

# LifeLine

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## Election Victories Boost Prospects for Action on Life at Conception Act in Congress

*NPLA Members Poured on Pressure in Campaign for a Pro-Life Congress*

National Pro-Life Alliance members' extraordinary efforts in the 2004 elections paid off handsomely.

NPLA members and staff surveyed 1,994 candidates for state and federal office, mailed more than 2 ½ million post cards urging candidates to pledge support for the Sanctity of Life, made 30,000 calls to pro-lifers and donated over \$200,000 directly to the campaigns of pro-life champions.

By running an extremely tight ship, more than 95% of all contributions to the NPLA-PAC went directly to the campaigns of 64 pro-life champions that the PAC targeted.

In the end, their tireless efforts were rewarded on November 2 with a pro-life surge in the U.S. House and Senate and state legislatures which left the pro-abortion national media's pollsters baffled.

### Pro-Life Gains in Congress Open the Door to Passing the Life at Conception Act

The 2004 Pro-Life Candidate Survey program exposed candidates' positions on ten key pro-life issues such as support for judges who refuse to invent the right to an abortion, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act and opposition to taxpayer-funded abortion.

But the major thrust of the members' efforts was to win support for passage of the Life at Conception Act that would effectively overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

To that end, NPLA members poured the heat on candidates who were silent, or worse still, were endorsed by pro-abortion groups like Planned Parenthood and EMILY's List.

Their efforts helped win at least 20 new pro-life seats in the Senate and House, and defeat John Kerry -- who ran on a radical pro-abortion-on-demand platform and record.

Although, based on direct contributions actually given to candidates, NPLA-PAC is now the nation's largest pro-life political action committee.

Members' contributions went solely to non-incumbent candidates who pledged support for the Life at Conception Act or incumbents who had already cosponsored it.

### Legislation Would Extend Protection to Unborn Under 14th Amendment

The Life at Conception Act would, of course, declare the unborn to be "persons" under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, and therefore are entitled to the right to life guaranteed to all persons.

Even *Roe v. Wade*'s advocate and author, Justice Harry Blackmun admitted that once "personhood is established," *Roe v. Wade* would "collapse."

The bill, by legislatively defining that human life begins at the moment of conception, would effec-

tively overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Instead of allowing a few unelected judges to obstruct the fate of millions of unborn children, the law would constitutionally protect babies from the moment of conception and allow elected representatives in Congress and state legislatures to craft additional protection for the unborn.

As a result of NPLA members' efforts, the total number of Congressional cosponsors in the 2004 Congressional session was more than double the number in the preceding Congress.

Moreover, cosponsoring the Life at Conception Act and asserting the humanity of unborn life was a wise move for many politicians.

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**Voters rejected the Kerry/Edwards abortion-on-demand agenda, handing George W. Bush a second term and a more sound majority in Congress with which to carry out the pro-life mandate.**

# New Round of Pro-Life Legislators Have Pledged to Support a Life at Conception Act in Congress

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For example, in the last days of the session, North Carolina Senate candidate Richard Burr not only answered his Pro-Life Candidate Survey, but signed up as a cosponsor of the House version of the Life at Conception Act.

NPLA-PAC gave the maximum permitted contribution and NPLA members swung into action to help elect Burr to the Senate seat vacated by vice-presidential candidate John Edwards. Burr squeaked to victory with 51.6% of the vote.

## **NPLA President Calls for Full Congressional Action on Life at Conception Act**

NPLA president, Martin Fox, explains that while the recent pro-life victories have created an overwhelming and unprecedented momentum, there is still much work ahead for grass-roots NPLA members.

“The legislators who cosponsored the Life at Conception Act last session must be brought back on board when the bill is reintroduced this year.

“More cosponsors must be added to the Life at Conception Act. Then activists must force a vote on the floor of Congress so all constituents can know where their elected representatives stand on the issue of abortion.

“Nearly 1.6 million abortions occur every year in the United States,” Fox states. “At the end of every day, almost 4,400 babies have died by abortionists’ hands.

“That’s over 182 innocent babies dying every hour in the United States alone.

“The Life at Conception Act is the most feasible means of stopping America’s policy of unrestricted abortion-on-demand altogether.”

NPLA President Fox hammers home the need to legislatively define life as begin-

ning at the moment of conception.

“Without a Life at Conception Act in place, the courts are free to allow abortion anywhere, at any time, and for any reason.

“*Roe v. Wade* is, of course, the most famous example of judges deciding to legalize the killing of millions of innocent unborn babies.”

According to Fox, the action of every pro-lifer is vital and necessary.

“Now is the time,” says Fox, “for NPLA members to triple their efforts by sending petitions, post cards, and letters, and by calling their elected representatives.

“With the momentum of the recent election victories, and recent legislation such as the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban and Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the door is open for the Life at Conception Act.

“But it will continue to make such dramatic progress only through the grass-roots support of NPLA members.”



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## **NPLA Launches Drive Against Pro-Abortion Litmus Test** *Pro-Lifers Fear Pro-Abortion Senator Will Block Pro-Life Nominees*

In order to appoint pro-life nominees to the Supreme Court, President Bush will face stiff resistance from pro-abortion forces in the United States Senate.

As if a looming pro-abortion Senate filibuster was not enough, further complicating matters is the fact that on the same day as Democrat Presidential nominee John Kerry conceded the election to President Bush, pro-abortion Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA), who is likely to assume the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee by virtue of seniority, issued a warning to the President not to select any pro-life Supreme Court nominees.

In a November 3 press conference, Specter sought to assert his assumed authority, warning:

“When you talk about judges who would change the right of a woman to choose, overturning *Roe v. Wade*, I think that is unlikely ...

“...The President is well aware of what happened, when a number of his nominees

were sent up, with the filibuster ... And I would expect the President to be mindful of the considerations which I am mentioning.”

Since the Judiciary Committee is responsible for scheduling floor votes on judicial nominees – including those to the Supreme Court – if Specter assumes chairmanship of the committee as expected, he would wield an unsettling amount of power of the appointment process.

### **Specter Instrumental in Derailing Reversal of *Roe v. Wade* in 1992**

Specter’s support for abortion-on-demand is well documented and in light of his recent statement, pro-lifers are rightfully concerned that the outcome of the November election could be blatantly undermined by Specter.

Specter has voted numerous times against a ban on partial-birth abortion and is

perhaps most famous for helping to defeat pro-life Robert Bork’s Supreme Court nomination during President Reagan’s administration.

If not for the defeat of Robert Bork, *Roe v. Wade* would almost certainly have been overturned in the 1992 Supreme Court case *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, in which the High Court voted instead to affirm the so-called “right” to an abortion.

Former Justice Harry Blackmun’s recently released notes reveal that *Roe v. Wade* was in serious jeopardy of being overturned in a 5-4 ruling when Justice Kennedy sided with the four pro-abortion justices to shift the majority.

If not for the sabotage of Robert Bork’s nomination, in which Specter played a crucial role, it would have been Justice Bork voting with the majority to overturn *Roe v. Wade* rather than Justice Kennedy siding with the radical pro-abortion activists on

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# NPLA President Urges Appointment of Pro-Life Chairman

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the court to continue the slaughter of the unborn.

Immediately following Specter's disturbing statements, NPLA and other pro-life groups began demanding that Senate leadership act at once to prevent a pro-abortion litmus test for Supreme Court nominees.

While Specter is set to assume chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee by virtue of his seniority, the possibility exists that he could be snubbed in favor of someone who supports the President's judicial appointments.

In a strongly worded message to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox issued a warning of his own:

"On November 2, pro-lifers went to the polls in record numbers, delivering President George W. Bush a second term in the White House, as well as a stronger and more pro-life Republican majority in the Senate.

"It is an undeniable fact that in state after state pro-life, pro-family voters were the reason Republicans won control of the White House and Congress.

It should be clear to all after November 2 that these voters hold the power to revoke that control in any given election," warned Fox.

"Half a million National Pro-Life Alliance members, and millions of others nationwide, stand ready to rally in support of President Bush's pro-life judicial nominees.

"All that we ask is that the leaders in your own party stand firmly with the President as well."

While Senator Specter is next in line and is the probable recipient of the committee chairmanship, his recent remarks have put the prospect of the leadership role

at risk.

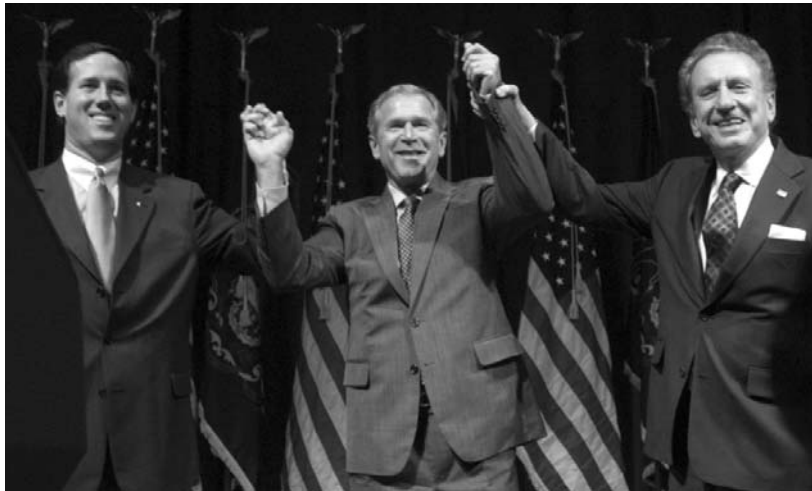
## Senate Leadership Could Prevent Specter Appointment

Specter has been frantically back-pedaling after the huge backlash from his controversial statements, but his radical support for judicial tyranny and unfettered

commits to support President Bush's nominees.

While Specter has suggested that the President lacks a mandate after winning 52% of the vote, ironically, Specter himself advanced to the General Election after beating his primary opponent Pat Toomey (R-PA) by a razor thin margin after President Bush campaigned heavily in support of Specter.

## With "Friends" Like Specter, Who Needs Enemies?



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**Hopefully, President Bush and Senator Rick Santorum (left) will not rue the day they rushed to the aid of pro-abortion Senator Arlen Specter, who it is feared may block pro-life appointments to the Supreme Court.**

Bush, along with Republican Senator Rick Santorum, shocked many of their pro-life supporters by helping Specter defeat Pat Toomey, who publicly opposes abortion-on-demand and answered the National Pro-Life Alliance's 2004 Pro-Life Candidate Survey 100% pro-life -- including a pledge to cosponsor a Life at Conception Act and to support pro-life judicial nominees.

Many Pennsylvania pro-lifers who fought hard to elect both Bush and Santorum felt betrayed by the pair's undermining of their hard work to elect pro-life Pat Toomey. They attribute his loss to Specter solely to their intervention on his behalf.

If Specter is selected to head the Judiciary Committee and blocks pro-life nominees, all pro-lifers will rue the day President Bush rushed to the aid of Arlen Specter.

abortion-on-demand is well documented. At press time for this issue of *LifeLine*, it remains unclear whether his remarks will ultimately cost him the role of Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## Massive Pressure Needed to Thwart Specter Chairmanship

But Specter is reportedly under heavy pressure from Republican leadership to tone down his rhetoric and publicly commit to support the President's judicial nominees.

Since Senators traditionally support the seniority system, it is still not likely that they will break with tradition and overlook Specter for the committee chairmanship.

It appears as though Republican leadership may ultimately be satisfied with Specter assuming the role so long as he

## Urgent Members' Action Needed to Head Off Pro-Abortion Hijacking of Judiciary Committee

National Pro-Life Alliance members should immediately contact Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) at (202) 224-3344 and demand that whoever is selected as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee be prevented from hijacking the Supreme Court nomination process with a pro-abortion litmus test.



# NPLA Members Help Elect Strong Pro-Life Champions to Senate on Election Day

## *Now Closer Than Ever to Majority on Life at Conception Act*

National Pro-Life Alliance Legislative Director Michael Muench is praising the record effort of NPLA members in the '04 elections.

"National Pro-Life Alliance members have come through once again for the unborn and deserve an enormous amount of credit for helping to elect the pro-life leaders we need to end abortion-on-demand once and for all.

"Because of our members' record level of generosity, the National Pro-Life Alliance's political action committee was able to go all out to elect pro-life champions to Congress," explains Muench.

### **Pro-Abortion Power Grab Stopped Cold in Congress**

As the top ranked pro-life political action committee in the country, NPLA-PAC played an instrumental role in frustrating the abortion lobby's power grab and helping pro-life forces increase their numbers in both the United States House of Representatives and the Senate.

In the House, pro-lifers picked up a net

minimum of 14 seats from pro-abortion forces.

In the Senate, the pro-life side claimed 6 new seats for the pro-life side on Election Day.

Muench is especially stressing the importance of the pro-life gains in the Senate, where pro-abortion forces have fought to block pro-life legislation and have vowed to filibuster any possible pro-life nominees to the Supreme Court.

In the Senate, five seats held by pro-abortion forces going into the election were claimed on Election Day by candidates running on pro-life platforms.

### **Pro-Lifers Deliver Victory for Defenders of Life**

Perhaps most noteworthy is the defeat of pro-abortion Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD), who was upset by Republican John Thune.

This is certainly welcome news for pro-lifers, who showed up to the polls in record numbers to deliver crucial victories to President Bush and strong pro-life candidates

for Congress.

"With his party now just a handful of votes shy of the sixty needed in the Senate to break a pro-abortion filibuster by Democrats, President Bush is in a much better position to appoint pro-life judicial nominees than he was in the last session.

"This is encouraging news for pro-lifers and should also be encouraging to President Bush.

"We hope that he remains committed to appointing strong pro-life nominees to the Supreme Court and lower federal courts in the coming days," explains Muench.

In this election cycle, NPLA-PAC gave more direct financial support to pro-life candidates than any other pro-life PAC in the nation, spending more than \$202,000 to elect strong defenders of the unborn to Congress.

This support helped proven pro-life champions defend their seats against a well-funded pro-abortion attack machine and helped propel new pro-life faces to victory against their pro-abortion opponents.

### **Life at Conception Act Cosponsors Promoted to United States Senate**

Three cosponsors of the Life at Conception Act in the House of Representatives -- Jim DeMint (R-SC), David Vitter (R-LA) and Richard Burr (R-NC) received crucial financial support from NPLA-PAC in their successful Senate bids.

Also receiving backing from NPLA-PAC were Senate candidates Tom Coburn (R-OK), who built a solid 100% pro-life voting record in his years in the House of Representatives and Mel Martinez (R-FL), both of whom responded 100% pro-life on the 2004 Pro-Life Candidate Survey.

Coburn and Martinez both defeated pro-abortion opponents heavily funded by the abortion lobby.

With an opportunity to appoint at least one Supreme Court Justice almost certain during President Bush's second term, the pro-life gains in the Senate will be crucial

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**Despite the millions of dollars spent by radical pro-abortion groups like NARAL, pro-lifers made key gains on Election Day, clearing the way for substantial pro-life reforms like a Life at Conception Act.**

# NPLA-PAC Leads Field in Direct Support for Pro-Life Champions

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in the battle for the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist recently began intensive cancer treatment and is expected to retire in the near future. In 1973, Rehnquist joined the dissenters in opposing the *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

In addition to Rehnquist, Judges Sandra Day O'Connor, John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who support abortion, are all considered likely to retire over the next few years.

Pro-lifers nationwide realized on November 2 that the United States Senate is where the battle to save the innocent unborn was to be won or lost.

With at least one vacancy on the Supreme Court virtually certain in the near future and the possibility of a near filibuster-proof majority on key pro-life legislation – the implications for the unborn were simply unmistakable.

With the battle lines clearly drawn and the stakes clear to both sides, National Pro-Life Alliance members joined other pro-lifers nationwide in sending a clear signal to our leaders in Congress that the Culture of Life is on the march.

NPLA-PAC provided the maximum financial contributions allowed by law to pro-life General Election candidates in six hotly contested Senate races across the country, five of whom won against their pro-abortion opponents.

In each race, the National Pro-Life Alliance mailed the results of the 2004 Pro-Life Candidate Survey to thousands of its members and other identified pro-lifers in each state encouraging them to urge their non responsive and openly pro-abortion candidates to publicly renounce abortion-on-demand.

NPLA-PAC helped send pro-life leaders to the United States Senate in the following states:

## **North Carolina: Life at Conception Act Cosponsor Claims Pro-Abortion Senate Seat**

Life at Conception Act House cosponsor Congressman Richard Burr (R) faced

off against former Clinton Administration Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles (D) for the Senate seat vacated by pro-abortion Senator John Edwards (D).

While Erskine Bowles vowed only to vote for the nomination of radical pro-abortion activists to the Supreme Court, Burr continued his 100% pro-life track record by pledging total support for the unborn on the 2004 Pro-Life Candidate Survey.

Richard Burr defeated Bowles claiming an additional Senate seat for the pro-life side.

## **Oklahoma: Hard Survey Results Squelch Lies About Coburn's 100% Pro-Life Record**

Former Congressman Tom Coburn (R), who supported every piece of pro-life legislation while serving in the House of Representatives, faced off against pro-abortion Brad Carson (D) in the race to replace retiring pro-life Senator Don Nickles (R).

Coburn returned the Pro-Life Candidate Survey pledging 100% support for the pro-life agenda, including support for a Life at Conception Act.

Carson, on the other hand, has a record in Congress of repeatedly voting to advance the radical pro-abortion agenda.

He voted to spend tax dollars to fund abortion, and even voted against the Unborn Victims of Violence Act to protect women and their unborn babies from violent attacks.

In a shameless attempt to confuse the issue and smear Tom Coburn, pro-abortion Brad Carson ran misleading attack ads in the final days of the campaign.

These attacks turned out to be nothing more than the last desperate gasps of a dirty pro-abortion politician falling to defeat.

## **South Carolina: Attempts to Conceal Abortion-on-Demand Record Exposed**

Pro-abortion Senator Fritz Hollings (D) did not seek another term in the Senate this year. The race to fill his seat featured pro-life Congressman Jim DeMint (R) and pro-abortion Inez Tenenbaum (D).

Jim DeMint was a steadfast leader in defense of the unborn in the House of Rep-

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**Pro-life floor leader Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO), pictured above with NPLA Executive Director Mary King, is one of the many pro-life candidates to receive crucial financial support from NPLA-PAC in her bitterly fought reelection campaign.**

# Senate Victories Clear the Way for Pro-Life Agenda and Judges

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representatives.

He cosponsored both the Parental Notification and Intervention Act and the Life at Conception Act in the 108th Congress.

Inez Tenenbaum's deceptive attempts to portray herself as a compassionate moderate were exposed by her repeated refusal to respond to the Pro-Life Candidate Survey.

Her years spent as a lobbyist fighting common-sense pro-life reforms in South Carolina such as parental involvement laws earned her nearly half a million dollars from the radical pro-abortion lobby in her unsuccessful Senate bid.

## Florida: Millions of Abortion Industry Dollars Spent in Vain

NPLA-PAC helped defeat poster child for the radical abortion lobby, Betty Castor (D), in a nail-biter for retiring Bob Graham's (D) Senate seat.

Betty Castor was backed by every one of the major pro-abortion groups in the country.

The radical pro-abortion group EMILY's List alone was on course late in the campaign to spend more than \$3 million on electing Castor.

With vital financial help from NPLA-

PAC, Republican Mel Martinez (R) -- who responded 100% pro-life on his candidate survey -- narrowly defeated this brazen attempt by the abortion lobby to buy the Florida Senate seat.

Martinez defeated Castor on a razor's edge: 49.4% - 48.9%. Since the retiring Bob Graham was pro-abortion, this seat is a crucial gain for pro-life forces.

## Louisiana: Pro-Life Support Propels Vitter to Victory Without Runoff

Another Life at Conception Act cosponsor in the House of Representatives claimed a Senate Seat in Louisiana.

David Vitter (R), who has a 100% pro-life voting record, took on a crowded field of candidates, including Democrat front-runner Chris John.

With his solid pro-life record clearly working in his favor among the Conservative-leaning state of Louisiana, Vitter



Tom Coburn (R-OK)



Jim DeMint (R-SC)



Richard Burr (R-NC)



David Vitter (R-LA)

**NPLA-PAC became the top donating pro-life political action committee in the country in the 2004 election cycle and helped elect proven pro-life champions to the United States Senate.**

shocked political insiders by not only winning, but also avoiding a runoff election with the runner up by capturing more than 50% of the vote.

NPLA-PAC's Senate victories are especially important since the Senate has the power to confirm or reject pro-life Supreme Court Justices.

All five of the victorious NPLA-PAC supported candidates pledged to vote in favor of nominees to the Supreme Court that are committed to defending the Constitutional right to life. ❤️

# NPLA-PAC Builds Pro-Life Majority in House

## Defends Pro-Life Heroes, Sends New Round of Pro-Lifers to Congress

After intense lobbying efforts by National Pro-Life Alliance members, the Life at Conception Act (H.R. 3069) reached a record level of support in the House of Representatives in the last session of Congress.

The Life at Conception Act, which would legislatively overturn *Roe v. Wade* by declaring the unborn "persons" under the 14th Amendment, had reached an unprecedented 59 cosponsors in the House by the end of the 108th Congressional session.

Looking to build on this record level of support and force a vote on a Life at Conception Act in Congress, the National Pro-Life Alliance launched the 2004 Campaign

for a Pro-Life Congress to elect strong pro-life leaders willing to go all out to defend the unborn.

National Pro-Life Alliance members rallied behind pro-life candidates and through the National Pro-Life Alliance's Political Action Committee (NPLA-PAC), provided a crucial boost to pro-life champions.

NPLA-PAC rushed to defend 35 cosponsors of the Life at Conception Act, 34 of whom won reelection.

In addition to defending pro-life heroes, NPLA-PAC was successful in helping elect 14 new pro-lifers in the House of Representatives. In total, NPLA-PAC supported 57 pro-life General Election candidates for

the House of Representatives, 48 of whom were successful in defeating their pro-abortion opponents, giving NPLA-PAC a commendable 84% success rate.

Listed below are some of the more noteworthy races in which NPLA-PAC propelled pro-life candidates to victory in the House of Representatives:

## Colorado: NPLA Members Help Defeat Million Dollar Smear Campaign Against Pro-Life Floor Leader

Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (R) wasted no time in her freshman term in the

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House of Representatives, taking the lead in the fight to protect the unborn.

Musgrave introduced the NPLA drafted Parental Notification and Intervention Act (H.R. 1489) to give parents the right to stop an abortion from being performed on their minor daughter.

Musgrave has also played a crucial role in the National Pro-Life Alliance's campaign to pass the Life at Conception Act (H.R. 3069) by mobilizing pro-lifers nationwide in both telephone and mail campaigns.

For her exemplary leadership, Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave became the number one House target of the abortion industry.

The National Pro-Life Alliance mailed thousands of pro-lifers in Colorado's 4th Congressional District outlining the differences between Musgrave and her pro-abortion Democrat opponent Stan Matsunaka.

In addition, NPLA-PAC gave the maximum amount allowed by law to Musgrave's reelection campaign, helping to carry her through vicious and misleading personal attacks by so-called "independent" outside groups which spent more than \$1 million slandering Musgrave.

## Indiana: NPLA Candidate Survey and Mailings Flush Out Pro-Abortion Hoosier

Mike Sodrel, who pledged 100% support for the unborn on the 2004 Pro-Life

Candidate Survey, successfully defeated his opponent, incumbent Baron Hill in Indiana's 9th Congressional District.

Pro-lifers in Indiana were informed by NPLA's survey results mailings of the differences between Democrat incumbent Baron Hill and Republican Mike Sodrel.

Hill has voted in favor of taxpayer funding for abortion and also to de-fund health providers that do not perform abortions and refused to come clean with pro-lifers on his candidate survey.

NPLA-PAC went all out in support of Sodrel in the General Election, propelling him to a razor thin 49.4% - 48.9% upset victory over incumbent Baron Hill.

## Texas: Lone Star State Voters Give the Boot to Three Pro-Abortion Incumbents

In Texas, the Alliance mailed thousands of survey results packages informing pro-lifers of the positions taken by their candidates on the Sanctity of Life. NPLA-PAC also pulled out all the stops by providing the maximum permitted amount to defeat three pro-abortion attempts to seize seats from the Lone Star State.

In the 1st Congressional District, Judge Louis Gohmert (R) knocked off incumbent Democrat Max Sandlin.

Sandlin voted in Congress to spend tax dollars to fund abortion and also voted to de-fund medical providers that do not provide abortions.

Gohmert, on the other hand, pledged strong support for the pro-life agenda and pledged to cosponsor a Life at Conception Act in Congress.


In District 11, Mike Conaway (R), who responded 100% in support of the Sanctity of Life, defeated Democrat Wayne Raasch, who refused to respond, by a hefty margin.

And in District 32, pro-life Republican Pete Sessions defeated his Democrat opponent Martin Frost. Frost has a disgraceful voting record in Congress in favor of abortion-on-demand.

Frost scored a perfect 100% on the radical pro-abortion NARAL's Congressional scorecard and received the largest financial support allowed from Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.

But the crucial backing from NPLA-PAC, who also maxed out to Sessions' campaign, helped beat back the rabid abortion lobby and claim this seat for pro-life forces.

## Minnesota: NPLA-PAC Defends Life at Conception Act Cosponsor Against Abortion Industry Assault

NPLA-PAC rallied to defend another Life at Conception Act cosponsor in Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District. Pro-life John Kline (R) defeated Teresa Daly (D), who refused to answer her Pro-Life Candidate Survey and flaunted endorsements from the radical abortion lobby throughout the campaign. 

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# Pro-Lifers Gear Up to Take Control of High Court

## Current 6-3 Pro-Abortion Supreme Court Majority Now in Jeopardy

For more than thirty years the United States Supreme Court has been held hostage by pro-abortion forces bent on defending the so-called "right" to kill the unborn.

Knowing that their radical agenda of abortion-on-demand would never become a matter of law through the appropriate legislative channels, the abortion lobby instead relied on nine unelected judges on the Supreme Court in 1973 to invent out of thin air the "right" to an abortion.

In the tragically flawed *Roe v. Wade*

decision, the 1973 Supreme Court effectively lifted any and all existing state laws protecting the unborn from the books in all fifty states, legalizing the slaughter of "unwanted" preborn babies throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

Although more than three-quarters of the state legislatures have passed limited restrictions on abortion within their borders, the *Roe v. Wade* decision has been used to toss out many state laws protecting the unborn, even numerous bans on the gruesome partial-birth abortion procedure.

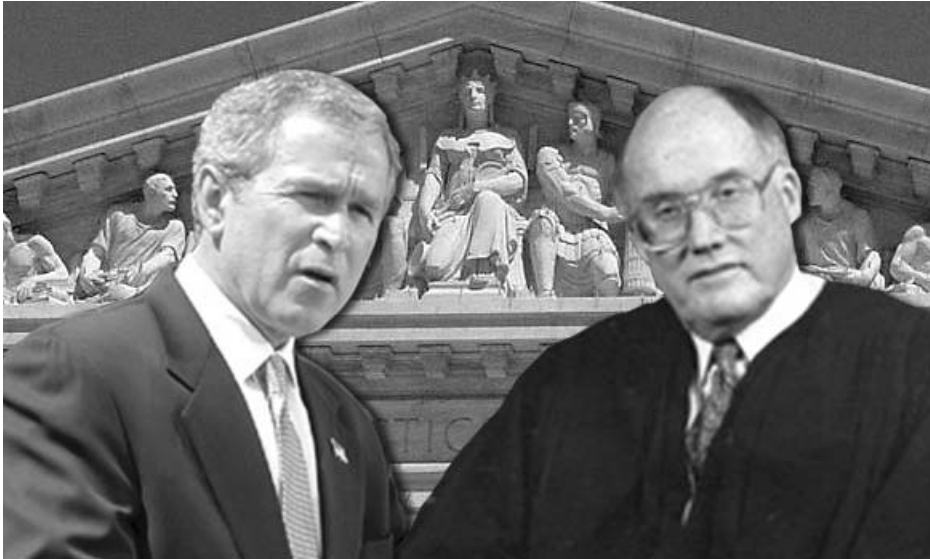
The federal law banning partial-birth abortion -- which has now passed Congress three times by wide margins -- has now been overturned by federal judges in the three states where it has been challenged.

In all three cases, the judges cited the "right" to an abortion that was forced on the nation in *Roe v. Wade*.

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# Election Day Gains in Senate Lessen Threat of Pro-Abortion Filibuster

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**Due to Chief Justice William Rehnquist's struggle with thyroid cancer, it appears that President Bush will face at least one vacancy on the Supreme Court during his second term in the White House.**

President Bush, who signed the ban into law last year, has challenged the rulings and vows to take the fight all the way to the Supreme Court.

What happens then is anyone's guess, but the High Court's track record on abortion rulings is hardly encouraging.

## **Second Bush Term Virtually Certain to See at Least One Supreme Court Vacancy**

But with George W. Bush fresh from a reelection victory, pro-lifers are cautiously

optimistic that the President will have the opportunity to turn around the current 6-3 pro-abortion majority on the Supreme Court if he and the Senate hold firm in the face of the massive opposition expected.

Current Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who is pro-life and voted with the dissenters in the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, recently announced that he has begun intensive treatment for thyroid cancer.

The retirement of Justice Rehnquist is viewed as eminent, giving President Bush a virtually certain opportunity to fill at least one vacancy on the High Court in his second term.

However, since Rehnquist is one of the three pro-life justices on the Court, even if Bush succeeds in appointing a pro-life replacement for Rehnquist it would be a purely defensive victory.

But with several justices now advanced in years, pundits see the possibility of two additional retirements on the Supreme Court in President Bush's second term.

Three of the remaining Supreme Court justices are more than seventy years of age and all three are pro-abortion.

Justice John Paul Stevens is eighty-four, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is seventy-four, and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is seventy-one.

## **Two Additional Pro-Abortion Justices Widely Thought to Be Near Retirement**

While pro-lifers remain hopeful for a shift of power giving them a majority on the High Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, it would take the scenario of at least two of the three justices retiring within the next four years.

Since pro-abortion justices are likely to delay retirement as long as possible until a pro-abortion President is in the White House, the odds are stacked against a complete takeover under the Bush administration.


Also looming is the pro-abortion minority Democrat Party's threat of a Senate filibuster against pro-life nominees.

Radical pro-abortion Senators like Ted Kennedy (D-MA) have shamelessly resorted to the unprecedented filibustering of Bush's pro-life nominees to the lower federal courts.

In order for President Bush to successfully appoint any pro-life nominees to the Supreme Court as he has promised to do, he will have to muster sixty votes in the Senate to break a filibuster.

With his Republican Party now holding fifty-five seats in the Senate, he will have to fight hard -- along with pro-lifers across the country -- to pick up the five additional votes needed to break a pro-abortion filibuster.





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