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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS committee name

committee on Reproductive Privacy, dated April 25, 1991.

bill/subject

My name is Jennette Chavez, I am a mother of a three year old, a wife and a businesswoman. I urge your support in this bill because I feel that the state should not interfere in issues as private as the prevention, continuance or termination of pregnancy. The issue of abortion is a very complex one and the political arena should not be a place where moral judgments are made and imposed on families of diverse beliefs and convictions. Like many people who support freedom and privacy in reproductive issues, I do not see abortion as an answer to unwanted pregnancies, but rather a necessary alternative to those unfortunate families who find themselves, for varying reasons, faced with the possibility of having to terminate a pregnancy. The imposition of restrictive laws in matters of reproduction have chilling effects. At this moment, millions in Panama, where reproductive decisions were delegated to the government and families were forced to have unwanted children, babies - children are being sold for money. They have become a commodity on the open market. Mercenary flock there by the thousands, why, if there are so many children here needing adoption? Adoption and abortion are not the answer, education in family planning will help decrease the number of unwanted pregnancies. Choice is our right.

Signed: Jennette Chavez  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS  
committee name

committee on HB 268, dated April 25, 1991  
bill/subject

I'm against House Bill #268.  
Tax payers shouldn't have to  
pay for abortions. The state isn't  
helping to pay my medical bills.

The state requires parent  
signatures for the schools to  
administer an aspirin but  
wants to take away parental  
consent to kill a life. That is  
wrong. Where is your conscience.

Please reconsider and vote  
no for this bill. Our tax dollars  
should be used to save lives.

Mrs. Swanson

Signed: Mrs Swanson  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS  
committee name

committee on HB 268, dated April 25, 1991

I am Against House Bill # 268.  
I do not want TAX Payers Paying  
For Abortions. The STATE does  
not pay for my medical Bill nor  
should do so.

It is wrong when The STATE re-  
quires parent signatures to Ad-  
minister An abortion To Their child  
but wants To Take away Parental  
Consent To Kill a Life.

Where is our rights, our chance To  
Take The baby into The family and  
our chance To  Adopt The baby if  
The case necessitates?

Please use your conscience and  
Vote no on our request.

Signed: .

*Ronald C. Swanson*

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# Alaska State Legislature

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*Reproductive* committee name  
 committee on HB 268 Privacy Act, dated April 25, 8 AM.  
 bill/subject

House Bill #268.

I am against abortion and therefore  
 do not approve <sup>the</sup> use of state funds  
 to provide for elective abortions.

Signed: Lucille V. Barbridge  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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committee on ABORTION FUNDING #268, dated 4-25-91 bill/subject

I believe by cutting funding for abortion we will in effect be forcing poor women to bear children they can not or will not care for, only to justify the religious views of a very vocal minority. I demand seperation of church and state. The state has no business between the advice of a medical professional and the conscience of any female. I personally do not believe that you can kill a human spirit, the body is merely a vessel. That aborted spirit will choose another vessel.

Signed: MEREDITH MARSHALL  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS  
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committee on HB 268, dated 4-25-91  
bill/subject

I am a certified nurse-midwife and advanced nurse practitioner. I support HB 268. The bottom line is that abortion is an age old dilemma that will be selected by women in desperate situations. Modern society has the ability to offer a safe medical procedure.

HB 268 by guaranteeing poor women's accessibility to health care through Medicaid funding attempts to ease class barriers to health care.

The State of Alaska should pass this legislation to protect basic rights of women: equal accessibility to health care

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Marta Poore  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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committee on HB #268, dated 4/25/91  
bill/subject

in the nation  
We in Alaska have the highest rate of alcohol abuse  
& possibly also of sexual assault + child sexual abuse  
Children are at risk in this state. Programs to protect  
them are being cut at a time when the number of  
children in need is rapidly growing. It is  
irresponsible to bring more children into the  
world when we are failing to take care of  
those who are already here. Both the children  
and society at large suffer the consequences  
when overburdened and/or unprepared parents  
have no way to avoid birthing children they  
can't care for. The technology of contraception  
is inadequate: 50% of abortions are due to  
contraceptive failure. The right to choose abortion →

Signed: Carolyn J. Dixon  
Testifier

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is a necessary back-up until such time as scientists develop absolutely reliable contraceptive methods. In the case of people too careless or irresponsible to use contraception, we need to consider - do we want to continue to allow children to be born to careless & irresponsible parents so that we see men them through our prison system as they begin to show the scars of such parenting?

Another thing I'd like to ~~point~~ point out with some bitterness and anger is that if women attempted to practice the abstinence often preached to us, there would be a dramatic increase in the rate of rape & family violence in the state.

Thank you.

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# Alaska State Legislature

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committee on House Bill 268 , dated 4/10/91  
bill/subject

*I am very much opposed to this bill.  
I feel that it would only make every thing  
worse for even those it is supposed to help.*

Signed: Clarence Denny  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS  
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Reduced to its simplest and most objective terms this bill and present State policy condones or permits the killing of unborn children unless the mother's doctor determines that the child is viable outside the mother's uterus. What is viable? Is a person on life support systems viable? It seems that the determination should be based on whether the child is living, not whether or not it's viable.

We do not believe the killing of unborn children should be condoned or permitted much less encouraged as does this bill and present state policy. We believe abortion should be far more restricted.

Signed: A Fred and Judith Miller  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

All that are concerned

committee name

With Bill - HB 268

committee on

HB 268

, dated

4/25/91

bill/subject

I oppose as a registered  
District One voter HB 268.  
SB 249. I don't want state  
dollars to be used as funding  
for abortions to low-income  
women for any reason &  
on demand nor do I want  
abortion promoted as an  
alternative type of birth control.

Signed:

Mrs. Janice D. Jared

Testifier

District One voter - mother of two

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House bill 268, Senate 249  
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committee on House Bill 268, dated 4/10/91  
bill/subject

Pro abortion activists talk about "choice as the essence of freedom." I suggest that Responsibility is the essence of choice.

Some people feel that abortion is a fundamental right, the same as freedom of the press and freedom of speech. Abortion is not a freedom to choose, but rather is a way to ~~to~~ avoid responsibility for previously made choices.

We talk about pregnancy as if it were something that comes to an objective bystander, like a cold or the flu, and as if the only cure to this innocently-gotten ill is abortion.

The choices a woman makes that would even allow her to become pregnant are made many times and in several ways before conception occurs. Pregnancy is something that happens only with a good deal of effort and under a definite set of active circumstances which could be modified or avoided altogether.

Abortion is being used as a convenient way to undo something somebody has specifically and most of the time willingly taken the effort to do.

I believe that abortion is seriously unjustified and morally wrong. I further feel that public money should ~~not~~ be used <sup>instead</sup> to fund abortions. A woman who will not get public money for abortions ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> should <sup>instead</sup> get public money to assist with prenatal care and child birth, as well as <sup>with</sup> contraception.

I urge you to vote against House Bill 268.

Signed: Beth Wright  
Testifier

Beth Wright & Kerry Wright  
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Testimony of: Kirk M. Thomas  
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Given on: April 25, 1991 during a hearing at the legislative affairs office in Ketchikan Alaska regarding House Bill # 268.

Good Morning, My name is Kirk Thomas. I am a resident of Ketchikan and have owned and operated businesses here for the past 18 years. I am also the President of the Ketchikan District of "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" with 761 members in Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell, Metlakatla, and Prince of Wales Island. It is in this capacity that I address you this morning.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints considers abortion to be one of the most revolting and sinful practices of this day and any member of the church who submits to, is a party to, or performs an abortion is subject to church discipline except in cases where the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest or the life of the mother would be severely threatened if the pregnancy were to continue.

The church is a recognized leader in the world in promoting family life and free agency. It also teaches us as members to be actively involved in our communities and to see that good men and women are elected and supported in public office.

I am here to express our opposition to House Bill No. 268. This bill as written professes to provide for a woman's right to choose abortion without governmental interference. If there is to be no governmental interference, there should also be no governmental promotion of, or participation in the performance of an abortion. HB No. 268 clearly brings the government into a participatory role where it has no business being.

State funding of "on demand" abortions is an unacceptable cure to a serious social ill in our society. Funds being misdirected by our legislators for this purpose will only serve to deprive the vast majority of the population of quality education and other basic services which are legitimately provided by the government.

Because of the far reaching legal implications of this bill (evidenced by current problems in other states) we strongly encourage the involvement of the Judiciary Committee prior to this bill being debated in the State House.

We recognize the complexities involved in the issue of abortion but want the record to show that our membership will be strongly encouraged NOT to support any public official who introduces, co-sponsors, or supports any legislation that will involve state funding or other participation in this most abominable practice.

THANK YOU

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H.E.S.S.  
committee name

committee on HB 268, dated 4-25-91  
bill/subject

I am strongly opposed to this bill. It removes the conscientious clause from existing legislation, which totally ignores a doctor's right to choose to refuse to perform a medical procedure he deems immoral; and removes the parental involvement requirement which, tho unenforced, is a valid part of law. Even if amendments are added to correct the two weaknesses, the bill still shouldn't be passed, because while legislating non-intervention by government, it mandates state government intervention to pay for a medical procedure which is entirely optional, not necessary. Our state must not continue to support the abortion industry. I'll end by saying that ~~God~~ Himself, who has placed each of you in your current position of (over)

Signed: Janet Johns  
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Health Education & Social Services Comm.  
HB 268

Women in Alaska already have the right to abortion, their right to use birth control is unquestioned, abortion is already covered by Medicare, therefore HB268 is unnecessary.

As the mother of three young girls I am concerned that this bill advocates Abortion with only the Consent of the Minor.

My consent is required for my girls to attend school field trips, to play sports, the school cannot even give them an aspirin without my consent, yet this bill would allow surgery without it.

This is outrageous and extreme governmental intervention in our private lives.

I believe Abortion is a sensitive, traumatic experience. It is not a "women's right" that should be championed.

Lonna Fagan  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the Hess committee name

committee on LEG , dated 04/25/91 bill/subject

Women have been choosing to terminate unwanted preg. since hunting & gathering times. In those societies when a woman knew there would not be enough food for the group & found herself preg. she would engage in heavy labor or took herbs to induce a spontaneous abortion. The choice to terminate unwanted preg. for emotional or economic reasons has been made by women probably since the beginning of time. Today however if abortion is legal but has no funding it will be only available to middle-high income, if it is illegal it still will be available only to middle-high income women & women will be at risk. Black market abortions will fill our jails / children raised in poverty will cost more than medical funding if one is approaching this from a budget position.

You cannot legislate when a woman will or will not reproduce. Reproduction is a personal choice based on ones own moral values. Funding of this medical procedure should not be created based on values made into law therefor combining church & state.

The passing of this bill will ensure that all women regardless of age or economic status have choice when faced with a problem that only can be solved by more effective birth control methods & a progressive health ed. program in our schools & homes.

You do not know what you would do until you've walked a mile in the other persons shoes. If any of you on this committee found yourself with an unwanted preg. & were less fortunate economically than you are, struggling to keep for on the table for yourself & additional

Signed:

Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the Hess  
committee name

committee on 268, dated 04/25/91  
bill/subject

CHILDREN YOU MAY HAVE, HAVE FEW JOB SKILLS & EMOTIONALLY UNABLE TO COPE WITH A CHILD OR ANOTHER CHILD. WOULDNT YOU WANT A CHOICE?

I AM THE MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN, ALL THREE BY CHOICE, I AM ALSO CATHOLIC & IT IS FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE I SUPPORT HB 268. CHURCH & STATE MUST REMAIN SEPERATE.

THE ALTERNATIVES TO THIS BILL ARE DEVASTATING & DEGRADING TO WOMEN & FAMILIES.

Thank You  
J. Henry

Signed: Jeanne R. Henry  
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I am opposed to using public funds for abortions. I am also strongly opposed to abortion for moral reasons.

4/25/91

Kerry Wright

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# Alaska State Legislature

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committee on Legal Bill H-R268, dated 4-25-91  
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I oppose this bill! It is not  
in the interest of Alaskans now or  
present.

Do not confuse abortion with birth control.

The murder of innocent people should not be  
accepted. We should be above the species  
that kill their young.

*Becky Snyggell*

Signed: Rebecca Rose Berrall  
Testifier

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*Testimony to the House H/SS Comm*

April 25, 1991

RE: H.B. 268

Dear Legislators:

As co-chairperson of Coalition of Alaskans for Choice/Ketchikan, I am submitting testimony that a large segment of concerned citizens in Ketchikan feel the laws of Alaska regarding reproductive choice must be safeguarded. H.B. 268 would serve such purpose.

The current administration has overtly announced its non-support of the right to obtain a legal abortion; further, it intends to interfere with this right by severely limiting the ability of women, especially those who are without financial means, from obtaining a legal abortion. Historically the State of Alaska has provided payment for medical services including therapeutic/elective abortions for persons eligible for such assistance.

The Coalition in Ketchikan, which consists of over 200 current members, will support and work to ensure that reproductive choice suffers no further erosion of rights under Alaskan law. The Coalition strongly urges your continued support for H.B. 268. Thank you for your time and efforts to listen to the concerns of our citizens throughout the State.

Respectfully,

*Carmen Nantez*

Carmen Nantez  
Co-chairperson  
Coalition of Alaskans for Choice/Ketchikan  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House H/55 Comm.  
 committee name  
 committee on HB 268 , dated 4-25-91  
 bill/subject

My name is Elinore Jacobson. I am a retired  
 Women's Health Care Specialist. I urge  
 legislative support of HB 268.  
 My testimony includes that gained from  
 professional experience and my stats  
 are from the Alan Guttmacher Institute  
 New York and from Catholics for Free Choice  
 Washington D.C.

at the time of my practice due to the  
 barring of federal of federal funding for  
 abortions there was an increase in use  
 of state funds for abortion.

Some individuals don't want tax money  
 used for abortion when in fact we all

Signed: Elinore Jacobson  
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must support some government spending we don't like. Pacifists support the military and Christian Scientists pay their share of medical programs. 61% of all terminations are done on women under the age of 25. Some negative consequences of this are seen in high school dropout rate, increased pregnancy risks to women and resultant problems to newborns and their ongoing cost of care. It is also difficult for families to break out of a cycle of dependency in poverty & welfare thus limiting future educational opportunity. As a grandmother of a 14 year old pregnant teen said "We can't afford to feed another child"

For every dollar spent to pay for termination for poor women \$4.00 is saved in public medical and welfare expenditures. With legal abortions there is an 11 to 13 times less risk than with pregnancy continuance which is a safety factor to consider.

I am aware following my participation in Alaska for Choice and as a member of Catholics for Free Choice there will be anti choice members testifying before your committee. Personhood is a religious belief and life or ensoulment theologies vary widely. Catholics believe ensoulment/life begins at conception, Judaism believes it begins at birth and ensoulment life varies widely in Protestant religions.

In a pluralistic society not every religious belief religiously derived conviction can or should be connected into public law. This violates our right of separation of church and state.

The American Nurses Association has issued a position statement recognizing access to health care as a basic human right. Lack of care is especially detrimental to those most vulnerable in society namely women and minorities. In closing may I urge passage of HB 268 ensuring reproductive freedom for all Alaska women.

Marilyn E. Evans, Executive Director, 4-25-91



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Health, Education & Social Services <sup>2/5</sup>  
 committee name  
 committee on HB 268 - Reproductive Privacy Act dated APRIL 25, 1991  
 bill/subject

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 268 IN  
its entirety. !!

Signed: Cathy Kim Wilson  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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 committee name  
 committee on HB268- Reproductive Privacy  
ACT, dated 4-25-91  
 bill/subject

I feel a woman has the right to decide what she wants to do with her body, therefore I am for this H.B. 268. It is up to the individual, and no one else, please pass this bill.  
 Thank you

Signed: Peggy J Smith  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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 committee on HB 268 - <sup>Reproductive</sup> ~~Privacy~~ Act, dated 4/25/91  
 bill/subject

I am opposed to this bill and I urge you to kill this bill in its entirety. I believe this bill robs me of my rights to raise and assist my daughter in all areas of her life. It sounds to me like the intent of this bill is to remove more of the consequences of sexual promiscuity and encourage her to feel free to be sexually active even at the ages of 14 or 15.

The argument to have only wanted babies assumes the ability to predict the future. How do I know who will love that child 2 yrs from now?

I have purposely asked literally hundreds of people over the years if they wish they had been aborted. I have not yet met even one person who has said they wished they had been aborted. Apparently we have accurately judged who would not live and none who would not want to live have slipped by the abortionist and into life.

My own mother has said if abortion would have been legal she would have had my sister killed. They are now just friends and both are glad she is alive. How do you know your baby will be wanted when you get to know them?

The right to life is far and above ~~the~~ <sup>more</sup> valuable than the right to choose.  
 Please give more time to amount publicly before you vote!!!

Signed: Michael B. Green  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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 committee name

committee on HB 285 HCS, dated 4/25/91  
 bill/subject

This bill is objectionable not only for the specifics of its language but also for its intent and the pro-abortion mentality is based. By repealing AS 18.60.010, hospitals and individuals who oppose abortion on demand on moral grounds and feel they cannot participate in or provide assistance to the abortionist would lose all protection from liability. As the law stands now, no hospital or individual has to help the abortions kill babies nor can be held liable for refusing to violate the most deep felt sincere convictions. Why do you want to force people and hospitals to chose between the threat of litigation or possible loss of employment and participation in what, to them, is a murder? Why do you want to force pro-life hospitals, nurse, and doctors to join in such horrible deads?

It is especially appalling that you want to keep parents in the dark when it comes to their minor daughter facing dangerous surgery that could leave her sterilized, paralyzed or dead. I'd like to cite the case of 13 year old Dawn Ravenell who died as a result of an abortion at the Eastern's Women Center in Manhattan in 1985. She was 21 weeks pregnant when her baby was aborted and her parents never even knew she was pregnant until the hospital called to say she was in a coma. The parents have since received a \$1 million plus judgement for negligent death from the abortion mill. Your bill would allow such things to occur here. Our children can't go on a field trip to the fire station or even get an aspirin without notification of the parents yet you want to keep parents in the dark when the life of their daughter and grandchild is on the line. How can you be for such nonsense? You should amend the parental permission bill to make it acceptable to the federal constitution as the state of Minnesota has done. When their law was in effect, there was a 37% decrease in teen pregnancy from 1981-1986.

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Signed: Kenneth D. Reppand  
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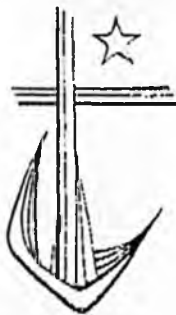
As long as I have mentioned the danger of so-called safe and legal abortions, I'd like to speak on the case of Susanne Logan who is currently almost completely paralyzed as a result of a "safe" abortion at the Hillview Women's Medical Surgical Center in Maryland. The CBS 60 Minutes program aired an investigation of the place just last week and it was truly appalling. Perhaps the worse aspect was that this clinic is still in operation because Maryland has recently adopted the same sort of legislation as this bill purposes. They have no effective laws on the conduct of abortion clinics. The requirement of this bill that the Dept. of HHS adopt no regulation that increases the cost or availability of abortion means that not even the most reasonable or achievable regulation is possible. Ms Logan was paralyzed because no antidote for her anesthesia was in the clinic and the resuscitation equipment was broken. Simple requirements such as this should be in practice but could not be under HB286 since that would increase cost. Rather make abortion safer, this bill makes it more dangerous.

On a broader view of this issue, I'd like for you to think back to about 140 or 150 years ago when a practice as evil as abortion was in our land, the enslavement of black African-americans. The logic of the slaveowner and the abortionist is amazingly parallel. Slave owners claimed a right to private property just like the abortion supporters claim a right of private choice, the unborn and black people have both been referred to as something less than fully human under the law, under the Fugitive Slave Act each person and political entity, no matter if they where anti- or pro-slavery were required not to interfere with the slave owners rights but actually had to cooperate with authorities in the return of escaped slaves. This bill is the reincarnation of the Fugitive Slave Act because like slavery abortion is based on a racist view of a certain portion of our population. You can not embrace the language or intent of this bill without embracing a racist view of the unborn child.

On listening to the tele-conference of this bill, I noticed one thing its supporters have in common. They have all had the chance to be born. Choice on any issue only has value if the one most affected has the opportunity to choose.

*Kenn D Reppert*





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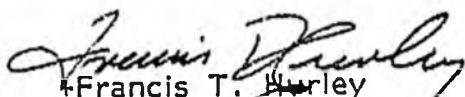
April 25, 1991

Representative Lincoln

The two disconnects at Anchorage made it impossible for me to wait longer to testify during today's teleconference on House Bill 268.

I submit my written testimony and will send a more lengthy critique of the bill later.

This is not a bill that should be rushed through the legislature.

  
Francis T. Hurley  
Archbishop of Anchorage

## Testimony

House Committee on Health, Education and Social Services  
April 25, 1991

My name is Francis T. Hurley. I am the Catholic Archbishop of Anchorage, a position I have held for 16 of my 21 years in Alaska.

I express my appreciation to you for the opportunity to address you on the proposed bill pertaining to abortion, HB 268.

My personal position against abortion as a citizen and as Archbishop is known to those who have read the various articles I have had printed in our local papers. I need not retravel that ground here.

Today I make two points.

The first is my critique of HB 268, I offer a few observations here about it. A written more extensive critique will be sent later. The second point pertains to what appears to me to be for legislators an irresponsible approach to an extremely volatile issue on which citizens of this state are deeply divided.

Briefly on the bill! If this bill were to pass through the legislature and be made the law of the state, it would be the most extreme in the United States, going far beyond Roe - Wade. It would jettison parental consent, the conscience clause that protects hospitals, even the very limited restrictions of Roe - Wade. It would be abortion on demand for any reason whatsoever. It would wipe out the rights of many other people, let alone the right to life of the unborn child. Because of its obvious intent, if put into practice, this bill would be to the legislative process what the coat-hanger is to the back-alley abortion, the hook that would bring about the abortion no matter what other damage might be done to the rest of the body politic.

In my opinion and from the articles and polls I have read about the attitudes and convictions of people on abortion, this bill fails totally to acknowledge the spectrum of attitudes and convictions among our people.

This brings me to my second point. I do not think that such an extreme bill, as this is, is a responsible approach to formulating good public policy.

It might be that my necessarily rapid perusal of this legislation leaves me with an impression that unfairly characterizes this bill. But the fact of the matter is that little advance notice was given of this legislation or the hearings. Furthermore, I have reason to question just how much public notice was given to this bill and this hearing. Bishop Michael Kaniecki of Fairbanks is presently visiting villages along the Yukon. On the phone yesterday he was totally surprised by the existence of the bill and said that as far as he knew no one knew of it out there in the villages. He was sure that if it were generally known, his people would have asked him about it.

Bishop Kaniecki joins me in opposing this bill.

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I know many of you legislators and respect you as responsible representatives of the people. You have shown this in many issues in which I am personally involved. So, if I am mistaken in my characterization of this bill, I apologize. Perhaps I should express myself this way: On this bill some legislators have really blown it.

My appeal to you is that you approach this question from the stance of formulating good public policy that respects and acknowledges the rights of everyone affected by abortion including the circumstances that push people to select abortions. This bill is so biased, so insensitive to the legitimate and conscientious concerns of our general population that it will never foster the kind of debate and dialogue that will lead to good public policy. Too long the public arguments about abortion have been verbal shouting matches and demonstrations. It can be otherwise and in the state legislature it should be otherwise. It is my hope and prayer that the Alaska legislature can set a high standard for formulating public policy on a publicly volatile issue. This bill will never serve as a springboard for such a high standard.

Thank you for your time.

With your permission I will submit a written critique at a later date.

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**League of Women Voters of Alaska**

**Date:** April 25, 1991  
**To:** Rep. Georgianna Lincoln  
House HESS Chair  
**From:** Marge Hays, President  
League of Women Voters Alaska (LWVAK)  
**Re:** Senate Bill 249

The League of Women Voters of Alaska met at the statewide convention this past weekend, and in their *directions to the board*, asked that I write immediately in support of S 249.

The League strongly feels that women are entitled to make their own choices regarding abortion. Women in low income situations should not be deprived of this option. In addition, Medicaide should not be with-held for those needing financial assistance in this private matter.

We have a National LWV position which has been the basis for active lobbying in the U.S. congress concerning this issue.

We strongly urge you to support this bill in its entirety.

Thank you.

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# Alaska State Legislature

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I strongly support HB 268 and I am against administrative intent to change public policy.

Pregnancy and childbirth are private issues. The state should not be involved in determining when a woman bears a child. Abortion is legal in the state of Alaska - it should not be legal for some women and not for others, as would happen if funding is cut off for poor women.

By forcing women to bear children which they cannot afford to support, we are diminishing their chances of providing a good home for their families. quality of life is extremely important.

I don't have the exact figures, but the small amount from general relief funds for abortions must be much less than the state dollars spent on welfare for families - welfare costs would increase with the increase in number of unwanted children if Alaska public policy changes on this issue.

I urge you to vote for HB 268.

Signed: Mary Ann Borchert  
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# Alaska State Legislature

House

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

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committee name

committee on HB 268  
bill/subject

dated 4-26-91

*On behalf of women in the State of Alaska we want to thank you for introducing HB 268 protecting reproductive freedom. Thank you again*

Signed:

*Elaine & Jake Jacobsen*

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# Alaska State Legislature

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I strongly oppose HB 268.

We enact laws to warn Alaskan mothers against poisoning their pre-born children with alcohol. We pay for postees & require their posting in all alcohol dispensing establishments. Now you want to encourage Gov. funds to pay to end the life of the pre-born child.

In other words, please don't poison your pre-born child. But if you want to kill that child, we will pay for it.  
Please kill this bill.

Signed: Doug Puffett  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health & Social Service  
 committee on SB 249 , dated April 25, 1991  
HB 268 , dated April 25, 1991  
 bill/subject

I oppose this bill because it does much more than maintain the status quo.

It takes away the right of hospitals and doctors to refuse to perform abortions for reasons of conscience.

It removes parental consent, thus disrupting family unity.

Refuses to permit counseling of any kind before abortion. Women must have a chance to examine alternatives as well as physical and p

Signed: Janne M. Byrnes  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health & Social Services committee name..

committee on H.B. 268 , dated April 25, 1991  
bill/subject

My husband Phil & I - Genevieve Carbooy totally oppose H.B. # 268. Spending our hard money for the support of killing innocent victims (unborn children) is both illegal and immoral.

We were taught "You Play - You Pay" We must pay for the consequences of our actions. If this bill passes - it may also lead to euthanasia - or genocide of the elderly and physically unfit. We should support the education of the young - to say NO to illicit sex and prevention of pregnancy. We should support the sanctity of life. Whether one is pro or pro risk is not the issue. A woman's rights mentioned - yes - a woman has the right to say "NO" to sex! Please Don't urge you not to kill the innocent victims but to Kill H.S. 268. I wish to mention the <sup>future</sup> consequences of abortion. I've (Genevieve) witnessed the guilt feeling, adverse effects and emotional scars following an abortion.

Signed: Genevieve T. Carbooy  
Testifier

My husband & 3 children and granddaughters  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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I am opposed to bill HB 268 and feel that it may impart:

I am for parental guidance and responsibility of family.

I do not believe public funds should be directed to this bill but used only for the good of all citizens.

Has one thought of the physical or mental problems that might result immediately or in the future.

We have to fear for the morality of our <sup>country</sup> in this issue. We are responsible for our actions whether done prudently or imprudently and have to meet the consequences.

Signed: Mathias Pantora  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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 committee on HB 268, dated 4/25/91  
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I am Co-Chairperson of the Fairbanks Coalition for Privacy in Pregnancy Decisions. The Board of this group is strongly supportive of HB 268.

Abortion is legal in the United States and in Alaska. We are of the opinion that State funds should continue to be made available to assure that all women have equal rights ~~to~~ in making decisions concerning the various options available to the pregnant woman.

HB 268 should be passed to assure that General Relief Medical Funds are available to all women who are in need of help.

Signed: Philip A. Wice, M.D.

Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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I would like to testify in support of House Bill No. 268. I support this bill because it would ensure equal access to health care procedures already available to women with the ability to pay for them. I also support this bill because it represents good fiscal policy. Although I don't have current figures for Alaska, in 1989, nationwide costs for abortion <sup>averaged</sup> ~~reached~~ from \$200-300 while costs to Medicaid ~~for~~ supporting a child from birth to age 2 were about \$6,700. The costs to the state for denying Medicaid for abortions could be 20 times the cost of the abortion.

Finally, I would like to say that we are not debating a women's right to an abortion this morning. That is already established in this state. The question before us is whether poor women should have equal access to this procedure. Furthermore, as a member of the Episcopal Church which believes that the decision to have an abortion is private moral decision, I am offended by the testimony of those who wish to impose their perceptions of God's Will on others.

I'm sorry there wasn't time for me to testify today, but I appreciate the opportunity to make my views known in writing.

Signed: Grant E. M. Mathelce Grant E. M. Mathelce  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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This bill violates the right of the unborn and confuses the issue of choice by postponing it until after the consequence. ~~The~~ Another issue is raised that women have the right to control what happens to their bodies. That right stops when another life is involved. Why is so much effort given to saving the life of drug or alcohol effected fetuses while at the same time taking the life of others. As long as there is life it should be protected ~~in~~ with the same effort that you representatives have ~~from~~ someone who would choose to kill you. You would be ludicrous to suggest that a murderer has that right... yet when the victim is unseen and unheard you don't consider ~~him~~ his rights!

This bill contradicts itself in the first three lines, advocating no government interference while at the same time advocating Medicaid and general relief assistance. That certainly is government involvement which many would consider interference, especially with tax money being used for the destruction of human life. Please withdraw HB 268

Signed: Ted Franke  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H Hess

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I am strongly opposed to HB #268. I could write a thesis covering the reasons why, however I will limit myself. I apologize for the lack of polish but not for the content of this testimony.

The basic fabric of our nation is the premise that all human beings are created equal, with inherent and inalienable rights. The fundamental rights of women are derived from these inherent and inalienable rights of all human beings. A woman who thinks men are trying to control or manipulate her by disallowing abortion is confused. The control and manipulation took place when she allowed a man to join her in sexual ~~union~~ liaison when he was not bonded to her and to the result of their relationship by commitment. A woman becomes pregnant when she has exercised her rights over her body.

The rights of any subset group of human beings cannot be legislated away with at diminishing the rights of all other humans. Just because this effect may not be felt immediately does not mean it is non-existent.

Unborn children are a group of human beings without the ability to represent themselves or exercise their rights. This does not mean they have no rights. They are simply unable to protect, demand or plead for their rights or their life. All other groups, with and without these limitations, are legally protected, legislatively protected. Unborn children should also be protected, rather than conspired against.

Signed: Susan L. H. Yarish  
Testifier

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Thank you for taking responsible action to protect the rights of those who are unable to protect themselves.

Re. HB 268

My position is pro-choice. It is not for or against abortion. My personal feelings about abortion, about whether it is right or wrong, whether the procedure is killing a baby or removing foreign tissue has no place in the discussion of what is a very personal individual decision about a procedure that is now legal and should remain so.

I am a realist. I know that whether or not abortion is legal, they will continue to take place. Those women who can afford them will have them, legal or not. Those who can't afford them will have to depend on the willingness of the system to provide them. Unfortunately there are those who will use their hold on the purse strings to enforce their will on others. They know how powerful is that control, and sadly, so do many other women in this country.

Why must this be about power and control? Why must women and the children they are forced to bear suffer because of the willfulness of those in power? Wouldn't it be better to use that power for health and education of those who are here?

Right now we are hearing the complaints about the cost of the educational system, the health and welfare system, even the highways and housing in this state. I don't understand why, at the same time those complaints are being volcad, women are being told they must bear the child they feel unable and unwilling to bring into this world.

Somehow that sounds to me like giving birth to a child is a sort of punishment for sexual activity deemed inappropriate by some. A scarlet letter, an "illegitimate" child. You want to dance, honey, you're going to have to pay the piper.

Oh yes, we hear about the lack of children available for adoption. Are we saying these pregnant women are baby factories? Can't we understand that once they have carried the baby to term, they will want to keep it? It often isn't lack of love or caring that brings women to the need of an abortion. It may be lack of support from family, friends, spouse. It may be any combination of things bringing the woman to what is a very personal decision.

And that brings this statement right back to where I started. Abortion is and must remain, a very personal decision. It must be available to all women in this state, regardless of their ability to pay. And those of us not able to bear children, or not likely to, have no business involving ourselves in other people's decisions.

Martha (Martie) Rozkydal

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# Alaska State Legislature

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I am adamantly against this verbage. I consider myself a reasonable person. I absolutely will not allow public funding for a capricious private matter <sup>such as</sup> abortion.

Either I murderer by silence I WOW those who have an opposite opinion hate me because I speak against their opinion. We have such technology available today. You simply go and get your tubes tied, or <sup>use</sup> the homosexuals saving device; the infamous condom. But what could be happening to this fetus? Expensive facial make-up? Fetus for sale, or doctors connecting tiny baby parts to mice? This is the height of ineptness of a nation, and your lawmakers will be held accountable. Will this be our history? Let it not be mine!

Signed: Carolina J. Domantoff  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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I have carefully read this Bill and can only wonder why any thinking person would object to it. It provides for keeping peace in a family where parental domination is severe toward daughters. It also provides for keeping the government and its agents out of the private lives of all couples.

This Bill provides for both medical and dental care in the spirit of our new national governmental policy of being kinder and more gentle in all we do.

I must commend members of both the House and Senate for their progressive stand in presenting these Bills. Support for passage of the Bills can be measured by deducting the vocal few who object from the total eligible voters. This message needs to be broadcast statewide so there will be plain understanding of exactly what is stated in Bill 268.

Signed: Mrs. Lois M. Knapp  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HES5  
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committee on HB<sup>#</sup> 268 ABORTION, dated 4-25-91  
bill/subject

I strongly oppose this bill, it is not needed. There are presently enough regulations and provisions that meet the needs of Alaska's as related to this issue.

I encourage all legislators to do those things that will encourage individual responsibility and self esteem in our educational system.

Signed:

Lawrence E. Furbush

Testifier

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Dear Rep. Lincoln:

We endorse HR 268 without the least equivocation.

To deny women any right because of their economic plight would be a blight upon the conscience of Alaska.

Ernest E. Line

*Ernest E. Line*  
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 was from "An Abortionist  
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 1-800-A-Family, ask  
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HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE HEARING ON

HB-268, THE REPRODUCTIVE PRIVACY ACT

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH, 1991

TESTIMONY BY TERESA CREVIER  
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TESTIMONY REQUESTED BY NIILO KOPONEN PRIMARY SPONSOR  
OF HB-268

GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS TERESA CREVIER. I'M A REGISTERED  
VOTER IN DISTRICT ONE - KETCHIKAN AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN  
OPPOSITION TO HB-268, THE REPRODUCTIVE PRIVACY ACT.

MY OPPOSITION TO ABORTION ON DEMAND COMES FROM MY OWN CRISIS  
PREGNANCY EXPERIENCE, FROM WORKING IN A LOCAL CRISIS PREGNANCY  
CENTER AS A LAY COUNSELER, AND THRU THAT SEEING FIRST HAND THE  
DEVASTATING ABORTION HAS HAD ON WOMEN AND MEN OF ALL AGES,  
AND ALSO MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABORTION INDUSTRY ITSELF. THESE  
THREE COMPONENTS FIRMLY CONVINC ME THAT ABORTION COMPOUNDS  
RATHER THAN SOLVES PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH A CRISIS  
PREGNANCY. THIS PRO-ABORTION LEGISLATION SEEKS TO MANDATE  
STATE FUNDED ABORTION TO LOW-INCOME WOMEN FOR ANY REASON AND  
ON "DEMAND". FURTHERMORE, IT MANDATES ABORTION AS AN  
ALTERNATE METHOD OF BIRTH CONTROL WHILE TAKING AWAY THE  
EXISTING RIGHT OF A HOSPITAL OR DOCTOR TO CONSCIENTIOUSLY  
OBJECT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ABORTION. IT ALSO ALLOWS STATE  
AGENCIES TO PROVIDE ABORTIONS FOR MINORS WITHOUT PARENTAL

CONSENT. THIS LEGISLATION PLACES THE STATE OF ALASKA IN GREAT FINANCIAL PERIL.

FINANCIAL RISK TO THE STATE COMES FROM FUNDING ABORTIONS TO WOMEN, AND SPECIFICALLY ALLOWING MINORS TO HAVE A SERIOUS AND DANGEROUS PROCEDURE AS ABORTION WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT. ACCORDING TO A STUDY QUOTED FROM "ABORTED WOMEN, SILENT NO MORE" DAVID REARDON, 1988:

74% OF ABORTING WOMEN HAVE PHYSICAL COMPLICATIONS.

6% HAVE HAD TOTAL HYSTERECTOMIES

6% REPORTED CERVICAL CANCER

8% HAD BLOCKED FALLOPIAN TUBES

9% HAD INFECTIONS

8% HAD CERVICAL INCOMPETENCE

15% HAD POST-OPERATIVE HEMORRHAGE

22% MISCARRIED A LATER WANTED CHILD

CARROL EVERTT, A PAST DIRECTOR OF 5 TEXAS ABORTION MILLS ADMITTED ON AN NATIONAL RADIO SHOW THAT 1 OUT OF 500 WOMEN HAVE SERIOUS PHYSICAL ABORTION-RELATED COMPLICATIONS.

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 1991 THE TV NEWS SHOW 60 MINUTES BEGAN TO EXPOSE THE ABORTION INDUSTRY. IT CENTERED ON THREE WOMEN WHO OBTAINED ABORTIONS AT THE HILLVIEW ABORTION CLINIC IN MARYLAND. ONE WOMAN DIED, ONE WOMAN IS PARALYZED FOR LIFE, AND THE THIRD WOMAN WENT IN FOR AN ABORTION AND INSTEAD RECIEVED A TOTAL HYSTERECTOMY. 60 MINUTES WENT ON TO INTERVIEW A FEMALE "PRO-CHOICE" MARYLAND LEGISLATOR. SHE WAS

APPALLED AT THE LACK OF REGULATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE ABORTION INDUSTRY. SHE TRIED TO INTRODUCE SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENT LEGISLATION FOR ABORTION MILLS AND WAS FOUGHT TOOTH AND NAIL BY THE NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS LEAGUE, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN AND OTHER NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ADOVATES.

THAT FEMALE "PRO-CHOICE" LEGISLATOR NOW BELIEVES BECAUSE OF HER FINDINGS -- AND THIS IS A DIRECT QUOTE "THAT NOW ALL "PRO-CHOICE" ARGUMENTS ARE SUSPECT".

I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL SPONSORS OF HB-268 WITNESS A 1ST TRIMESTER DILATION AND CURETTAGE ABORTION, A 2ND TRIMESTER DILATION AND EVACUTION ABORTION, A SALINE OR (SALT POISONING) ABORTION, A PROSTAGLANDIN ABORTION AND A 3RD TRIMESTER HYSTEROTOMEY ABORTION. I RECOMMEND THIS BECAUSE OF THE LIABILITY YOU PLACE THE STATE IN WHEN A MINOR SEEKS A STATE FUNDED ABORTION WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT. THIS LEGISLATION EXPLOITS WOMEN, DISRUPTS PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND MANDATES THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KILLING OF INNOCENT CHILDREN. WITHDRAW YOUR SUPPORT TO THIS OFFENSIVE BILL. THANK YOU.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the <sup>House</sup> Health, Education & Social Services,  
committee name

Finance committee on HB-268, dated 4/10/91  
bill/subject

I strongly urge passage of HB-268 & SB-249 to ensure protection of women's rights to abortion and birth control. A woman's ability to control pregnancy has a direct affect on the quality of her life as well as that of any offspring she may bear. Any hope of overcoming many of our social problems stems from our capability to control reproduction.

Just as a woman has a right to pre-natal and post-natal care, so should she be guaranteed access to all types of birth control. Each woman's chemistry varies & it's therefore imperative that all forms of birth control be available to enable her to choose one that is effective.

Just as having a child is a personal choice which should solely be a decision of the woman, so should be abortion. A woman should not be subjected to humiliation, mutilation or possible death by being forced to seek illegal abortion because of lack of funding for abortions through Medicaid or general relief medical assistance. Choosing abortion is an intensely personal decision which can and should ultimately be decided by the woman herself. Often it is a tragedy for a woman to have to make this decision due to economics, but it is also a tragedy for a woman to be forced to carry a pregnancy to term, often threatening her ability to provide for herself, or forcing her to discontinue her education which is the major factor in her ability to provide adequate care to a family.

I think HB-268 and SB-249 are well-thought and written bills that should be supported and passed. Women must have the right to commence, prevent, continue or terminate a pregnancy, which is a matter of profound personal choice. A woman's right to abortion should not be hindered by her economic status.

Signed: Jill Dobrydnia

Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HHESS  
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 committee on HB 268/SB 249, dated 4.26.91  
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I oppose HB 268 and any similar legislation that may later be introduced. State funded abortion, without parental consent for minors, is not only completely wrong, but would also be spending our money in a way that the majority of the people of Alaska SIMPLY DO NOT WANT !!

I encourage ~~the~~ our representatives who are pro-abortion to visit a clinic where these things are practiced. You want to see "the killing fields"?!

If the State of Alaska and her people truly want to help "crisis pregnancies", (99% of the time a result of loose morals) then lets establish in this STATE Adoption agencies, lets encourage adoption @ our health clinics (also state funded) instead of ABORTION!

Signed: Raymond V. K...  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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Any woman must have a choice to their body and what their say is to what happens to their body. IF someone cannot their right to choice because of money- than why do we live in the United States of America? Will girls that want abortions have to choose a dangerous way to have an abortion? This is a question of life and death! Women will find a way legally or not, PLEASE HELP THESE PEOPLE! I was a child and I didn't have any idea of what to do once. Try to put yourself in their place! A person needs a choice that is not hampered. It is not a choice that is easy - someone lives with this for the rest of their lives. BUT to be able to have this choice is the AMERICAN WAY!

Signed: Mollie Burton  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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As a Christian I oppose House Bill #268 because I feel God is the author of all life. I feel that no one has the right to take the life of an unborn child, which all reading this and I once were.

Secondly as a tax payer and voter, I am very opposed to my tax dollars going to support state-funded abortions. Poor women or not, you cannot take away the responsibilities of any woman or man. If they are poor or if they are rich they still need to take responsibility for their actions young or old. I feel I can say this because I also was a teen in a crisis pregnancy. I accepted my responsibilities and now have a wonderful son. Abortion is not the way out. Please do not try to cover up for others actions and use our tax dollars to pay for it.

I was born in Alaska and have lived here all my life. I feel that House Bill #268 would be destructive upon the family unit here in Alaska. By giving teenage girls the chance to have abortions without parental consent, I feel that the state is trying to take the place of the parents. It promotes promiscuity by having abortion so readily available, which would increase the number of pregnancies and venereal diseases.

Please reject House Bill #268

Signed: Terri L. Kolean  
Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H-255  
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I graduated from Nursing school in 1955. I have held a license to be an RN in Alaska since 1965.

The medical community has made many mistakes because of ignorance. Scientific medical evidence supports the pro life position.

I oppose the passage of H268 in any form except changes to the life of the mother.

Signed: Susan G. Gass RN  
Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

Senate HESS

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House Health & Social Services

committee name

committee on

HB 268/SB249, dated4/29/91

bill/subject.

I am writing in support of HB 268. It is very important that all Alaskan women have resources to choose medically-safe abortions.

Alaska currently has a child abuse rate that is twice the national average. Factors associated with child abuse are a low support network, lack of financial resources and depression. Women living in poverty often experience these same factors. To withdraw Medicaid Funding for abortions from them would increase the effects of low support and inadequate resources. Life is hard enough. Let us not ~~allow~~ allow government to increase the burden on women who are all ready experiencing difficult life circumstances. ~~please pass~~ <sup>please pass</sup> HB 268, as written, and maintain ~~existing~~ <sup>existing</sup> support of all women's choices.

Signed:

Eileen Karma

Testifier

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29 April, 1991

Hon. Ben Grussendorf  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Grussendorf;

This letter is in support of HB 268. Surveys show that most Alaskans favor women's right to choice in reproductive decisions without interference by the State. I am appalled that a noisy minority may be able to impose its religious opinion against that right to choose on the majority. HB 268 is aimed at protecting the right of choice for all women, but particularly protects the rights of the disadvantaged to enjoy equal justice which is in jeopardy when the writing and amending of regulations is left to the Lt. Governor.

Soliciting the views of women on this question will not result in receiving opinions from the women whose rights are most threatened (who rarely vocalize their views); the poor and otherwise disadvantaged; those who may be impaired by drugs or alcohol; and the very young. Representative government is designed to protect these people. I hope you will see your responsibility to them and support HB 268.

Sincerely,



Ruth G. Benson

479-6912

Testimony Before House Health, Education and Social Services  
by Laury Roberts Scandling  
April 25, 1991  
(not delivered orally due to lack of time)

My name is Laury Roberts Scandling. I am a fulltime student and homemaker in Juneau. I was born and raised in Alaska and am the mother of twins. I am speaking for myself as a consumer of several reproductive choices, including motherhood, and, perhaps, I am speaking for the women you won't hear from: the Alaskan woman who does not have a voice in this process nor the resources to deal with a crisis pregnancy.

I do not think there is anything new that one can say either in support or in opposition to measures assuring reproductive privacy. Abortion is a fundamental issue that tears at the conscience of each of us, regardless of our position. Our beliefs are held dearly, as well they should be.

As a woman and mother, I respect, understand and sympathize with individuals who oppose abortion, for whatever reason. I just happen to believe that they should not be able to make that choice for everyone.

Nonetheless, this measure is not about permitting abortion, access to which was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court 18 years ago. Nor is it about choosing where our tax dollars go. It is about ensuring that the will of some will not penalize others for socioeconomic or other reasons.

I am reminded of a story I uncovered about ten years ago when I was a reporter. An administrator in the state's benefits division unilaterally and secretly removed abortion as a covered health insurance option for state employees. Once his action became public the attorney general ordered that the benefit be reinstated.

This story illustrates what I find most frightening about this bill: that it must be considered at all, that one man believes so strongly in his vision of the world that he will use political means to impose that vision upon everyone.

Contrary to an oft-heard declaration, the people of Alaska have **not** delivered a mandate. Two-thirds of the votes cast last November were for gubernatorial candidates who favored choice.

So, when the clamor becomes deafening, keep this in mind: Alaskans do not want government making the most personal of choices for them.

I find it ironic that an administration elected on platform of independence from government doesn't heed it when it comes to controlling reproductive choice.

I would like to close by thanking the many cosponsors, particularly the Republicans, for standing up on this issue. While I believe reconsideration must be given to the section on parental consent, the bill rightly codifies important public policy.

TO: All cosponsors

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Representative Georgianna Lincoln  
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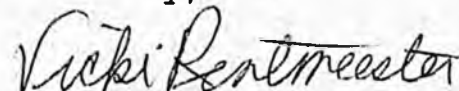
RE: House Bill 268

Dear Representative Lincoln:

I am writing to urge you to support House Bill 268, which will protect a woman's right to choose abortion. I do not want a radical group of fundamentalists forcing their religious beliefs on the public through force of law. There are already too many unwanted children in the world who are suffering from neglect and abuse. The focus should be on how to better care for them instead of bringing still more unwanted children into the world. I believe most of the social and global problems we are facing, such as pollution/global warming, drug abuse, and increased crime, are due to over-population and the inability of our society to take care of the people who already exist. The time has come to focus on quality of life instead of quantity of life.

Every child should be a wanted child. It is a woman's personal choice to decide how she deals with an unwanted pregnancy, and it should remain her own choice--no one else's. Again, please support House Bill 268.

Sincerely,



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**Co-Chairman of HESS (Health Educational Social Services)  
Georgianna Lincoln**

**HB #268 - REPRODUCTIVE PRIVACY ACT**

**Please hold more public hearings on this vital issue of HB #268.  
Abortion is a horrendous alternative to reproductive responsibility.**

**Respectfully,**

**Muriel M. House  
Alaskan Voter**

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Co-Chairman of HESS (Health Educational Social Services)  
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**HB #268 - REPRODUCTIVE PRIVACY ACT**

I urge the committee to hold more public hearings on this vital issue of HB #268. Without adequate public hearings, the committee will have to come to a decision with only a small input from the citizens of Alaska. This issue potentially touches every Alaskan family; therefore, it is only correct to allow time for every Alaskan family to voice their concerns over this pending bill.

Sincerely,

Linda D. Arden  
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To: The sponsor and all cosponsors of HB 268/SB249

From: Concerned constituents

We, the undersigned are deeply distressed by your sponsorship of HB 268 and companion SB 249, the liberalization of Alaskan statutes regarding abortion.

We find the provisions of the Bill to be unconscionable. At a minimum, its provisions will serve to create a rift between parents and their daughters and thereby undermine family unity. To believe that your constituency wants to see the state usurp the role and authority of parents in the family is a blind and unsubstantiated assumption on your part.

To further assume that Alaska residents would willingly dedicate state tax dollars for the performance of abortion causes us to question your qualifications to hold public office.

Abortion is a grievous crime against unborn children. Your Bill only serves to exacerbate the crime by making culpable all parties involved including the mother of the child as well as the hospital and staff where the abortion is performed.

We ask that you consider more carefully your position on this matter and withdraw your support of this bill.

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HB 268  
HB 249: It is outrageous that individuals, like Mike Navarre who claim that the right to reproductive privacy includes protecting an individual's choice to murder other innocent human beings, are requiring those of us who have rational minds and the integrity to love and respect others, in the case of taxpayers, to pay for and in the case of health care providers who oppose their insanity, to participate in such an abomination as the slaughter of innocent babies! Furthermore, parents will not relinquish the right to protect their children and unborn grandchildren through the repeal of parental consent.

SB 174 - This infringement on parents' rights to protect their children from dangerous contraceptives, and unacceptable sexual behavior teaching, both of which are promoted by school based clinics is totally unacceptable.

HB 170 - The Women's Commission should stay intact & not be unraveled at the whim of politicians who suspect that their special interest or philosophically biased agenda will not be served by the commission.

HR 11 - I am opposed to the proposed women's task force to be appointed by certain legislators because it would allow those legislators a means of creating a strong arm of power to serve their own interests.

HJR 76 - I do not feel this resolution represents the wishes of most Alaskans, but only the wishes of those who either misunderstand or seek to destroy the well-being of traditional family life in America today.

The Kenai-Soldotna chapter of Alaska Right to Life represents approximately 1200 peninsula residents.  
- Rebecca Perry 262-3995  
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TO: HOUSE HESS MEMBERS  
FR: PATTI, EXT. 4923  
DT: APRIL 30, 1991  
RE: HB 268 WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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ATTACHED ARE COPIES OF ALL THE WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR HB 268 THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE ROOM AS OF 2PM TODAY.

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FOR YOUR FILES.

April 30, 1991

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Rep. Lincoln  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Ak 99811

Re: House Bill #268

Dear Representative Lincoln,

You and each of the representatives listed as sponsors of House Bill #268 are receiving a copy of this letter as well as my representative Jerry Mackie and Governor Hickel.

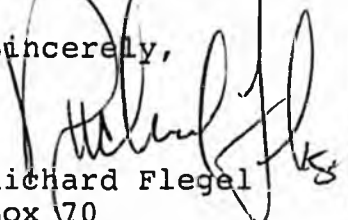
I am a married college graduate and a vice president and manager with an Alaskan bank. I have 2 children attending college.


I am completely against the passage of House Bill #268 and do not feel the state government which represents me at all serves my interest by paying for abortion services. This bill is totally inconsistent with my philosophies on the right to life. The only possible gray area in my thoughts on this issue is if the abortion would be necessary to preserve a woman's life.

After reading House Bill #268 I find nothing else in it that I can support. I am disappointed in your sponsorship of that bill. I urge that you reconsider your stand since someday, when you die, you may find great difficulty in defending your chosen position.

Speaking more to the present you could consider your obligation to represent your constituency. So in that vein I cast my vote Do Not Support House Bill #268!

Sincerely,

  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS  
 committee on HB 268 <sup>Committee hearing held 4-25-91</sup> Apr. 30, 1991  
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I urge you to vote against this bill. Passage of H.B. 268 would send a confusing message from the House of Representatives to the teens in this state. On one hand, H.B. 7, which was passed recently, spells out pregnancy prevention as including abstinence from premarital sexual activity and acquiring skills to resist peer pressure, among other things. On the other hand, H.B. 268 is giving a blanket endorsement of abortion as a great option to the self-control required in abstinence. Why should teens bother to control themselves when it is so easy to kill the life that is conceived in their passion? And, if they can easily get rid of the obvious 'problem' that may result from their actions (a baby), they're not likely to be concerned with STD's, etc., since "that only happens to other people".

We are all aware of the stronger tendency in teens to act on the spur of the moment, or without carefully considering the consequences of their actions. Why else would we restrict their access to alcohol, or voting, until they are 'adults'? Teens (and we did, at their age) need some external controls to guide them in their actions and decisions. Removing the requirement for a minor to get her parent's permission for a major decision such as abortion, removes any hope of guidance in that decision from the person(s) who care the most about her - more than the state or an agency, I dare say, in the vast majority of instances.

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