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Pro-Lifers March in Washington for Life

With Bush Administration, Life at Conception Act Must Receive Top Legislative Attention

President Martin Fox, Legislative Director Robert Hughes, and other National Pro-Life Alliance members joined the tens of thousands of pro-lifers who attended the annual March for Life to demand that Congress and the new Administration act at once on bills to save the unborn.

The March was held on January 22 to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion-on-demand.

Participants rallied at the White House, and then marched eastward up Capitol Hill and on to the Supreme Court building.

"I have been coming to the March every year for several years and have never seen the crowd so large," Fox reported.

The March for Life no doubt received a boost from attendees of the Presidential Inauguration of George W. Bush two days earlier.

"Nearly three decades after the *Roe v. Wade* decision, the number of Americans who will not stomach legalized murder continues to grow," said Fox.

"That's why it's vital Congress acts on legislation to wipe out the terrible legacy of *Roe v. Wade*."

"The American people respect life and want their elected officials to reflect their views and show leadership against abortion-on-demand."

Roe Court Handed Congress the Prerogative to Determine When Human Life Begins

The Supreme Court, in *Roe v. Wade*, ruled: "We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins . . . the judiciary at this point in development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer . . ."

Although the decision itself was awful public policy and overturned anti-abortion laws in 49 states, the justices at least left a way out: "If this suggestion of personhood is established [by the legislature], the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment . . ."

The Life at Conception Act therefore uses the very wording of the *Roe v. Wade* decision to dismantle it.

NPLA Expands Campaign to Pass a Life at Conception Act

The National Pro-Life Alliance has announced a major campaign to pass into law a Life at Conception Act that would overturn *Roe v. Wade* and end the abortion holocaust.

A Life at Conception Act would legally define that the right to life guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution is vested in each baby boy and girl from the moment of fertilization.

Congress, by officially recognizing the



National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox was among the thousands of pro-lifers who marched in Washington against abortion-on-demand on January 22.

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Future Court Must Be Pro-Life

With President Bush Likely to Fill Two or More Vacancies, "No More Souters" Can Be Accepted

The new President will likely face no greater test of his commitment to the pro-life cause than whom he appoints to the Supreme Court, according to National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary

presidency, pro-life Americans expect him to appoint only judges who will vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

"Yet history alone is not evidence this will happen."

pro-lifers in the election last year, candidate George W. Bush repeatedly refused to commit to a pro-life "litmus test" for judges.

"Simply put, we can have no more David Souters on the High Court," said King, referring to the elder George Bush's 1990 pick, who later voted to uphold *Roe*, and to strike down a Nebraska law banning partial-birth abortions.

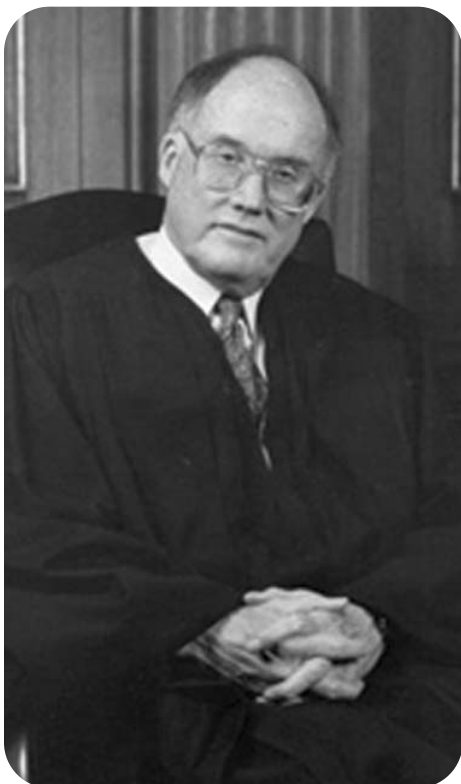
Pro-lifers concerned about the new President's criteria for selecting judges could not be reassured after learning Lee Lieberman Otis – the government lawyer who cleared Mr. Souter's selection in 1990 in the first Bush Administration – was handed the same job for the younger Bush Administration.

As reported by columnist Robert Novak on February 12, the future Mrs. Otis assured pro-lifers Judge Souter would be a dependable anti-*Roe* vote.

"That may have clinched his selection over the conservative favorite, U.S. Appeals Court Judge Edith Jones of Houston," wrote Novak.

"The results were staggering. Had Bush the elder named Jones instead of Souter, *Roe v. Wade* would have been overturned. The numerous 5-to-4 votes — on abortion, school prayer . . . and much else — would have been reversed."

"Mrs. Otis helped install the pro-abortion David Souter on the Court, hence salvaging *Roe v. Wade*," said King, "which makes George W. Bush's decision to bring her back very disturbing indeed."



Two or more vacancies are expected on the Supreme Court in the near future, most likely to replace pro-life Chief Justice William Rehnquist and pro-abortion Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, both of whom are over seventy.

King.

As reported by the *Washington Post* during last year's campaign, "Whoever wins the White House may get to name two or three justices, including a new chief justice."

"Had Al Gore triumphed, we know he would have stacked the Court with even more abortion apologists," King said, noting that Bill Clinton appointed two rabidly pro-abortion justices in his first two years in office.

"But since George W. Bush won the

GOP President Has Not Always Guaranteed Pro-Life Justices

King pointed out that Mr. Bush's father, as well as the previous four Republican Presidents, each installed one or more justices who ended up voting to uphold the deadly 1973 *Roe* decision.

And despite the strong support from

Several Aging Judges Are Likely to Be Replaced by Bush

Two current members of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice William Rehnquist, age 77, and Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, age 71, are considered most likely to retire in the near future.

Both were appointed by GOP Presidents, causing speculation they were "run-

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“Mexico City Policy” Reinstated

Executive Order Pulls U.S. Taxpayer Funding for Groups that Promote Abortion Overseas

Days after taking office, President George Bush issued an Executive Order restoring the Reagan Administration’s policy of prohibiting U.S. tax dollars for foreign abortion groups.

The order, known as the “Mexico City Policy” when first introduced in 1984, was issued on January 22 – eight years to the day it had been rescinded by Bill Clinton.

To prevent pro-abortionists’ attempts to overturn the order in Congress, on March 28 President Bush made the order a “Presidential Memorandum” – which carries more weight legally.

Under the Mexico City Policy, taxpayer funds are denied to any foreign group which performs or promotes abortion, or advocates that foreign governments which prohibit the killing of unborn children change their laws.

National Pro-Life Alliance Legislative Director Robert Hughes called the Executive Order “a welcome step toward rolling back the first of several pro-abortion Executive Orders signed by President Clinton upon taking office.

“President Bush’s order will serve as a sign to Congress that U.S. taxpayers will no longer fund foreign abortionists.”

Planned Parenthood International Was Already Violating U.S. Law

The primary loser as a result of the Mexico City Policy order is Planned Parenthood International, the global abortion lobbying and financing conglomerate which advocates abortion after abortion in 134 countries.

Last year, following notice of a General Accounting Office audit requested by pro-life Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), Planned Parenthood was forced to hand back the government 14% of the \$5 million they received from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) following the not-so-shocking exposé that they had violated the law by funding two abortion agencies, in India and Uganda.

“This violation of U.S. law was so obvious, that the Planned Parenthood chieftains knew they had no choice but to give the money back,” said Hughes.

“Yet the reality of the situation is, that Planned Parenthood International, by its very mission, is an organization bent on advocating and financing as many abortions as it can in every country it operates.

“Every dime that goes to Planned Parenthood, which shows profits of over \$120 million annually, ends up eventually in the coffers of the merchants of death,” Hughes explained.

“But through a campaign of lies and distortions, and what they call ‘creative bookkeeping,’ Planned Parenthood has bilked the taxpayers for millions. But no more.”

Forced Abortions in Red China Backed by United Nations Population Fund

The new Executive Order also axes U.S. financing of the United Nations Population Fund, which encourages abortion worldwide, including forced abortions in Communist China.

Under Beijing’s draconian “one-child”



Pro-life Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) requested a GAO audit of Planned Parenthood International, revealing they had misspent government funds for abortion.

rule, urban women are only allowed to have one child.

According to testimony given by former Fujian Province Planned Birth Administrator Gao Xiao Duan this year to members of the House Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, the Red Chinese government goes to frightening lengths to enforce the one-child rule.

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Will Bush Administration End Baby-Parts Profiteering?

"No Pro-Life President Can Allow Unborn Babies to Be 'Harvested' in the Name of 'Science'."

Pro-lifers are insisting the Bush Administration move at once to eliminate federal funding for a practice that has led to the "harvesting" for profit of innocent babies, "legalized" by President Clinton two years ago.

With the blessing of the Clinton Administration, pro-abortion radicals at the National Institute on Health (NIH) gave abortionists the green light for federal funding of experiments performed upon human baby tissue in 1999.

By claiming use of so-called "stem cells" extracted from babies killed by abortion is not a technical violation of federal law, the NIH had given abortion practitioners free rein to kill even more children for profit.

Thanks to the NIH's logic-twisting proclamation that stem cells taken from a human infant's remains are not a part of the baby, the abortion industry is thereby allowed to sell them to laboratories.

Thus human dissection is not only permitted to occur, but funded with taxpayer dollars in violation of the spirit if not the letter of existing law.

Was HHS Secretary Thompson's Wavering An "Innocent Mistake?"

During his 2000 presidential campaign, George W. Bush solicited the support of pro-lifers and said he opposed federal funding of the dissection of abortion victims.

However, as this *LifeLine* goes to press, the White House apparently is still "undecided" over whether or not they will allow the funding to continue, despite the fact that Mr. Bush's predecessor rammed in this policy in clear defiance of laws passed by Congress barring such gruesome activity.

"No pro-life President can allow unborn babies to be 'harvested' in the name of 'science'," declared National Pro-Life Alliance Legislative Director Robert Hughes.

Also troubling were remarks made by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secre-

tary Tommy Thompson, testifying before the Senate March 6, which heightened confusion on Capitol Hill.

Thompson told the Senate panel he is "troubled" by the ban on fetal tissue experimentation, apparently putting him at odds with pro-lifers and his own President.

"While after the hearings a spokesman told reporters that Sec. Thompson's intentions were to say the exact opposite," said Hughes, "it only confused the issue on the Bush Administration's intentions.

In a letter to President Bush, Hughes called on the Bush Administration to present "clear, coherent opposition and an end

to the financial profiteering on the corpses of babies killed by abortion."

Clinton Expanded Age of Babies Who Can Be Experimented Upon

On January 17 – just three days before leaving office – President Clinton issued a regulation through the Department of Health and Human Services redefining the government's classification of babies falling

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NPLA members are insisting HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson take action to end federal funding of experimentation which leads to the "harvesting" of aborted babies.

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under “fetus” and “child.”

If allowed to stand, this eleventh-hour regulation will allow even more unborn babies to be exploited, much later along the development stage than is already allowed.

“Every human child, from the moment of conception on, is precious and sacred and deserves the right to live,” Hughes declared.

“Yet the federal government has in recent years attempted to divide unborn babies into two classes: the ‘child’ who

Pro-Life Congressmen Secure Extension Before Anti-Baby Rule Takes Effect

After President Bush assumed office, he placed a sixty-day moratorium on the implementation of a wide array of Mr. Clinton’s last-minute regulations, including the rule redefining the “fetus.”

Although the moratorium expired March 19, a group of pro-life Congressmen convinced Secretary Thompson to extend the moratorium on the rule by another 60 days.

In a letter to Thompson, Reps. John Shadegg (R-AZ), Joe Pitts (R-PA) and others explained, “If this rule is allowed to pro-

ceed, the slippery slope follows,” said Hughes.

“First, the Supreme Court made it a constitutional ‘right’ to kill unborn children at will. Then Bill Clinton, in effect, implemented regulations promoting the ‘harvesting’ of babies. Now, even late-term babies born alive are not protected.”

Call HHS and Tell Its Secretary to End Human Vivisection Now

“It would be a tragic mistake for this new Administration,” Hughes warned, “to perpetuate one of its predecessor’s most horrific policies – government subsidization of experiments conducted on babies killed by abortion.

“That’s why it’s vital National Pro-Life Alliance members call Secretary Thompson at once.

“Tell him that pro-lifers expect this Administration to end the federal funding of fetal tissue dissection — which in practice leads to the ‘harvesting’ of unborn babies.”

“To allow this Nazi-style practice to continue would be a political blunder and a betrayal to the unborn,” Hughes said.

Tommy Thompson’s toll-free number in Washington is 1-877-696-6775. ❤️

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Representatives John Shadegg & Joe Pitts

receives limited protection, and the ‘fetus’ whom they attempt to dehumanize, and therefore deem ripe for destruction and experimentation.

“This is utter nonsense; however, it has at least prevented the sacrifice of some babies, who were later on in pregnancy,” Hughes explained.

“But Bill Clinton, in his final days, said no more.

“So he pushed the definition of which babies can be sacrificed even further.”

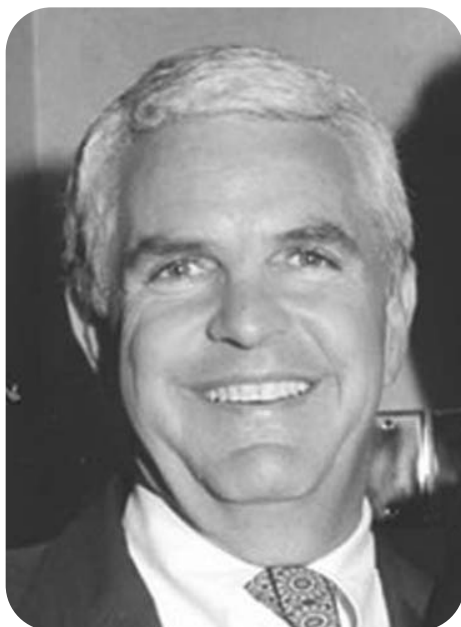
Under the regulation, even a newborn baby is still considered a “fetus” until it is determined the baby will live by “independently maintaining a heartbeat and respiration.”

“Under this ghastly rule, according to the government,” Hughes gasped, “babies who are born premature, and need assistance with respiration, whose mothers never even considered killing the child through abortion, are not even classified as human beings!

“Everyone knows that Bill Clinton’s last days in office were memorable, for all the wrong reasons,” Hughes noted, “but the media barely noticed this eerie attempt to further dehumanize young children — even some newborns.”

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“This cannot and should not be the position of an agency tasked with defending children and protecting life.”



Among the signers of a letter to the new HHS Secretary opposing a Clinton directive calling more babies “fetuses” unprotected by law were Reps. John Shadegg (R-AZ) and Joe Pitts (R-PA).

Life at Conception Act Would Protect Unborn by Defining Life to Begin at Conception

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personhood of unborn children, would thus assure equal care and protection for each born and pre-born baby in America.

“Our Nation’s founding document, the Declaration of Independence, declared for all the world that we hold it to be self-evident that the right to life comes from God and that it is unalienable,” said Fox.

“Life itself is the fundamental right without which the rights to liberty and pursuit of happiness have no meaning.

“Almost 200 years after the Declaration of Independence, in 1973, the United States Supreme Court ignored the Constitution and violated this most sacred principle.

“In *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court held that the entire class of unborn children — from fertilization to birth — have no right to life and may be destroyed at will.”

But Fox explained a Life at Conception Act would “fulfill the Declaration’s promise by reversing *Roe v. Wade* and assuring that unborn children have their God-given right to life protected.”

Call Congressman and Senators to Support Life at Conception Act

Fox is urging Alliance members to contact their Congressman and Senators and insist they support a Life at Conception Act.

“With the new Administration, which has gone on the record in support of the pro-life principle, Congress must seize the opportunity and enact pro-life bills like this,” Fox declared.

“The time has passed for lip service.

“A Life at Conception Act will send the lethal *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision to the ash heap of history. And we now

have a President whom we expect to sign such legislation.

“Not until *Roe* is overturned, and all Americans — including unborn babies — are protected by law across this land, will the thousands of pro-lifers who marched in Washington — and the millions of others who support our principle — be satisfied.”



When the Supreme Court handed down the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, it overturned anti-abortion laws in 49 states by saying unborn children were not “persons” protected by law.

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ning out the clock” and waiting until the Democrats were no longer in control to retire.

Judge Rehnquist has voted consistently against the *Roe v. Wade* decision. In fact, he is the sole remaining member from the 1973 *Roe* Court, when he was only one of two dissenters.

Contrarily, while described by some as the Court’s “swing vote,” Sandra Day O’Connor has in recent years become a reliable vote for the abortion industry.

Last summer, she wrote a concurring opinion in the infamous *Stenberg v. Carhart* decision which struck down Nebraska’s ban on partial-birth abortions.

The language of Justice O’Connor’s opinion was vague enough to suggest she might vote either way on any future state ban, or even the national Partial-Birth Abortion Ban passed by recent congresses which President Bush has vowed to sign into law.

“We always knew that when pro-lifers enact even the most modest legislation, no matter how overwhelming the support by the public and members of the legislature,” said King, “Planned Parenthood’s legal attack dogs are going to challenge it in court.

“Many of these challenges take years,” King noted.

“And it is the hope of all pro-lifers that by the time of the next abortion showdown before the High Court takes place, it will have a much friendlier pro-life makeup.

“Of course,” King explained, you and I have no control over when a judge who was appointed for life decides to leave the bench.

“Frankly, for some of these judges, given their consistent votes claiming the U.S. Constitution has a ‘right to abortion’ — though such language appears nowhere — the sooner they go, the better.

“But when that day comes,” King concluded, “pro-life activists must be ready. We must insist our President installs a justice who will vote the right way — against *Roe v. Wade* — every time.”



Abortion Pill Designed to Kill – Rushed Onto Market Without Adequate Safeguards

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that the RU-486 abortion pill causes so many potential health problems is because even when the drug is doing what it was intended to do, it is a human poison.

“Simply put, RU-486 is manufactured for the sole purpose of destroying helpless, living, breathing unborn children.

“RU-486 is an intentional human poison; how can any such drug ever be expected to be safe?” asked King.

“Clearly, the Clinton-era Food and Drug Administration caved in to the abortion lobby’s political muscle when approving the abortion pill, ignoring any side effects whatsoever.”

FDA Chief Fired Following Abuse of “Accelerated Approval” Policy to Legalize RU-486

To quickly get the drug to market, FDA scientists were ordered to jettison their standard testing methods.

They placed RU-486 on a special “accelerated approval” schedule usually used only for “life threatening” conditions such as AIDS.

Because of lessened safeguards, the procedure was not designed for elective procedures like abortion.

This means RU-486 was given substantially less testing than regular pharmaceuticals.

Additionally, the FDA’s accelerated designation shields RU-486 manufacturers from liability for health problems it causes the women who take it.

Soon after taking office, President Bush dismissed Jane Henney, the controversial FDA chief who – along with predecessor David Kessler – oversaw the fast-track approval of the abortion drug.

Previously, new presidential administrations usually held on to the incumbent FDA director, since the post was considered a scientific, not a political, position – a tradition Ms. Henney was all-too-ready to violate.

The firing drew the ire of pro-abortion Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), who piped, “This is not the way to begin. I hope the dismissal of Jane Henney is not the future of a battleground [over] RU-486.”

Review of Abortion Pill’s Risks Is Direct Result of Pro-Lifers’ Activism

“Ms. Henney’s well-deserved termination, as well as Secretary Thompson’s promise to review the reckless FDA approval procedures,” said King, “are an indication the new Administration is getting pro-lifers’ message that sponsorship of this deadly abortion pill cannot be stomached any longer.”

Although George W. Bush said he opposed RU-486 during last year’s campaign, he has at times been vague in what his Administration would do to stop the deadly drug.

“These early actions show the White House is feeling heavy pressure from pro-life activists, and is an encouraging sign,” King noted.

“I would like to thank all the National Pro-Life Alliance members who have written or called the White House about stopping RU-486.

“Now we need to drive the message home: Get the French abortion pill off American streets!”



Mexico City Policy Reinstatement Restricts Taxpayer Funding of International Infanticide

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Pregnancies and births, according to Mrs. Duan, are tracked on a national computer database by Maoist “Central and Provincial Planned Birth Committees.”

Mrs. Duan also testified that so-called “violators” whose only “crime” is trying to bring a young life into the world are often hunted down, dragged into abortion chambers, restrained and forced to undergo an abortion, or imprisoned and threatened until they “consent.”

Indeed, sometimes the red abortion brigades are “too late” and the baby has already been born, whereby the birth-control police simply murder the newborn baby.

According to Stephen Moore of the

Cato Institute, as many as 10 million Chinese babies have been murdered under this godless policy.

Eighty to ninety percent of the unborn victims are female – a fact self-styled “feminist” groups in America are all too willing to overlook.

Executive Order Must Encourage Congress to Stand Firm Against Funding

“With one stroke of his pen,” said Hughes, “President Bush has begun to constrain millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars going to abortionists.

“Pro-lifers can celebrate this first step,

which never would have been made had we not worked so hard at demanding an end to government funding of foreign abortions.

“Still, there’s much work to be done, as the killing ensues, worldwide as well as in this country,” Hughes explained.

“Perhaps this Executive Order will send Congress the clear message: No more taxpayer funds for abortion, in America or elsewhere!

“They no longer have the excuse of a pro-abortion President threatening to veto appropriations – which happened so often in the past eight years.”

Hughes is asking National Pro-Life Alliance members to call their Congressman at (202) 225-3121 and insist he or she oppose any and all attempts to finance or promote abortion with taxpayer dollars, at home or abroad.



Review of Deadly Abortion Pill Ordered

Pro-Lifers Strive to Reverse Clinton Administration's Hasty Decision to Approve RU-486

Responding to pro-life activists' many postcards, letters, petitions and phone calls, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has ordered the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review its controversial September decision to approve the RU-486 abortion pill.

Pro-lifers expect that when complete, the review will produce overwhelming evidence that the drug was hastily and wrongly approved under political pressures, and that the FDA ignored its own standards and evidence of physical dangers to women involved.

This would thereby pave the way for reversal of the Clinton Administration's approval of RU-486, and pull the chemical abortifacient off U.S. markets.

"The FDA erred badly last fall when it approved this deadly pill," said Alliance Executive Director Mary King.

"Secretary Thompson's motion is a sign the new Administration is acknowledging pro-lifers' concerns.

"But this 'review' by itself will mean little, so long as the abortion pill remains on the streets."

HHS Secretary Testifies to Congress on "Safety Concerns" About RU-486

In January 19 testimony to the Senate

Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee which was overseeing his confirmation, Mr. Thompson indicated that the FDA's decision "should be reviewed, and that's what I'll do."

The Secretary-designate withstood grilling questions from several pro-abortion politicians worried about what will be revealed when the truth comes out on RU-486.

Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) was particularly blunt in asking Mr. Thompson, "Will you take any actions to undo the FDA approval?"

"I think it's my role to review the safety concerns for the women of the United States," Thompson replied.

Numerous Health Risks for Abortion Drug Were Ignored by FDA

"It's a new drug. It's contentious. It's controversial. And the safety concerns, as I understand, are something that's in question."

"While the National Pro-Life Alliance maintains this drug should be illegal because it kills children no matter what, once the consequences of this drug are studied fully, the truth about the dangers of RU-486 to expectant mothers is bound to come out," King said.

"And after this truth is exposed, our government cannot in good faith allow sales of this poison to continue."

King cited numerous reports linking use of the abortion pill to cancer – a risk the FDA is required to study for virtually every new drug, yet bafflingly ignored its own standard procedures on carcinogenicity for this self-described human toxin!

The long-term consequences of women who attempt another pregnancy after killing a first child by an abortion pill were also ignored.

Independent studies have suggested a high risk of fetal deformation.

The FDA also refused to examine whether the poison contained in RU-486 is excreted through women's milk when they are nursing.

Cases of uterine bleeding after ingesting the abortion pill have been commonplace.

In Waterloo, Iowa, during the U.S. testing trials, one woman nearly bled to death, requiring emergency surgery and four pints of blood. Dozens of similar cases have already been reported.

"And of course the Clinton Administration never even considered the serious psychological impact on women, that all abortions inevitably bring about," King said.


"What happens when a mother sees the baby's remains and comes to the realization she played a part in her own child's execution?"

Even Eduardo Sakiz, the CEO of RU-486's original manufacturer, has since admitted taking the abortion pill causes "an appalling psychological effect" for many women.

How Can Any "Human Poison" Ever Be Safe?

Of course, said King, the real reason

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