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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: April 19, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/24/90

The HEALTH, EDUCATION, & SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered: HJR 95

HOUSE JOINT RES NO.95

SUPPORTING FEDERAL PRO-CHOICE LEGISLATION

Supporting federal pro-choice legislation and the availability of public money to pay for abortions for victims of rape and incest.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- be replaced with CS HJR 95 (HESS) the same title
- have attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS:
(Date/Dept)

fiscal impact _____

fiscal note(s) _____

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zero fiscal note(s) _____

zero with analysis _____

zero fn/analysis _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

J. Ellis

Max Greenberg

Max Baugh

George Jankovics

SIGNING:

(Check approp. column)

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J. Ellis

Chairman's Signature

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Freedom of Choice Act
5 of 1989".

6 SEC. 2. RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b),
8 a State may not restrict the right of a woman to choose to
9 terminate a pregnancy—

10 (1) before fetal viability; or

11 (2) at any time, if such termination is necessary to
12 protect the life or health of the woman.

13 (b) MEDICALLY NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.—A
14 State may impose requirements medically necessary to pro-
15 tect the life or health of women referred to in subsection (a).

16 SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF "STATE".

17 As used in this Act, the term "State" includes the Dis-
18 trict of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and
19 each other territory or possession of the United States.

101ST CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3700

To protect the reproductive rights of women.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 1989

Mr. EDWARDS of California (for himself, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. GREEN, Mr. AUCOIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ANDERSON, Mr. ATKINS, Mr. BATES, Mr. BEILSON, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. BUSTAMANTE, Mr. CAMPBELL of Colorado, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CROCKETT, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DOWNEY, Mr. DYMALLY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FASCELL, Mr. FAUNTROY, Mr. FAZIO, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. FRANK, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GRAY, Mr. HAWKINS, Mr. HAYES of Illinois, Mr. HOYER, Mr. KASTENMEIER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOSTMAYER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LEHMAN of Florida, Mr. LEVINE of California, Mrs. LOWEY of New York, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MINETA, Mr. MOCODY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MORRISON of Connecticut, Mr. MRAZEK, Mr. OWENS of New York, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROSE, Mr. ROYBAL, Mr. SABO, Mr. SCHEUER, Ms. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SKAGGS, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. SOLARZ, Mr. STARK, Mr. STOKES, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. UNSOELD, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEISS, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. WILSON, Mr. WOLPE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. YATES, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. WHEAT, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To protect the reproductive rights of women.

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
 Title: Supporting Federal Pro-Choice
 Legislation
 Sponsor: House HESS Committee
 Requestor: House HESS Committee

Agency Affected: _____
 BRU: _____
 Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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State's legislators urge Congress to be pro-choice

By Mike Magner
Grand Rapids Press Bureau

WASHINGTON — While the Michigan Senate debated whether to require parental consent before teenagers can have abortions, some state legislators were trying to move the reproduction rights issue to Congress.

Letters signed by six state senators and 38 representatives were delivered to members of the Michigan congressional delegation this week urging them to support a federal law protecting a woman's right to an abortion.

"The Freedom of Choice Act would set a national policy — ending the battle in the states," the letters

said. "The Freedom of Choice Act is an opportunity to declare that abortion is a matter of individual conscience, not governmental coercion."

The legislation, introduced last fall by Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., and Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., would prohibit states from restricting a woman's right to choose to terminate a pregnancy before viability

(commonly defined as when the fetus can survive outside the womb) or when the woman's health is threatened.

The letters signed by the state legislators were made public Wednesday at the same time that a national

civil liberties group. People for the American Way, released ratings of all 18 Michigan congressmen and both senators on abortion rights.

Based on seven votes in the House last year on abortion issues, five Michigan congressmen were "heroes" and four others were "zeroes" on abortion rights, the group said.

The "heroes" — those who consistently supported a woman's right to choose an abortion — were Reps. Bob Carr, D-East Lansing; George Crockett, D-Detroit; William Ford, D-Taylor; Sander Levin, D-Southfield; and Howard Wolpe, D-Lansing, the group said.

The "zeroes" who voted consistently against abortion rights were Reps. Paul Henry, R-Grand Rapids; Dale Kildee, D-Flint; Bill Schuette, R-Sanford; and Guy Vander Jagt, R-Luther.

Both Michigan senators, Democrats Carl Levin and Donald Riegle Jr., also were "heroes" who took the pro-choice side on two votes in the Senate last year, the group said.

Spokesmen for both senators said the two votes in 1989 were consistent with Levin's and Riegle's past positions.

The four congressmen who were labeled "zeroes" made no bones about their stance against abortion.

"In general, he's pro-life," said a spokesman for Kildee, Chris Ludwig.

"Bill has a consistent, 100-percent voting record in opposition to abortion," said a spokesman for Schuette, Dean Peterson. "He also strongly favors legislation for parental consent and parental notification."

Schuette is a Republican candidate for Levin's seat



Henry



Schuette



Vander Jagt

in the U.S. Senate this year.

Five other Michigan congressmen also received low ratings from People for the American Way. While some of them voted not to cut federal aid to a United Nations organization that sanctions abortions, all nine who received low ratings voted against federal funding for abortions in the District of Columbia and in cases of rape and incest.

The nine congressmen who received higher ratings from People for the American Way all voted to allow funding for abortions in the District of Columbia and in cases of rape and incest.

People for the American Way president Arthur Kropp said the release of the ratings and the legislators' letters was timed to coincide with Wednesday's vote in the Michigan Senate on the parental consent law.

The Senate voted 29-8 to approve the consent bill, requiring girls 17 and under to obtain the permission of a parent or a probate judge before getting an abortion. The bill now moves to the state House but is expected to be vetoed by Gov. James J. Blanchard.

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Abortion legislation dubs some heroes, some zeroes

When it came to abortion legislation last year, congressmen from Broward and Palm Beach counties were either "heroes" or "zeroes," an analysis of key votes by a pro-choice advocacy group shows.

Reps. Harry Johnston, D-West Palm Beach, and Larry Smith, D-Hollywood, have been dubbed "heroes" by People For the American Way for upholding a woman's right to choose, during seven votes in the House in 1989 involving federal financing of abortions and access to abortions for poor women. Reps. E. Clay Shaw Jr., R-Fort Lauderdale, and Tom Lewis, R-North Palm Beach, voted exactly opposite of Johnston and Smith.

For their steadfast, anti-abortion voting records, Shaw and Lewis were castigated as "zeroes" by the liberal, non-partisan group active in defending abortion rights.

In the Senate, Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., was a "hero," but Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., was a "zero," at least in the eyes of People For the American Way. Graham voted in support of the

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Ken Cummins



group's pro-choice stand on two key Senate votes last fall. Mack voted in both instances to prevent the use of U.S. funds for abortions for Third World women.

Both Senate votes involved efforts by conservatives to kill the annual U.S. contribution to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities because these funds could be used for family planning programs in China that included abortions.

Four of the seven House votes analyzed in the pro-choice congressional voting survey also involved attempts to deny or restrict U.S. funds to the United Nations program — attempts that People For the American Way strongly opposed. The other three House votes were:

■ An unsuccessful bid (opposed by the group) to prevent Washington, D.C., from using local funds for Medicaid abortions, even to save the life of the mother.

■ A successful amendment to the labor, health and education spending bill (backed by People For) that provided federal financing for abortions for victims of rape or incest.

■ A failed attempt by the House to override President Bush's veto of the labor, health and education spending bill because of the more liberal language on federal financing of abortions. People For had vigorously protested the veto.

"The 'zeroes' in our ratings are out of touch with their [Florida] constituents," said Bill Wasserman, the organization's national field director.

Of Florida's 19 congressmen, 10 — including Shaw and Lewis — received the "zero" designation from the organization for their strong, anti-abortion stands on the seven House votes surveyed. Four others — Reps. Johnston, Smith, Dante Fascell, D-Miami, and Bill Lebrman, D-Biscayne Park — were awarded "hero" status for their staunchly pro-choice votes.