

The Psalmist David wrote:

For You, God, formed my inward parts. You wove me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, graphic videos, personal testimony, and verbal assent reveal the true colors of Planned Parenthood.

There is probable cause to believe that America's largest abortion provider is altering abortion procedures to obtain uncrushed baby body parts; is performing partial-birth abortions; and is selling baby hearts, brains, and other fetal specimens for monetary value. This is atrocious.

Planned Parenthood staff doesn't want to lowball fees for baby body parts, and third parties are drooling over intact unborn children. It is unimaginable how one can camouflage the humanity of a clinician's announcement of "another boy" and watch a baby's beating heart just before harvesting the baby's brain to sell; yet Federal funding continues to pour unabashed, unabated into the coffers of Planned Parenthood, America's number one killer of unborn babies. This must stop.

Mr. Speaker, I do not support this allotment of taxpayer dollars and will vote against any spending bill that funds Planned Parenthood.

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(Mr. PEARCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, a nation, like an individual, is judged by the way it speaks for those who can't speak for themselves and by the way it treats those without total capacities.

It is in this regard that our Founders brought this Nation together with the core principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—life being the first of those.

It is a constitutional requirement that I think that we have to speak for the unborn. When we see the atrocities in the videos, the callousness of the organization that is trafficking in body parts from dead babies, we should react in horror and remove the funding for that.

The greatest argument the other side puts up is that they provide women other services. This chart shows the Planned Parenthood locations in New Mexico versus those providing other services. We simply seek to move the funding from them to here.

The coverage from our State is much broader and much better and would be a voice for those unborn who can't scream out for their own sake.

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FUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, the question we must ask ourselves today in light of recent revelations: Why does Congress insist on giving half a billion dollars of the taxpayer money to an organization that has such disregard for human life?

Considering the budget constraints currently imposed on our military, why are the American people's hard-earned money being diverted to Planned Parenthood, which reports more than \$127 million in excess revenue and more than \$1 billion in net assets?

When I was back home in Texas during the August recess, I had the pleasure of visiting the Austin Pregnancy Resource Center, a model women's health organization that can and should lead by example.

The APRC does a lot to support women's health and provide guidance on accessing women's health services. The APRC's slogan of building the culture of life is one that we should all be able to get behind, but there are many pro-life women's health organizations like APRC that take no Federal dollars.

Even so, some of my colleagues prefer to continue to send taxpayer dollars to Planned Parenthood, an organization that takes in money from aborted fetal parts, an organization that alters abortion procedures so they can harvest organs, an organization that, frankly, rips off the Federal Government.

Not only are the alleged actions of Planned Parenthood illegal under Federal law, they are morally reprehensible.

I am disgusted that an organization that is involved in such repulsive activity would promote itself as a protector of women's health. It is beyond hypocritical. It is deceitful and I believe fraudulent.

When I first ran for Congress, I promised that I would vote with my conscience and use God's word as my guide. For this reason, earlier I called for an end to Federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

In God we trust.

MISINFORMATION ON THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD DEBATE

(Mr. JORDAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Congressman from South Carolina (Mr. MULVANEY) is exactly right. There is all kinds of misinformation about this Planned Parenthood debate. The biggest line is this: We are headed to a government shutdown. Are you kidding me?

We are going to fund the government at the levels the Democrats agreed to, Republicans agreed to, the levels outlined in the Ryan-Murray plan. We are going to fund it.

We are going to do one change, though, one simple, but important, change: Take the money from the organization engaged in the gruesome, horrific things that Planned Parenthood was caught doing and give it to organizations that weren't doing that and still meet women's health needs. That simple fact. The same levels, but move it from the bad organization to good organizations.

It is that basic. That is what this debate is about, and that is what the American people want us to do.

TAXPAYER DOLLARS SHOULD NOT SUPPORT TRAFFICKING OF ABORTED FETAL TISSUE

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, we have known for some time that Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in this country.

What we didn't know until recently was just how vile and disgusting they are willing to be in the trafficking of fetal tissue and the body parts of the unborn.

These actions uncovered from these videos have given the whole world insight into the inexcusable and horrific culture at Planned Parenthood. The heartlessness displayed represents an unraveling of the very moral fabric of our country.

The passage of the two bills before us is the appropriate action to address Planned Parenthood's illegal actions.

Taxpayer dollars should not be going to the killing of unborn babies. Taxpayer dollars should not go to organizations like Planned Parenthood that support the practice of abortion and trafficking of aborted fetal tissue.

I encourage my colleagues to support these two bills and to support precious, innocent lives of the unborn.

DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

(Mr. LABRADOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LABRADOR. Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear that this is not simply an issue of whether Planned Parenthood broke the law by selling fetal body parts obtained through abortions.

The real tragedy we are confronted with today is that human beings have been reduced to mere commodities in this practice, and Federal dollars are contributing to it.

I do not want to contribute to a system that profits from someone's fate nor do I want to subject millions of taxpayers to supporting this violation of life.

It is often a temptation to boil this argument down to medical terms and ignore the real losses our Nation faces when we choose to reject someone before he or she has been given the chance to live.

For this reason, I do not support funding Planned Parenthood and its tragic influence on our Nation's future.

Defunding Planned Parenthood will have no effect on women's health. In the State of Idaho alone, there are 76 federally qualified health centers, and only 3 Planned Parenthood facilities. Women can and will receive health care in these facilities.

CONSTITUENTS SICKENED BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD VIDEOS

(Mr. PERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, debate over funding for Planned Parenthood has nothing to do with women's health care. I think we have just heard that on a couple counts.

Constituents on both sides are sickened and disgusted by the Planned Parenthood videos, videos that show officials discussing the killing of babies and harvesting of their organs like they were car parts out of a salvage yard.

American taxpayers are the single largest funder of Planned Parenthood, over \$500 million last year alone. No American should ever be forced, under penalty of imprisonment, mind you—if you don't pay your taxes, you are going to go to jail—to support this activity with their tax dollars, period.

I am a husband, a father to two little girls, a son, and a friend who cares deeply about women's health care, everybody's health care. That said, I cannot and I will not support the dismemberment and sale of the body parts of infants.

I cannot in good conscience, I can't in any conscience, support legislation that funds disgusting actions of those who conduct that practice.

THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN ARE BEING VIOLATED

(Mr. MOOLENAAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, on social media, a new generation of parents and grandparents are sharing the joy of new life, posting pictures of baby bumps and sonograms for friends and family to view.

Now more than ever, it is easier to see and understand that an unborn child in the womb is a person with tiny toes and fingers and a heartbeat, created equal and entitled to unalienable rights.

However, recent events have demonstrated that these rights are being violated and that the public's trust has been betrayed.

Millions of taxpayer dollars have supported the horrific practice of allowing babies to be taken apart, dismantled, and sold piece by piece.

In response, House investigations are underway, and more needs to be done to protect our most vulnerable citizens.

H.R. 3134 restores trust for American taxpayers. It provides more funding for qualified health centers that offer pediatric care, immunizations, mammograms, and more lifesaving healthcare services that protect mother and child.

These better options are worthy of taxpayer funding and will make a positive difference for women and children across our country.

PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

(Mr. CARTER of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the two pieces of legislation aimed at fighting evil and protecting the sanctity of life.

I have seen the horrendous videos showing the grotesque practice of harvesting and selling preborn baby body parts that Planned Parenthood executives now condone and encourage. This evil practice must stop.

Taxpayers should not be responsible for funding an organization that aborts babies, negotiates deals to sell body parts, and lets babies that have survived abortion be left to die on the operating table.

As a former judge, I have dealt with countless murder cases, and this is murder in my book. Planned Parenthood received 40 percent of their total revenue from taxpayers.

How much longer are we going to permit Planned Parenthood to murder on the taxpayer dime?

Rest assured, the House is conducting an investigation on Planned Parenthood. We will do everything in our power to hold these criminals accountable for their actions.

I implore my colleagues to support these two bills and protect the sanctity of life before and after birth.

STAND UP FOR CALIFORNIA'S ALMOND INDUSTRY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the California almond industry has shouldered the brunt of the drought finger-pointing over the last year.

The reality is that almond trees use about the same, if not less, the amount of water of any fruit or nut in the State of California.

It is like the old story of the frog in the pot of boiling water. If the pot has no water, then you have no frog nor agriculture in California. We need to build water storage. That said, our al-

mond industry employs over 100,000 people and brings in \$21 billion to the State each year.

In addition to being scapegoats on water, they also face a potential \$4 billion loss if the European Union chooses not to extend the maximum residue levels allowed on fosetyl-aluminum. This chemical is not even used in almonds and poses no health risk. Inaction to extend this MRL will prevent almonds from being exported into the EU, depressing prices worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Secretary Vilsack and the USDA to stand up for California and our agriculture and help obtain this critical extension.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD TARGETS MINORITY COMMUNITIES FOR DESTRUCTION

(Mr. HUELSKAMP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask this House, indeed ask the American people: Do you believe your taxpayer dollars should be used to fund racism? Do you think your hard-earned taxpayer dollars should be used to target minority communities?

Mr. Speaker, I have adopted children. They don't look like me. They look like average Americans of various ethnic minority backgrounds.

Without a doubt, if you look at Planned Parenthood's history, as well as its current practices, they target minority communities for destruction and elimination.

That is the history of Margaret Sanger. That is the history of Planned Parenthood. That is the history that is being funded.

That is the current day practice of Planned Parenthood, to target minority communities with abortion, with destruction, with elimination.

Without a doubt, in my mind, I think in the mind of the American people, it is time to stop funding racism with our tax dollars.

CONGRESS SHOULD NOT BE AN ACCESSORY TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, there are those who say you shouldn't shut down the government. We are not going to shut down the government. We are going to fund the government.

And I am hoping that we are actually going to fund women's health with more money than what the President or the Democrats were pushing for to be given to Planned Parenthood.

In the history of Planned Parenthood, they have never, ever, ever done one mammogram because they are not certified to do mammograms. They bring people in and refer them out to get their mammograms.