immoral, then to top even more indignity on the act they're going to turn around and use money and come back to Congress and ask for even more.

Do I understand that correctly?

Mrs. BACHMANN. You absolutely do. That's exactly what the article says. In fact, it goes on to say that it's the Federal tax law that has caused this tragedy.

I'm a former Federal tax litigation attorney, and this is absolutely true. This is what our tax code allows. In fact, Planned Parenthood, who plans to raise the \$10 million, as the gentleman from Texas said correctly, they can take that money that we taxpayers are giving them to mobilize voters and advocate on issues such as abortion rights and sex education in schools.

Life care centers don't get that advantage, but people who advocate for the destruction of innocent human life get this money.

Mr. HENSARLING. And if the gentelady will yield again, I see in the same article that as the taxpayers have to subsidize all of these abortions, that Planned Parenthood are updating their clinics to, Have a contemporary, fun, and lively look with a new color pallet that includes pink, orange, and teal.

Can the gentelady enlighten me what is contemporary, fun, and lively about the abortion industry?

Mrs. BACHMANN. As the gentleman knows, there is nothing fun about an abortion. In fact, for many women, they are forced into abortion by a boy-

friend who says they'll leave them, by parents who say, What an embarrassment. And women, often against their own desires, are forced into getting an abortion when they don't want to.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Could you both yield on that? Because I do want to talk about that.

This is something that's happened in my district at least on two occasions. You know, in 1997 it came to light the title X grantees were not reporting rape, incest, sexual abuse, child abuse, and molestations. In response, Congress rightfully included language in the 1999 Labor HHS bill to appropriately clarify that title X grantees are not exempt from State reporting laws. I only wish that Cincinnati Planned Parenthood was doing this because let me tell you what is going on there.

Cincinnati Inquire on May 10 of last year reported an incident of two young ladies who were victims of sexual abuse, and I would like to talk about the kind of sexual abuse these ladies incurred.

The first one was a young lady who was continually molested by her father. The abuse began when she was just 13 years of age. In November of 2004, she was forced by her father to have an abortion. She told the employees at Planned Parenthood that she was being forced to have sex and do things she didn't want to do. But despite this fact, no report was made. She was sent home to endure another year-and-a-half of sexual abuse. The abuse only ended when she told a school official what was going on at home.

Thankfully, because of our wonderful prosecutor in Warren County, her father is now serving hard time in prison. Not long enough, but what the law allows him to

She has filed a civil case against Planned Parenthood. Unfortunately, even if her allegations are proved true, no financial reward can bring back the extra year-and-a-half of absolute abuse she had because Planned Parenthood looked the other way and failed to follow Ohio's law.

But that's not the end of the story.

In another case, a 14-year-old girl was taken by her 21-year-old soccer coach to have an abortion. She allegedly used her junior high school ID, and her abuser paid for the procedure with a credit card and driver's license and said he was her guardian. The abuse was never reported.

According to the same Inquire story regarding the second case I mentioned, a form filled out by Planned Parenthood said, The patient reports pregnancy is a result of sexual assault by a stranger. After consultation with an attorney, report of a crime to the police was not made due to physician-patient privilege. We are prohibited from reporting as no severe bodily injury was reported. What about the mental injury, the mental abuse that this girl suffered?

You know what happened? A year later, I think it was a year later, some

time later, she was back at the doctor with her parents, and the doctor said, Do you know your daughter had an abortion? That's how the parents found out she had an abortion, and she fessed up it was the soccer coach.

The young lady's attorney said that the prosecutors in four local counties know of no such exemption to the reporting issue, and it isn't in Ohio.

You know, we're giving this organization money, and this organization is forcing these young women to have abuse.

I would like somebody else to continue with this colloquy because I think this is a very serious issue.

Mr. HENSARLING. Well, I thank the gentelady from Ohio for yielding back, and I know there are other speakers who wish to speak, so I will try to be brief.

The gentelady from Minnesota spoke about life-saving centers. On Monday of this week, I went to one. I didn't go as a Member of Congress. I went as a father. And my wife and I have two small children, 6 and 4, and it was time to donate their old baby beds and donate a bunch of maternity clothes. And I had heard about the Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center. A bunch of great ladies in Dallas, Texas, trying to save human life. I had heard of them. I didn't think they knew me, and I showed up on a Monday morning unshowered, unshaven, in a T-shirt to donate two baby beds and a box full of maternity clothes that belonged to my wife. They were very thankful for the gift.

And when I was filling out the paperwork, they realized who I was and insisted that I tour the facility. And although I was unshaven and unshowered, I complied with their request, and I'm glad I did.

And it is amazing to me, as I think upon my visit with these ladies on Monday, to think that on the one hand, you have Planned Parenthood getting hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to take the lives of the most innocent among us, the unborn—as pictured next to the gentelady from Minnesota—hundreds of millions of dollars spent on this abortion factor.

And here is this one little place in Dallas, Texas, called the Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center, and they sit there and they counsel with these low-income, these mostly young teen mothers. And every time that they are able to convince a mother to choose life over death, they put a tiny, tiny set of paper footprints on a bulletin board.

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As you might imagine, sometimes they're blue and sometimes they're pink, and they have the date that one human life was saved.

To the best of my knowledge, the Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center receives no Federal money whatsoever to save human lives, and Planned Parenthood takes hundreds of millions of dollars of Federal taxpayer money to take

human life. Something is wrong in America when that takes place.

We need to stop, we need to take note of what is taking place. In my head and in my heart, I can come to no other conclusion but that life begins at conception. I take it as a matter of faith, but if I didn't take it as a matter of faith, how can any human being, how can any American, look at that picture next to the gentelady from Minnesota and conclude otherwise?

In our Founding documents, the right to life is unalienable. How can this body ever act otherwise?

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. At this time, I yield to our friend and colleague, Mr. SALLI.

Mr. SALLI. Madam Speaker, Mother Teresa once said: "Any country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor." On that basis, I fear that our own great country is in serious trouble.

While current law forbids family planning agencies from using Federal funds for abortion, those same organizations are able to receive those title X funds for their other family planning services, even if the organizations also provide and even promote abortion.

Today, as long as the bookkeeping of the two divisions is kept separate, these organizations can reallocate their resources and free up money for providing abortions. In other words, it appears that an accounting gimmick masks the way Planned Parenthood uses Federal dollars to fund its abortion services.

As many know, Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortion in the country, performing more than 264,000 abortions in 2005 alone. However, Planned Parenthood receives more than \$336 million from the Federal Government each year. Planned Parenthood affiliates enjoy special access to discount drugs, grants through the title X program, and a 90 percent Federal Medicaid match for family planning activities. In effect, Congress is playing favorites by subsidizing the largest business in the abortion industry.

Now, lest there be any confusion, abortion is an "industry" in every sense of the word. Abortion providers rake in over \$400 million a year from women and girls who believe that they are receiving a simple health service. However, to the tune of \$372 per abortion on average, abortion-providing businesses are turning a major profit. For instance, while Planned Parenthood reports that it is a "not-for-profit" organization, it had an "excess of revenue over expenses" of almost \$56 million in 2005 and \$112 million in 2006. Remember, this is the same organization that receives over \$336 million in government grants and contracts each year.

I find it outrageous that taxpayer dollars are subsidizing abortion in the United States. The absurdity of this abuse is illustrated by the long-standing Mexico City policy. Instituted by Ronald Reagan in 1984, this policy pro-

hibits foreign aid from going to non-governmental organizations which provide or promote services related to abortion. If we recognize the importance of prohibiting foreign abortion providers from receiving our taxpayer dollars, how can our domestic policy be any different?

I also adamantly oppose funding for an organization like Planned Parenthood that is alleged to have committed substantial fraud. The former vice president of finance and administration of the Los Angeles Planned Parenthood affiliate estimates that affiliates in California overcharged State and Federal Governments by \$180 million, despite internal and external warnings that its billing practices were improper. If Planned Parenthood is able to abuse its government support by as much as \$180 million in California alone, imagine the possible magnitude of its fraud nationwide.

The Federal Government clearly has a significant interest in identifying and recovering those excess payments. However, I believe that any funds that support abortion are "excess payments."

We in the Federal Government have no business providing money to help end a human life. As the Declaration of Independence makes clear, our Nation was founded on the idea that our Creator has endowed every person with "certain unalienable Rights," the first of which is life. Now, 232 years after our predecessors signed that document in that First Continental Congress, now we have to ask, how is it possible that we in Congress are allowing the money of unsuspecting ordinary Americans to support businesses that specialize in terminating human life, when our Declaration of Independence recognizes that those are unalienable rights, the right to life?

We in Congress are charged by our Nation with the responsibility to ensure oversight of Federal funds, and it is abundantly clear that providing "excess" funds to abortion providers is not the proper use of taxpayer dollars. I call on my colleagues here in the House to end taxpayer subsidies of abortion by ending Federal support for Planned Parenthood. Let us thereby begin to restore the richness of spirit that Mother Teresa spoke about so eloquently.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank my good friend for his very, very powerful statement.

I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN).

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. I thank the gentleman.

Madam Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues today in opposition to taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, and I particularly want to thank Congressman SMITH for his long-time leadership on this most important issue, as well as Mr. PENCE for his introduction of the legislation that will do just what we've been talking about this evening.

Let me just reiterate a few of the numbers that the gentelady from Min-

nesota pointed out. Planned Parenthood had over \$1 billion in revenue last year, \$115 million in profit, \$952 million in net assets. That's bad enough, I mean, that they're using our tax dollars to fund a practice that is wrong, that is immoral.

But add to it this fact—and I want to cite and the gentelady did this as well—cite The Wall Street Journal article where Planned Parenthood talks about the fact that they're going to raise \$10 million to fund their political action committee.

So to just put it into plain language, think about what's going on here in this practice. Planned Parenthood is using your tax dollars to raise more money to run against your candidate to elect someone who will give them more tax dollars. Stated even more simply, using your tax money to run against you and run against the candidates you want to support, those pro-life candidates. That's what they're doing. They want to keep electing people that will keep this process going forward.

This is just wrong, and it should stop. And the gentleman from Texas was so right when he talks about those pregnancy resource centers, those crisis pregnancy centers out there who are doing the bake sales. Our church, we help support one where they give each family a bottle and you fill it up with coins and you stuff a few dollars, raising money just any way they can to protect human life because they understand it's sacred. They understand it's precious. Contrast that with this practice that we see here that Planned Parenthood engages in, and frankly, contrast it with what the previous speaker just said.

The wisdom and the vision the Founders had when they started this place, when they started the greatest country in history, the Founding statement: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

I think it's interesting to note the order the Founders placed the rights they chose to mention. Can you pursue happiness? Can you pursue your goals, your dreams, those things that have meaning and significance to you and your family if you first don't have liberty, if you first don't have freedom? And can you ever experience true liberty, true freedom, if government doesn't protect your most fundamental right, your right to life?

That's what this legislation is about. It's about protecting that most sacred, that most precious, that most fundamental right that the Founders understood was central to what we call this thing America. And that's why I'm pleased to support my colleagues in this legislation this evening. I appreciate the work of the gentelady from Minnesota and, of course, Congressman SMITH and the entire Pro-Life Caucus.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank my friend for his statement and for his leadership on this important human rights issue.

I yield to my good friend from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN).

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague, Representative CHRIS SMITH, and others to strongly oppose funding Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers with Federal taxpayer dollars.

Today, in America, in order for a minor girl to receive an aspirin at school, or to pierce her ears, or to get a tattoo, she must not only inform her parents, but they must give written permission or be there in person. Shouldn't mothers and fathers be involved in their daughter's decision about something as major as getting an abortion?

Abortion is a major surgical procedure. It is dangerous and wrong to cut parents out of this significant medical decision. Over half the States have realized the necessity of parental involvement in this life-changing decision and have passed laws requiring parental involvement.

In polls, 80 percent or more of Americans want parental involvement in a decision by their minor girl in getting an abortion.

Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry, however, seek to remove minors from the guidance of their parents. For example, Planned Parenthood illegally performed an abortion on a 14-year-old girl in Ohio without the knowledge or consent of her parents. As a result, this 14-year-old girl, a victim of statutory rape, had no guidance or support besides that of the abortionist and the 21-year-old boyfriend who had impregnated her.

Planned Parenthood is actively working against parental involvement laws. They recently worked with others to defeat a parental notification initiative in California which barely lost. They want to keep mothers and fathers in the dark, while their daughters undergo a life-changing event alone.

For these reasons, the Federal Government has absolutely no business funding Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers, especially not with our taxpayer dollars. Congress must pass H.R. 4133 which would prohibit Federal funding for these abortion providers.

I urge Members of Congress to think about their own daughters and ask, Wouldn't you want to be there with your daughter when she's faced with this life-changing decision?

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank my friend for his statement and for his leadership.

I yield to Mr. FRANKS, the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Well, I thank the gentleman for his courageous and noble leadership on the part of the unborn for so long.

Madam Speaker, Planned Parenthood is the world's largest promoter and

provider of abortion on demand for any reason or for no reason. With almost 900 clinics in this Nation alone, it is by far the largest abortion provider in America and accounts for one in five of all abortions performed in this country. But because this giant, billion-dollar, death-dealing organization operates under the disguise of a "family planning" charity, it receives over \$330 million of American taxpayers' money every single year.

Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, has long since passed away, but the legacy of her work lives on, Madam Speaker. She once said, "We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population."

Her insidious vision of a world where her ideal of the "survival of the fittest" is advanced through race-targeted abortions continues to thrive through the deliberate expansion of Planned Parenthood clinics in the high minority populations of this country.

Both the Alan Guttmacher Institute and the Centers for Disease Control have reported that a huge majority of abortion clinics are located in minority neighborhoods, and some experts estimate that number to be higher than 75 percent.

While African Americans represent approximately 13 percent of our population, more than 35 percent of abortions are performed on African Americans. In fact, more than one in three abortions performed by Planned Parenthood are performed on little African American babies.

Recent Internet postings reveal Planned Parenthood's willingness to accept donations specifically earmarked for the abortion of an African American baby. In other words, Madam Speaker, a willingness to accept money specifically designated to kill a baby for no other reason than that he or she was black.

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One hundred and fifty years ago, the infamous Dred Scott decision in the United States Supreme Court declared that the black man was not a person under the Constitution. That decision put the Supreme Court's legal imprimatur on a practice that had brutally enslaved more than 4 million innocent human beings from Africa. It took a horrible civil war to reverse that despicable decision. It also took the courage, and ultimately the life, of President Abraham Lincoln, who had guided America through those dark moments because he believed in a day that would one day come when the black man and the white man could walk together in the sunlight of human freedom.

And more than a century later, Dr. Martin Luther King stood on the steps of the memorial dedicated to President Lincoln and gave a speech that would forever change the course of history because it reminded America of her creed that all men are still created equal, and it helped Americans to finally

begin, once and for all, to put away the evil of bigotry and prejudice against their fellow human beings of a different skin color. It was a great day, Madam Speaker. But only 10 years later our memories would wane again and another Supreme Court decision called Roe v. Wade, along with the help of Planned Parenthood, precipitated the murder of more than 12 million African American babies.

Madam Speaker, every victory gained in the battle to defeat slavery, every accomplishment that came through the civil rights movement is being completely overshadowed by this unspeakable tragedy.

It is time that Americans stood up together again and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and worked to overturn decisions by our own courts, whether in the Dred Scott decision of 1857 or the Jim Crow laws that continued through the 1960s. And we are still courageous and compassionate enough to stop the funding of a bigoted organization like Planned Parenthood.

Madam Speaker, it has been said that a government is what it spends. For this government to continue to appropriate one more penny of the American taxpayers' money to an organization that kills unborn children on the basis of race or for any other reprehensible reason is a disgrace that undermines the core essence of America and betrays everything that our soldiers lying out in Arlington National Cemetery died to preserve.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank my friend for his eloquent statement and for his very strong and passionate defense of the unborn and their mothers.

I yield to Dr. BROUN, the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. I thank my friend for yielding. And I appreciate the comments that my colleague, Congressman FRANKS, made.

I served on a board of directors for a crisis pregnancy center in the inner city of Atlanta. We were geared towards trying to save babies of African American moms in the inner city of Atlanta.

I'm a medical doctor. And the whole crux of this discussion comes to the decision of when life begins. I introduced the Sanctity of Human Life Act of 2007 that defines scientifically that life begins at fertilization. And it's described when the cell of the spermatozoa enters the cell wall of the ova site and forms a one-celled human being called a zygote. And my bill gives the right of personhood to that one-celled human being, whether they're black or white or any people group.

And I know, as a medical doctor, that that's when life begins. And we have to save life. If a Nation will not protect the most innocent of human beings, what will it protect? And we are killing 4,000 babies every day, black and white. There are more black babies being killed than there are white babies proportionally, and that's the reason why

I was on that board of directors for many years. And thankfully, we have it open and we're serving the inner city of Atlanta right now with that crisis pregnancy center.

But we've got to stop the killing of these children, black and white, of all colors, because God cannot continue to bless America while we're killing 4,000 babies every day and while we're funding an organization like Planned Parenthood. We have to stop the funding of that organization. And I just encourage all my colleagues of this House to understand that life begins at fertilization, and we've got to stop the killing as a Nation.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Dr. BROUN, thank you so much for those very strong comments and for the insights that you bring as a medical doctor.

I yield 30 seconds to my friend and colleague, MICHELE BACHMANN.

Mrs. BACHMANN. I just wanted to end, Madam Speaker, by saying Steve Trombly is a top executive director of Planned Parenthood in Illinois, and he said, "I would like to think of Planned Parenthood as the Lens Crafters of family planning." If you've got 882 clinics, you have \$1 billion a year in annual revenue and \$330 million of that comes from taxpayer funding, I think that shows pretty clearly they are big business. They are the Wal-Mart of big abortion. They're the big box retailer.

It is time to end their tax exempt status. It's a fraud. And it's time to stop the public financing of Planned Parenthood. It's the right thing to do.

I yield back to my friend, the gentleman from New Jersey, the stalwart of prolife, Representative CHRIS SMITH.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, let me conclude with just a couple of comments.

First of all, I think most people need to realize who Margaret Sanger really was. And I've read her books; I've read her writings. She wrote in a book called "The Pivot of Civilization" that "we are paying for," and I quote her, "and even submitting to the dictates of an ever-increasing, unceasingly spawning class of human beings who should never have been born at all." In chapter five, she has a chapter called the "Cruelty of Charity" and takes to task those who would provide maternal health care and outreach to those women, poor women especially, in her writings. And I will put them in the RECORD. She says that "such benevolence is not merely superficial and near-sighted, it conceals a stupid charity." To her, these babies and these mothers should have never been born.

Let me conclude, Madam Speaker, abortion mills don't nurture, they don't heal, they don't cure disease. Abortion is violence against children. Some abortion methods dismember and rip apart, the fragile bodies of children. Other methods chemically poison children. Abortion has turned children's bodies into burned corpses, a direct result of the caustic effect of poisoning.

Consider a dismemberment abortion, this is called the D&E abortion. It is used later term, at least from the 20th week or so onward. These children, Madam Speaker, feel pain.

My colleagues will remember that last Congress we brought forward a bill called the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act which would at least inform the woman that a child at this age feels excruciating pain. Sadly, the abortion lobby, including Planned Parenthood, lobbied vigorously against informing women that these children feel such excruciating pain, sometimes as much as four times that which would be felt by a newborn or a child later in his or her life.

We need to, again, Madam Speaker, respect all human life. In the life of an unborn child, birth is just part of a process. It's an event in a child's life; it is not the beginning of life. These children deserve their fundamental human rights.

THE 30-SOMETHING WORKING GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. RICHARDSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MEEK) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is always an honor to come before the House and address the Members.

I can tell you that today, in this great country of ours, we have a lot going on. There is a lot of news on the Presidential race. There are a lot of issues that are facing our Nation with Iran testing missiles. And there are a number of issues that American families are also facing.

We're going to talk a little bit tonight about energy. We're going to talk about the Iraq factor. We're going to talk about the things that American families are going through right now. And I think it's very, very important because many people feel that there are issues that are not being addressed here in Washington, DC as it relates to the executive branch. And I think that it's important that we share with the Members that we have a number of issues that this Democratic-led House has put forth on behalf of the American people in a leadership role.

As you know, in the 30-Something Working Group, we always start our hour off—and I'm joined tonight by my very good friend, Mr. JASON ALTMIRE, and also Mr. RYAN, TIM RYAN, on this 30-Something Working Group. And you know we come to the floor, Madam Speaker, to actually speak in what you may say the arena of fact versus fiction. We know that sometimes we get a little excited and we may not have the necessary footnotes we need to back up the information that we are providing, but tonight we did come to the floor to share with the American people fact, not fiction.

I think that, when we start to reflect, Madam Speaker, on a number of issues

that are facing Americans, we have to look at the everlasting issue of fuel costs, for someone to fill up their car, for someone to do something that we may call very common, being able to put gas in their car to be able to take their children to school, to be able to make it to their jobs. And I think that as we look at this issue we need to know who is on the side of the American people. When I say "we," I'm saying Members of Congress.

I'm hoping that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, my Republican colleagues who have joined us on a number of major pieces of legislation that we passed out of this Congress that has gone to the President, I want to applaud those Members for being a part of this great democracy and this great leadership that we have here in the House, to be able to bring about the paradigm shift of bipartisanship. We have not seen bipartisanship in the 109th Congress, 108th Congress. I can attest to that because I was here for those two Congresses. The 110th Congress has brought about bipartisanship on major pieces of legislation that I will talk about a little further later on, but I just want to mention a few things.

Madam Speaker, I always start off by giving what is going on in Iraq. The \$8.5 billion war that's taking place right now in Iraq, some over \$230-something million a day war. And I had the opportunity, Madam Speaker—and I don't want to digress—to speak to some first responders from New Jersey. They are from New Jersey, and Representative RUSH Holt asked me to speak to his first responders. As you know, Madam Speaker, I was, once upon a time, a first responder as a Florida Highway Patrol trooper. And we talked about funding, and they were talking about the grants. And there was a grant here for, you know, \$50 million or a grant there for equipment for fire fighters and State troopers and sheriffs, \$70 million.

But when I started talking to them about the \$230 plus million a day that's being spent in Iraq, you should have seen their eyes opening wide. We all believe in making sure that we give our men and women what they need in Iraq; and we do that, this Congress has done it. But I think that when you start looking at the policy, when you start looking at how this administration has not put the Iraqi Government's feet to the fire to let them know that we have homefront security and hometown security needs to be addressed, they will never see the kinds of dollars that we're spending there.

I also want to share the numbers with you. The total deaths in Iraq is 4,117 as of July 9; total number of wounded and returned to duty is 16,866; and the total number of wounded not returning to duty is 13,483. I think we have to look at that in perspective.

I want to yield to my good friend, Mr. ALTMIRE, at this time as we talk a little bit about a number of issues that