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“Do whatever He tells you”



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“God knows wē’re trying”





I Know That!

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How often do you tell your loved one, “I

love you”? If a loved one just likes to be reminded of one’s faith, trust, want, and need, or is an introvert, or has an inferiority complex, you may have to ensure your love and support is always available.

We are constantly reminded that we are loved, loved unconditionally. No matter what we do, we can be forgiven. We are loved beyond any finite or measurable limits. Agape is a love that is wholly selfless and spiritual. The love that Joseph has for Mary and Jesus has for us.

Can you love unconditionally? I bet, as a human being, you have a list of conditions. I cannot believe that we, as typical humans, can possess an agape form of love. “God loves you” rings from the ambos

and pulpits like never before. Homilies hammer home “God Loves You”, “God Loves You.” I know that!

The message sends a signal; there is nothing you can do that He will not forgive. Then why was Jesus angry with the merchants in His father’s house? Why was God angry with Adam and Eve? Why was God angry with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? Why was God angry with the people worshipping Baal? Why did God punish the Egyptians so often in the Bible? I want to know what makes God angry; why He punishes people when He loves them so much.

I personally feel that Love and Truth are two of our strongest attributes. The problem is that our emotions also include Hate and Lies. I have always felt that all words would not be necessary if there were not

negative or positive alternatives for them. For instance, why would we need the word “Good” if there were no “Evil?” Why would you need the word “Love” if there were no “Hate?” Why would we need the word “Light” if there were no “Darkness?”

Why would one choose good over evil if evil feels better than good? There has to be a consequence, a punishment for sinning. I would like to hear more about the castigation of sinners from the altar and in the homilies. I want to know what happens to me when I die with a sin that I am not sorry for. Who the Hell is Satan? Is there a Hell? Why is damnation such a secret? I know God loves me, but what happens if I don't love Him?



Prayer

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

House Passes Pro-Abortion Senate Health Care Bill After Executive Order Deal Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- The House of representatives tonight approved the pro-abortion Senate health care bill on a 219-212 vote with a 34 Democrats joining Republicans against it.

The bill contains [massive abortion funding](#) and [promotion](#) that pro-life Democrats hope an executive order will mitigate.

Before the votes, Rep. Bart Stupak [negotiated a deal](#) with pro-abortion President Barack Obama for an executive order that he says will nullify the abortion funding.

But, [pro-life groups unanimously opposed](#) the executive order saying they don't trust Obama and that technically it will fail in its attempt to stop the legislation's abortion funding. They say an executive order can't modify federal law and that abortions will be funded regardless of the content of the executive order.

"Unfortunately, this proposal does not begin to address the problem, which arises from decades of federal appellate rulings that apply the principles of *Roe v. Wade* to federal health legislation," Richard Doerflinger, of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, [explains](#).

"The executive order promised by President Obama was issued for political effect. It changes nothing," National Right to Life added. "It does not correct any of the serious pro-abortion provisions in the bill."

The top Republican in the House told Democrats prior to the vote that they should be clear the bill funds and promotes abortions.

"Make no mistake, a 'yes' vote on the Democrats' health care bill is a vote for taxpayer-funded abortions," he said.

Despite the abortion funding in the bill, Speaker Nancy Pelosi twice referred to the right to "life" -- something Americans United for Life president Charmaine Yoest called a "horrible irony."

In an effort to get the abortion funding out of the bill, Republicans and a handful of Democrats pushed for a motion to send the bill back to committee to add an abortion funding ban.

Stupak disagreed with the motion and surprised pro-life advocates by saying, "It is the Democrats who have stood up for the principle of no funding for abortion."

The motion ultimately failed 228-197 with 20 Democrats joining Republicans to support getting the abortion funding ban in the bill.

**Stupak Announces Abortion-Executive Order Deal, Pro-Life Democrats Back Bill
Washington, DC**



(LifeNews.com) -- Congressman Bart Stupak, who has been leading a coalition of pro-life Democrats against the pro-abortion Senate health care bill over its abortion funding, announced today he has reached an agreement with the White House for President Barack Obama to issue an executive order nullifying it. The [executive order](#) would reportedly make it so the Stupak

amendment, which stopped abortion funding and promotion in the House version, would apply to the final law.

"I'm pleased to announce that we have an agreement -- with the help of the president and the Speaker -- we were able to come up with an agreement to protect the sanctity of life in health care reform," Stupak said.

"Today the president announced he will be signing," the executive order to "keep the principle" against funding of abortion.

Stupak said he thought Democrats already had the votes before he and other pro-life Democrats agreed to the executive order deal.

"I do believe they had the votes before we decided to vote for this legislation," Stupak said.

Meanwhile, White House Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer said in a statement that the executive order will restate what it believes are abortion funding limits in the bill -- disputed by every pro-life group.

"While the legislation as written maintains current law, the executive order provides additional safeguards to ensure that the status quo is upheld and

enforced, and that the health care legislation's restrictions against the public funding of abortions cannot be circumvented," he said.

Text of Executive Order on Abortion in Stupak-Obama-Democrats Health Care Compromise by Steven Ertelt

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(LifeNews.com) -- The following is the text of the executive order in the recently announced agreement between Rep. Bart Stupak and a group of Democrats allied with him and President Barack Obama and top Democrats supporting the Senate health care bill.

Read more about that agreement [here](#).

ENSURING ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ABORTION RESTRICTIONS IN THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (approved March __, 2010), I hereby order as fol-

lows:

Section 1. Policy.

Following the recent passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("the Act"), it is necessary to establish an adequate enforcement mechanism to ensure that Federal funds are not used for abortion services (except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman would be endangered), consistent with a longstanding Federal statutory restriction that is commonly known as the Hyde Amendment. The purpose of this Executive Order is to establish a comprehensive, government-wide set of policies and procedures to achieve this goal and to make certain that all relevant actors—Federal officials, state officials (including insurance regulators) and health care providers—are aware of their responsibilities, new and old.

The Act maintains current Hyde Amendment restrictions governing abortion policy and extends those restrictions to the newly-created health insurance exchanges. Under the Act, longstanding Federal laws to protect conscience (such as the Church Amendment, 42 U.S.C. §300a-7, and the

Weldon Amendment, Pub. L. No. 111-8, §508(d)(1) (2009)) remain intact and new protections prohibit discrimination against health care facilities and health care providers because of an unwillingness to provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions.

Numerous executive agencies have a role in ensuring that these restrictions are enforced, including the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

Section 2. Strict Compliance with Prohibitions on Abortion Funding in Health Insurance Exchanges. The Act specifically prohibits the use of tax credits and cost-sharing reduction payments to pay for abortion services (except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman would be endangered) in the health insurance exchanges that will be operational in 2014. The Act also imposes strict payment and accounting requirements to ensure that Federal funds are not used for abortion services in exchange plans (except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman

would be endangered) and requires state health insurance commissioners to ensure that exchange plan funds are segregated by insurance companies in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, OMB funds management circulars, and accounting guidance provided by the Government Accountability Office.

I hereby direct the Director of OMB and the Secretary of HHS to develop, within 180 days of the date of this Executive Order, a model set of segregation guidelines for state health insurance commissioners to use when determining whether exchange plans are complying with the Act's segregation requirements, established in Section 1303 of the Act, for enrollees receiving Federal financial assistance. The guidelines shall also offer technical information that states should follow to conduct independent regular audits of insurance companies that participate in the health insurance exchanges. In developing these model guidelines, the Director of OMB and the Secretary of HHS shall consult with executive agencies and offices that have relevant expertise in accounting principles, including, but not limited to, the Department of the

Treasury, and with the Government Accountability Office. Upon completion of those model guidelines, the Secretary of HHS should promptly initiate a rulemaking to issue regulations, which will have the force of law, to interpret the Act's segregation requirements, and shall provide guidance to state health insurance commissioners on how to comply with the model guidelines.

Section 3. Community Health Center Program. The Act establishes a new Community Health Center (CHC) Fund within HHS, which provides additional Federal funds for the community health center program. Existing law prohibits these centers from using federal funds to provide abortion services (except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman would be endangered), as a result of both the Hyde Amendment and longstanding regulations containing the Hyde language. Under the Act, the Hyde language shall apply to the authorization and appropriations of funds for Community Health Centers under sec-

tion 10503 and all other relevant provisions. I hereby direct the Secretary of HHS to ensure that program administrators and recipients of Federal funds are aware of and comply with the limitations on abortion services imposed on CHCs by existing law. Such actions should include, but are not limited to, updating Grant Policy Statements that accompany CHC grants and issuing new interpretive rules.

Section 4. General Provisions.

(a) Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect: (i) authority granted by law or presidential directive to an agency, or the head thereof; or (ii) functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This Executive Order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This Executive Order is not intended to, and does

not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity against the United States, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees or agents, or any other person.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Pro-Abortion Lawmakers, Activists Split on Stupak-Obama Abortion Funding Deal

Washington, DC



"Pro-Choice" Advocates

(LifeNews.com) -- While pro-life groups say [the executive order deal](#) struck between Rep. Bart Stupak and President Barack Obama isn't worth much because an executive order can't change federal law, pro-abortion lawmakers are pleased with the deal even though they are upset they didn't see the language beforehand.

Leading [pro-life organizations have said](#) they don't trust Obama and that an

executive order can't fix the abortion funding and promotion under the Senate health care bill.

But Rep. Jan Schakowsky, an Illinois Democrat who is a top pro-abortion activist in the House, told The Hill she's fine with it.

"Assuming that there's no final, final, final, final she-nanigans that go on with the Stupak people, I think we're OK," she said. "A number of us saw some language -- proposed language -- for an executive order," Schakowsky said. "Nothing that goes beyond current law would be acceptable to us."

Colorado Rep. Diana DeGette, the head of the pro-abortion faction in the House, appeared to yield the point pro-life groups were making when she said, according to AP, "it doesn't change anything." That view is much different than the reaction from NARAL and Planned Parenthood.

Cecile Richards, the president of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business, complained about the arrange-

ment, but appeared to split between pro-abortion lawmakers and pro-abortion activist groups.

“We regret that a pro-choice president of a pro-choice nation was forced to sign an Executive Order that further codifies the proposed anti-choice language in the health care reform bill,” she said, even though the bill allows abortion funding already with virtually no limits.

House Republican Leader John Boehner: Abortion-Executive Order Won't Work
Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) – House Republican Leader John Boehner issued a statement this morning saying he opposes the idea to exchange pro-life votes for the pro-abortion health care bill for a promise of an executive order from President Barack Obama. He says the idea won't

work and that pro-life groups oppose it. Several pro-life groups have already spoke out against the idea, that would have Rep. Bart Stupak and several pro-life Democrats give Nancy Pelosi 216 votes for the measure in exchange for an order to ban abortion funding in it.

“The law of the land trumps any Executive Order, which can be reversed or altered at the stroke of a pen by this or any subsequent President without any congressional approval or notice,” Boehner said.

“Moreover, while an Executive Order can direct members of the executive branch, it cannot direct the private sector,” he added.

Opposition to the idea comes in part because technically it won't work to authentically ban abortion funding and can easily be reversed.

“Because of Roe v. Wade, courts have interpreted the decision as a statutory mandate that the government must provide federal funding for elective abor-

tion in through federal programs. In other words, no Executive Order or regulation can override a statutory mandate unless Congress passes a law that prohibits federal funding from being used in this manner," Boehner explained.

Catholic Bishops Join Pro-Life Groups Against Abortion-Executive Order Idea Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) – The pro-life office of the nation's Catholic bishops has join other pro-life groups in condemning an 11th-hour strategy that would have pro-life Democrats support the pro-abortion Senate health care bill in exchange for President Barack Obama issuing an executive order banning abortion funding in it.

Leading pro-life De-

mocrat Bart Stupak [is pursuing](#) the executive order because he wants to ban abortion funding under the bill but also because he wants to be able to eventually vote for it.

The main objections from pro-life advocacy groups center on two points. First, they have sincere doubts about whether Obama, who has an extensive [pro-abortion track record](#) and used an executive order [during his first week in office](#) to expand taxpayer funding of abortions, would ever sign one.

Secondly, they point out technical problems with the idea, saying an executive order is not able to remedy the numerous ways in which the Senate bill [funds](#) and [promotes abortion funding](#).

Richard Doerflinger, of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, shared those concerns in a memo sent this morning to key Congressional members and staff.

"We've consulted with legal experts on the specific

idea of resolving the abortion funding problems in the Senate bill through executive order. We know members have been looking into this in good faith, in the hope of limiting the damage done by abortion provisions in the bill," Doerflinger says.

The quote of the month is by Jay Leno: 'With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of swine flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?'



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"

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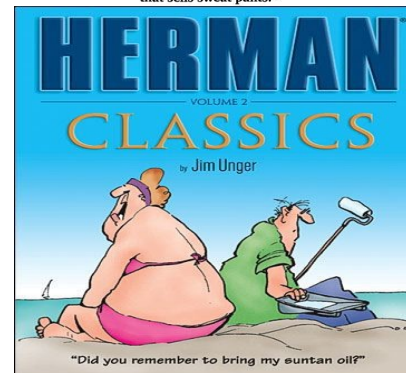


"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."

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"My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants."



"Did you remember to bring my suntan oil?"