

Many good pro-family bills passed this Session . . .



Senate Bill 9: Fetal Heartbeat Abortion Ban sponsored by Sen. Matt Castlen

SB 9 prohibits an abortion after the detection of a heartbeat, except for medical emergencies. **Advocates Maintained:** If the absence of a heartbeat indicates death, then the presence of a heartbeat indicates life. Furthermore, the unborn child has distinctly different DNA than its mother. Therefore, once a heartbeat is detected it is not just about a woman's body, but abortion is the killing of an innocent individual person. The state has a compelling interest in protecting life. Senate Vote: 31-6; House Vote: 71-19.



Sen. Castlen



Senate Bill 50: Abortion Prescription Reporting sponsored by Sen. Robby Mills

SB 50 clarifies in law that medications given by a physician with the intent of causing an abortion must be reported as an abortion and included in the statistical reporting done by the Kentucky Bureau of Vital Statistics. **Advocates Maintained:** Chemical abortions are becoming more common and current law is unclear. Such abortions are a combination of potent medications that cause the death and expulsion of an unborn child and should be reported. Senate Vote: 30-6; House Vote: 75-19.



Sen. Mills



Senate Bill 67: Banning Sex with Animals sponsored by Sen. Julie Raque Adams

This bill prohibits sexual acts with an animal or sexual contact with an animal for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification, abuse, or financial gain. **Advocates Maintained:** Clearly, there is no reason to discuss why this bill is good, but it is important to note that this bill was written to protect *animals from humans*. In other words, the concern of the bill is *FOR* animals. Sadly, what also needs to be addressed is the concern about the impact on humans in connection with these animals. In other words, pornography and the use of children in sexual images with animals is tragically real. Senate Vote: 32-0; House Vote: 97-0.



Sen. Adams



Senate Bill 85: Ignition Locks for DUI Drivers sponsored by Sen. Whitney Westerfield

SB 85 allows a court to order an ignition interlock device be placed on the car of a DUI driver to prohibit him or her from driving while intoxicated. **Advocates Maintained:** Too many DUI drivers make the bad decision of getting back behind the wheel after they have already been arrested and convicted for driving under the influence. Sadly, many of these drivers make still another mistake while driving, thereby injuring or killing innocent people in another vehicle. These devices will not allow the car to operate if the driver has alcohol on his breath. House Vote: 94-1; Senate Vote: 34-0.



Sen. Westerfield



House Bill 5: Human Rights of the Unborn Non-Discrimination Act

sponsored by Reps. Melinda Prunty and Nancy Tate

HB 5 prohibits abortion based on the sex, race or disability of the unborn child. **Advocates Maintained:** We must resist efforts to create "designer babies," where children who do not meet certain "requirements" are discarded. A preborn child should not be killed simply because of their sex, race or perceived disability. House Vote: 67-25; Senate Vote: 32-4.



Rep. Prunty



Rep. Tate

“In God
We Trust”

House Bill 46: National Motto in Public Schools Bill sponsored by Rep. Brandon Reed

This bill requires each public elementary and secondary school to display the national motto in a prominent location in the school. **Advocates Maintained:** The National Motto is above the Kentucky Senate President and Speaker’s podiums in the Capitol Chambers. It is on the wall in each Committee Room in the Capitol Annex and it is printed on all of our money. Why shouldn’t students in Kentucky have the same privilege that the rest of us have? House Vote: 72-25; Senate Vote: 29-8.



Rep. Reed



House Bill 130: Penalty for Terroristic Threatening (of public gatherings and Houses of Worship) sponsored by Rep. James Tipton

This bill amends existing law to include public gatherings, places of public accommodation, churches, and places of worship as places covered by the offense of terroristic threatening in the second degree. **Advocates Maintained:** Too many bad actors are choosing to target public gatherings and places where people come together to attempt to bully or intimidate large numbers of people or groups with whom they disagree. House Vote: 97-3; Senate Vote: 35-2.



Rep. Tipton



House Bill 148: Post Roe v. Wade Abortion Ban sponsored by Rep. Joe Fischer

Should either *Roe v Wade* be overturned or an amendment to the Constitution restore Kentucky’s authority to prohibit abortion, this bill would prohibit abortion except for the life or physical health of the mother. **Advocates Maintained:** Innocent, helpless unborn children should not be denied the basic human right to life. Innocent life is precious and must be protected. Abortions are being used as birth control and even “celebrated” by their advocates. A society that condones the killing of its most helpless and innocent members is a society in decline. House Vote: 69-20; Senate Vote: 32-5.



Rep. Fischer



House Bill 166: Day of Prayer for Kentucky Students Act sponsored by Rep. Regina Huff

This bill designates the last Wednesday in September of each year as “A Day of Prayer for Kentucky’s Students.” Because the effort to set-aside one day for prayer each year has been student-initiated and student-led, this bill does not require anyone to pray or mandate what kinds of prayers are offered. It simply sets-aside a day for students (and others) to pray for Kentucky’s students if they choose. **Advocates Maintained:** If God does not answer prayer, it’s stupid to pray; but if He does answer prayer, it’s stupid *NOT TO*. Let the children pray. House Vote: 79-18; Senate Vote: 32-5.



Rep. Huff



House Bill 254: College Free Speech Act sponsored by Rep. Savannah Maddox

This bill requires state colleges and universities to adopt policies to protect the right of students and faculty to speak, write and learn without the threat of intimidation. It also protects the right of student groups to invite speakers, regardless of the popularity of their views. **Advocates Maintained:** Though it protects speech from all viewpoints, HB254 was particularly needed because of the increasing amount of intimidation practiced by those who disagree with religious or conservative points of view. House Vote: 64-33; Senate Vote: 30-7.



Rep. Maddox