- Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (H.R. 748) on April 27, 2005," said Armacost. "It is time for the U. S. Senate to follow suit."

Polling consistently shows widespread support for parental involvement laws with some polls exceeding 80%. A sampling of the polls can be found at the NRLC website by clicking here as well as additional information on the parental involvement issue by clicking here.

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AFTER U.S. SENATE PASSES PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BILL, SENATE DEMOCRATS MOVE TO KILL IT

SENATOR KOHL AND THE 13 OTHER DEMOCRATS WHO VOTED FOR THE BILL NEED TO STAND UP TO THEIR LEADERSHIP

July 26, 2006
Yesterday, the U.S. Senate passed a bill to prohibit transporting minor girls across state lines for abortions without any parental knowledge. The bill, called the Child Custody Protection Act (S.403), passed on a vote of 64-34. Senator Herb Kohl and 13 other Senate Democrats voted for the bill.

The Senate had also voted down amendments which would have seriously weakened the bill.

After the vote, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R- Tn.) made the routine procedural move to appoint a conference committee to work out the differences between the Senate-passed bill and a slightly different version passed in the U.S. House in 2005. But that routine request was objected to, on behalf of the Senate Democrats, by assistant Democratic leader, Sen. Dick Durbin (Il.).

"By objecting to this routine step of sending the bill to a conference committee, the Senate Democrats are attempting to kill the Child Custody Protection Act through procedural maneuvers," said Susan Armacost, Legislative Director for Wisconsin Right to Life.

"Senator Kohl and the other Democrats who voted for the Child Custody Protection Act need to stand up to their leadership by insisting that the procedural barriers be removed," said Armacost. "While it was heartening that Senator Kohl voted for the bill, that vote means nothing if he and the 13 other Democrats who voted for the bill sit by and allow this important legislation to be killed. They have it in their power to remove the procedural obstacles. We are calling on our members and supporters throughout the state to contact Senator Kohl and ask him to do whatever is necessary to keep the Child Custody Protection Action moving through the legislative process. He can do no less if he truly supports this legislation."

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Right-to-Life Legislation Moves Forward

Upcoming Federal Legislative Issues

There are a number of key right-to-life proposals that are likely to be acted upon in the 109th Congress.

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The federal Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act would require any abortionist to provide specific information to any woman seeking an abortion at 20 weeks or later regarding the pain that would be inflicted on her baby during an abortion. (Wisconsin Right to Life is promoting a state version of this legislation in the upcoming 2005-06 state legislative session – the *Wisconsin Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act)*. The state legislation is necessary because the federal bill would not apply to state law.

The Child Custody Protection Act (S 8) would make it a federal crime to transport minor girls across state lines to obtain an abortion if it evades a state's parental involvement law. The House version of this legislation is *The Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (HR 748)*.

The Informed Choice Act (HR 216) would authorize $3 million per year for grants to organizations to buy ultrasound equipment to be used to provide live ultrasound imaging for women who desire such services.

The RU-486 Suspension and Review Act would suspend distribution of the drug mifepristone, commonly known as the RU-486 abortion drug, pending a review by the Comptroller General of the United States of the FDA procedures in approving the drug in 2000.

Action Needed on Federal Legislation:

Wisconsin Right to Life urges you to contact Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold and your own U. S.House Representative in support of the federal measures above. To find out who your House member is and for contact information, visit the Wisconsin Right to Life Legislative Information Center. First go to the Wisconsin Right to Life website at www.wrtl.org. Then click on "Legislative Information Center." You can even e-mail your legislators directly from our Legislative Information Center.

State Legislative Update

On the Docket for the 2005-06 State Legislative Session – Wisconsin Right to Life State Legislative Priorities:

Taking State Tax Dollars Out of Hands of Abortion Providers. Wisconsin already has a law that prevents most state tax dollars from being used to directly pay for abortions. However, state tax dollars continue to flow to organizations that provide and promote abortion. This legislation would stop the flow of these tax dollars to pro-abortion organizations and instead, provide those state tax dollars to public health entities that do not provide or promote abortion. Rep. Mark Gottlieb (R-Port Washington) is researching this issue and developing the proposal. Watch for future information regarding this legislation.

The Conscience Protection Act has been reintroduced by Rep. Jean Hundertmark (R-Clintonville) and Sen. Carol Roessler (R-Oshkosh). It is the most sweeping, comprehensive conscience rights measure in the nation! The legislation would protect health care professionals, medical students and facilities from being forced to participate in abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the destruction of human embryos for research (or any other purpose) and the use of body parts of aborted babies. This legislation passed both houses of the state legislature last session but was vetoed by Governor Doyle.

Wisconsin Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act. In 1996, Wisconsin Right to Life was successful in the enactment of the *Woman's Right to Know Law.* That law requires that a wide array of information be given to every woman seeking an abortion, information she never received prior to the enactment of the law. The law requires information regarding adoption, the assistance available in the community if the woman carries her child to term, information about her unborn child and the option of hearing her unborn child's heartbeat, and viewing her unborn child via ultrasound. Then the woman is given 24 hours to think about the information she has received before making a decision. *The Wisconsin Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act* would add to the *Woman's Right to Know Act* a requirement that a woman seeking an abortion, and who is 20 weeks or more along in her pregnancy, be told about the scientific evidence that unborn babies who are 20 weeks or more suffer excruciating pain during an abortion. The bill is authored by Sen. Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend) and Rep. Ann Nischke (R-Waukesha).

Protecting Wisconsin Taxpayers from Funding the Destruction of Human Embryos for Research and the Cloning of Human Embryos to be Destroyed for Research Purposes. Pro-abortion Governor Doyle supports the destruction of human embryos for research purposes. He has proposed a bio-tech initiative that

What can I do to help Wisconsin Right to Life stop interstate transport of minors for abortion?

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1. First and most importantly, contact Wisconsin's two U.S. Senators, Kohl and Feingold, and tell them how important it is that they support this federal legislation. Senator Kohl has indicated in the past that he may be willing to support such legislation – so your contact with his office is especially important! To call or email our senators directly, go to our website *www.wrtl.org* and click on the *Legislative Information Center* icon. Once at the Center, you can enter your zip code and follow the steps for sending email to the senators. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may write or call the senators using the numbers and addresses below.

Sen. Herb Kohl

Washington Office:
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4903

Phone: (202) 224-5653
Fax: (202) 224-9787

Main District Office:
310 West Wisconsin Ave., #950
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Sen. Russ Feingold

Washington Office:
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4904

Phone: (202) 224-5323
Fax: (202) 224-2725

Main District Office:
1600 Aspen Commons, Rm. 100
Middleton, WI 53562

Phone: (608) 828-1200
Fax: (608) 828-1203

2. Make copies of and circulate this petition. Make as many copies as you need. Arrange to have the petition signed at your church, fairs, and shopping malls; anywhere there may be a gathering of people. Advertise the petition by making announcements at meetings, from the pulpit at church or by using an insert in the church bulletin.

3. If you would like copies of the petition sent to you, call Wisconsin Right to Life at (414) 778-5780 or toll free (877) 855-5007.

Federal Legislative Issues

Federal Funding of Embryo-Killing Research (H. R. 810/ S. 471)

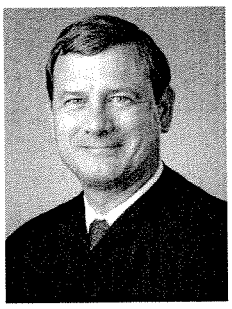
A vote on this legislation could occur in the U.S. Senate in November. This legislation, which permits federal funding for the destruction of human embryos for research, passed the U. S. House of Representatives on May 24, 2005. President Bush has vowed he will veto the bill if it reaches his desk. Please e-mail both of Wisconsin's U. S. Senators, Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, and urge them to oppose this legislation. In addition, the Senate may also take up legislation that would prohibit human cloning (S. 658). Also urge Senators Kohl and Feingold to vote to ban all human cloning.

Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (H.R. 748)

About half the states have parental notification or parental consent laws in effect, including Wisconsin. However, these laws are sometimes circumvented by minors traveling or being transported to other states that do not have parental notification requirements, often under pressure from older boyfriends or at the urging of abortion providers. In order to protect the welfare of minor girls and the rights of parents, Congress has a duty to regulate this interstate activity. Under H. R. 748, it would be a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion without fulfilling the requirements of a parental notification law in effect in the home state. The House of Representatives passed H. R. 748 on April 27, 2005.

What can you do to help stop the interstate transport of minors for abortion? First and foremost, **contact Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold and urge them to support S. 403/ H. R. 748.** Senator Kohl has indicated in the past that he may be willing to support such legislation. Sign the Wisconsin Right to Life "Petition to End Interstate Transport of Minors for Abortion" at the Wisconsin Right to Life website at www.wrtl.org. You can also download copies of the petition to distribute for additional signatures.

Judge John Roberts Confirmed as 17th Chief Justice of the United States



After deftly weathering days of grueling questions from pro-abortion senators during his confirmation hearing, Judge John Roberts was sworn in as Chief Justice. Roberts demonstrated a commanding knowledge of case law with answers that often left his questioners speechless. A recurring theme in his remarks may signal the tone of his term on the bench. He said, "Judges are like umpires. Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them."

To contact Senators Kohl and Feingold, go to the Wisconsin Right to Life Legislative Information Center www.wrtl.org

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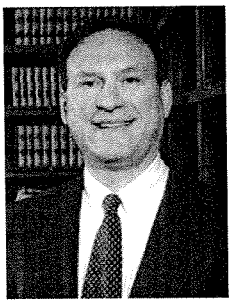
On the day he was sworn in, to mark the solemnity of the occasion, all senators answered the roll by standing one by one at their desks as their names were called. Roberts watched the roll call vote with President George W. Bush at the White House. Justice John Paul Stevens administered the oath of office at the White House. Roberts' wife, Jane Sullivan Roberts, held the Bible.

President Bush Nominates Samuel Alito to Replace Sandra Day O'Connor



In the wake of Harriet Miers' withdrawal, President George W. Bush on October 31 nominated Judge Samuel Alito Jr. to the position of Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Born in 1950 in Trenton, New Jersey, Alito is a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He attended Steinert High School in Hamilton, New Jersey and graduated from Princeton University with a B.A. in 1972. He then earned his law degree from Yale. Since 1985, Alito has been married to the former Martha-Ann Bomgardner. They live in West Caldwell, New Jersey and have two children, Philip and Laura.

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Wisconsin Right to Life urges you to contact Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold and your own U. S. House Representative in support of these important federal bills.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

2003-04 Legislative Recap... In spite of the fact that Governor Jim Doyle is one of the most pro-abortion governors ever to be elected in Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life was successful in the enactment of the *Born Alive Infant Protection Act* which protects the lives of babies born alive after an abortion. This is Wisconsin's newest right-to-life law!

In addition, Wisconsin Right to Life was successful in obtaining overwhelming passage of the *Conscience Protection Act* in both houses of the legislature. This legislation protects health care professionals, medical students and health care facilities from being forced to participate in activities related to abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the cloning of human embryos and the destruction of human embryos for any reason. Pro-abortion Governor Doyle vetoed the proposal.

Wisconsin Right to Life Legislative Priorities on the Docket for the 2005-06 Session...

* **Taking State Tax Dollars Out of the Hands of Abortion Providers** and diverting those dollars to public entities that do not provide abortion. This proposal is being developed. Please watch for further information.
* **Conscience Protection Act** which is described above will once again be introduced. Wisconsin Right to Life is determined this bill will eventually become law! It took us six years for the *Fetal Homicide Law* to be enacted into law. Wisconsin Right to Life will exercise the same dogged determination when it comes to the *Conscience Protection Act*, which is the most sweeping, comprehensive conscience rights measure in the nation!
* **Wisconsin Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act.** In 1996, Wisconsin Right to Life was successful in the enactment of the *Woman's Right to Know Law.* That law requires that a wide array of information be given to every woman seeking an abortion, information she never received prior to the enactment of the law. This information includes advice regarding adoption, the assistance available in the community if the woman carries her child to term, information about her unborn child and the option of hearing her unborn child's heartbeat and viewing her unborn child via ultrasound. Then the woman is given 24 hours to think about the information she has received before making a decision. *The Wisconsin Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act* would add to the *Woman's Right to Know Act* a requirement that a woman seeking an abortion, and who is 20 weeks or more along in her pregnancy, be told about the scientific evidence that unborn babies (who are 20 weeks or more) suffer excruciating pain during an abortion.
* **Protecting Wisconsin Taxpayers from Funding the Destruction of Human Embryos for Research, and the Cloning of Human Embryos to be Destroyed for Research Purposes.** Pro-abortion Governor Doyle also supports the destruction of human embryos for research purposes. He has already announced a bio-tech proposal that will contain state tax funding for a number of research projects. Much of his proposal will not be objectionable but there will be aspects of his proposal that will request state funding to destroy human embryos for research, and will open the door for tax funding of the cloning of human embryos to be destroyed in research projects. The exact details of the governor's proposal are unknown at this time but will be announced in January. Wisconsin Right to Life is already working with legislative leaders to make sure that: 1) No state tax dollars are used to clone and/or destroy any human embryos; 2) That no public buildings are used for these purposes; and 3) That no public employee be permitted to engage in those activities.

ACTION NEEDED:

We urge you to contact your State Senator and Assembly Representative in support of the priorities listed above. For contact information and to find out who is your State Senator and Assembly Representative, visit the Wisconsin Right to Life Legislative Information Center at www.wrtl.org.

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State – Pending Legislative Issues

☑ **We support this legislation** **AB 175/SB 97** - Parental consent prior to a minor's abortion. Rep. Leah Vukmir (R – Wauwatosa) and Sen. Joe Leibham (R-Sheboygan). Wisconsin Right to Life is the lead organization promoting this bill which would remove loopholes that exist in Wisconsin's current law requiring parental consent prior to a minor's abortion.

☑ **We support this legislation** **SB 72/AB 142** Prohibiting organizations that engage in abortion-related activities from receiving certain public funds. (Sen. Joe Leibham (R-Sheboygan) and Rep. Scott Suder (R-Abbotsford). Wisconsin Right to Life is the lead organization promoting this bill.

☑ **We support this legislation** **SB 71** Would prohibit Wrongful Life/Wrongful Death lawsuits that discriminate against babies born with disabilities because such lawsuits advance the notion that a child born with disabilities should have been aborted. Author: Sen. Neal Kedzie (R-Elkhorn). Wisconsin Right to Life has promoted this legislation for the past nine years.

We oppose this legislation **AB 791** Bill would lead to the coercing of vulnerable patients into signing Living Wills. Author: Rep. Sheldon Wasserman (D-Milwaukee).

We oppose this legislation **Numerous bills giving tax credits/tax incentives for conducting research:** These bills must be amended to exclude research involving human cloning or the destruction of human embryos. We oppose these bills unless amended.

☑ **We support this legislation** **Protecting Vulnerable Minors:** Author: Sen. Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend). No bill number yet. Would protect minor girls from being serviced with federal funds by organizations that would refer them for abortions.

☑ **We support this legislation** **Promoting Alternatives to abortion via School Abstinence Programs: SB 286:** Author: Sen. Mary Lazich (R-New Berlin). This legislation would require that abstinence be stressed as the preferred choice of behavior.

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Federal – Pending Legislative Issues

☑ **We support this legislation** **S. 658** *Human Cloning Prohibition Act*. Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.). Would ban human cloning for any purpose. Contact Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold.

☑ **We support this legislation** **S. 51/HR 356** Federal version of the *Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act*. Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.). Would require abortionist to inform any women seeking an abortion at 20 weeks or later, regarding the pain that would be inflicted on the baby from the abortion procedure. Contact Senators Kohl and Feingold and your House Member.

☑ **We support this legislation** **S. 8** *The Child Custody Protection Act* (Senate version) Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.) and the *Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act* H.R. 748 (House version) Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.). Would make it a federal offense to take a minor girl across state lines for an abortion if this deprives her parents of their right to be involved under state law. Please contact your federal legislators. You can also sign and circulate the petition found on page 9.

☑ **We support this legislation** **S. 511/ H.R. 1079)** RU-486 Suspension and Review Act. Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) and Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.). Would withdraw federal approval for marketing RU-486 abortion pill, unless the Comptroller General found that the approval was granted in accordance with proper statutory procedures.

We oppose this legislation **S. 471** Embryo Killing Research. Anti-life Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and anti-life Sen. Tim Harkin (D-Iowa). On May 24, 2005, the House passed their version of this legislation (H. R. 810). This legislation would mandate federal funding of the kind of stem cell research that involves the intentional killing of human embryos. Please contact Sens. Kohl and Feingold to oppose this legislation.

For detailed information about pending federal legislative matters, visit the website of the National Right to Life Committee at www.nrlc.org and click on "Legislative Action Center." You can send a message to the indicated federal legislators directly from this site.