



Two pro-life bills signed into Kansas state law

Gov. Sam Brownback holds ceremonial signing on Tuesday, April 12



KFL Legislative Director Kathy Ostrowski, Rep. Lance Kinzer (R-Olathe), and KFL Executive Director Mary Kay Culp look on as Gov. Sam Brownback signs two pro-life bills on April 12. (KHI photo)

Kansas has closed a horrible chapter of abortion corruption which had caused the state to be referred to the late-term abortion destination of the nation.

Gov. Sam Brownback has signed into law two measures: HB 2218, the Pain-capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and HB 2035, the Accuracy in Abortion Reporting & Parental Rights Act.

Pro-life leader and House Judiciary chair, Rep. Lance Kinzer (R-Olathe) authored both bills and was joined by 62 co-sponsors on HB 2035 and 47 co-sponsors on HB 2218. "It's a tremendous day," Kinzer said. "It's been a long road for the pro-life movement in Kansas to get to this stage—not just a matter of years but going back decades, quite frankly."

Both laws use the term "unborn child" instead of fetus and HB 2035 requires written state information for pregnant woman at abortion clinics to include the medical fact that, "Abortion will terminate

the life of a whole, separate, unique living human being."

In 1998, Kansas banned abortion for "fetal anomalies", yet the abortion industry lobbyists, and Kansas N.O.W. opposed this year's bills, saying that mothers of unborn children diagnosed with severe health limitations should be allowed to abort them.

"I don't think we should go down the path of targeting handicapped children," said Rep. Joe Patton (R-Topeka).

Kansas is home to 73 free pregnancy assistance centers, with perinatal hospice centers in Wichita and Kansas City that provide help before and after delivery of medically challenging pregnancies.

HB 2035 will also:

- clearly require that abortion reports to the state for post-viability abortions contain medical reasons, supported by an independent, and named, licensed physician;
- upgrade the state ban on partial birth abortions to match the federal law, upheld in 2007 by the U.S. Supreme Court;
- close gaps in prosecutorial boundaries and strengthen civil standing to sue for illegal late-term abortions;
- replace one-parent notice with two-parent consent (for intact families)

for abortions on girls under age 18, and more strictly regulate the judicial bypass procedure when a parental consent waiver is sought.

HB 2218 is landmark legislation originally drafted by National Right to Life in 2010 for Nebraska. The Nebraska law passed and has not been challenged in court. In a private call to media, Planned Parenthood announced they would not be challenging HB 2218.

HB 2218 bans abortion beginning at 22 weeks gestation (20 weeks post-fertilization) except to prevent the mother's death or irreversible, substantial physical damage.

"This is a significant advancement in the public discourse that the child in the mother's womb is a living human being," said Rep. Steve Brunk, (R-Bel Aire), who chairs the House Federal State Affairs committee that held full hearings on both bills.

"Before, viability was defined by our ability to keep a child alive outside the womb based on the existing technology, not the development of the human being. This provides a more appropriate benchmark for late-term abortions. It is past due and appropriate that this kind of legislation should be passed in state legislatures across the country," he said.

Kinzer introduced HB 2218 because, "we know an awful lot more about fetal development and fetal pain than when *Roe v. Wade* was decided. Unborn children do feel pain." He listed journals and studies that backed the development of pain receptors by 22 weeks of gestation, adding "the medical evidence is compelling and well-documented."

With the passage of these bills, Kansas is recommitting to its historical role in standing up for human rights.

The pro-life mission is not finished, there are bills yet to pass when legislators return from break. And much is left to be accomplished until Kansas becomes a state where every abortion is beyond illegal—it is unthinkable.



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Teens compete in statewide oratorical contest

Tiffany Massey, Derby, will represent Kansas at the national contest

The 2011 KFL Oratorical Contest was held on March 26 in Topeka. Contestants were to present an original speech on abortion, infanticide, stem cell research, or euthanasia. In the Senior Division (11th & 12th grades) the first place winner was Tiffany Massey, who lives in Derby and attends Wichita Collegiate School. Taking second place was Kelcie Marquardt of Shawnee. In the Junior Division, Alyssa Fisher took first place and Jeremy Fisher received second place. The Fishers are from Abilene. Congratulations to all!



Tiffany Massey with Oratorical Contest Director Karin Capron

Winning poster to be hung in Capitol

Erin Kellerman, Leawood, is this year's grand prize winner

Erin Kellerman (a 6th grader at Cure of Ars Catholic School in Leawood) won the Kansans for Life statewide annual grade school Pro-Life Poster Contest for 2010. Erin shook Gov. Sam Brownback's hand when she received her check at the Topeka Rally for Life at the Statehouse, Jan. 22nd, but on that day, the governor had not seen the winning entries.

As part of the ceremonial signing of two pro-life bills April 12, Kansans for Life wished to memorialize the new direction the state is taking to embody the "culture of life" in law. Legislative Director Kathy Ostrowski (who created & oversees the poster contest) presented Erin's poster to the Governor, framed for hanging in his office. The poster reads: "Kansas is a great place for babies to be born!"

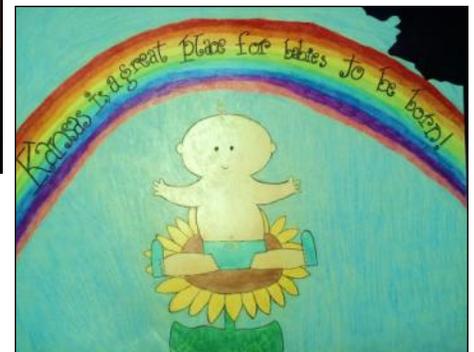
Gov. Brownback said he loves it and will have it hung.

Congratulations to Erin for her hard work!



(above) KFL Legislative Director, Kathy Ostrowski, presents the 2010 Poster Contest Grand Prize winning entry to Governor Sam Brownback.

(right) The Grand Prize winning poster. To see more posters, enter "Poster Contest" in the search bar at kansansforlife.wordpress.com





Planned Lying

Mary Kay Culp, Executive Director

Ann Coulter described the skirmish over defunding Planned Parenthood (PP) this way: "And then, totally by accident, Republicans stumbled onto the Democrats' Achilles heel. Among their specific defunding proposals, Republicans had suggested taking mere peanuts away from Planned Parenthood. The Democrats responded: NO! We'll cut 40 Billion, just don't touch Planned Parenthood!"

One of the many reasons PP shouldn't receive tax dollars is because such money helps pay their lobbyists and spokespersons to lie. **Such lies from PP were issued April 12th**, after Gov. Brownback signed the "Pain-capable Unborn Child Protection Act", which bans abortions from 22 weeks gestation (20 weeks post-conception.)

Although the law clearly contains exceptions for life-threatening physical maternal health, the Overland Park PP director, Peter Brownlie, could not resist using the opportunity to make us appear mean-spirited. Brownlie lied to the media: "While rare, an abortion...after 22 weeks...is most often necessary because of ...a condition that endangers the life or health of the mother".

Nowhere in the world is there as much actual proof, as there is here in Kansas, that the abortion industry has never limited late-term abortions to serious cases.

Kansas' official abortion statistics reveal there were 3,000 post-viable abortions from 1998 to 2008. And, the expert medical witness who saw Wichita late-term abortion records said NONE of those abortions were obtained for reasons other than the social reasons for which 97% of early abortions are obtained.

Another lie? PP claiming that the new law is unconstitutional, but that the only reason they are not going to sue is because they don't have legal

standing since their Kansas location (supposedly) doesn't perform abortions at that gestational age. What they don't say is that such a lawsuit was not filed when a late-term abortion business had standing in Nebraska—because the real concern is that the U.S. Supreme Court may not agree with them!

Expect more lies as Abortion Clinic Licensing (H Sub SB 36) comes before the Kansas Senate in late April.

Passage of this bill is vital because:

- H Sub SB 36 would ban abortions by pill (e.g. RU-486) from being administered long-distance via something like Skype where a drawer with the pills is opened by an abortionist's computer stroke. 26% of Kansas abortions are already done by pill, with a licensed practitioner onsite. Can you imagine how many there would be via webcam? Right now PP plans to open 12 such "clinics" across Iowa and Nebraska.

The lies started on this bill in the House debate that preceded the law's passage. PP advocate, Rep. Barb Bollier, claimed women can take abortion pills safely on their own since they've had miscarriages at home for centuries. However, abortion pills cause blood not to clot normally and result in much heavier and longer bleeding than many miscarriages. The FDA reports these pills have caused 1,100 injuries, certainly 13 deaths, and they believe 30 deaths.

See WebCam abortion info at: http://www.nrlc.org/news_and_views/Jan2011/nv011411part3.html

- H Sub SB 36 requires maternal injuries and deaths to be officially reported. Pro-lifers in other states reported at least 4 botched abortion victims were rushed away from U.S. abortion clinics by ambulance in one recent week alone!

- H Sub SB 36 requires abortion clinics to meet medical standards designed to protect women, who would be too ashamed to file the malpractice suits needed to put dangerous practitioners out of business.

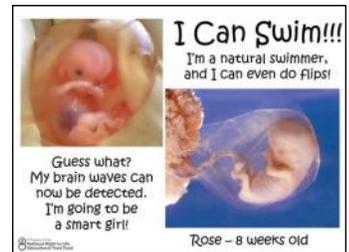
Counter the PP lies! Call your senator NOW!

National Right to Life Committee offers beautiful full-color poster set for just \$10

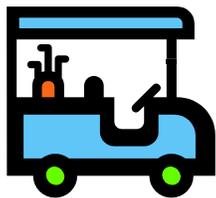
The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) is presenting a 10-page laminated series of posters for an unbelievably low price – just \$10 for the set of ten laminated posters (including shipping). "Rose's First Photo Album" shows Baby Rose's development from her tiniest moments after conception, all the way through her development in the womb, then her life as a newborn and toddler.

You can order these posters in either English or Spanish. They come in **four sizes**: **Poster Size** 11" x 17", **Standard Size** 9" x 12", **Picture Size** 5" x 7", and **Travel Size** 2" x 3", (travel size comes bound with key ring).

For additional information, call 1-202-378-8843 or e-mail nrlclara@gmail.com. Checks should be made to National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund. Mail to: Rose's First Photo Album; c/o NRLC; 512 10th St., NW, Washington, DC 20004-1401. When you call, e-mail, or write, tell NRLC whether you want English or Spanish, what size of posters you would like, and how many copies you would like.



Spring 2011 Events



16th Annual KC KFL Golf Marathon

May 17, 2011

Plan now to help protect the unborn by raising tax-deductible donation pledges for each hole you golf in the K.C. KFL Golf Marathon, Tuesday, May 17, at Painted Hills Golf Course in KCK — a day of sun, fun, food, and prizes “fore” life! For more info go to www.kfl.org and see Golf Marathon on the Events tab. Prior registration required. Call KFL at (913) 642-5433 or e-mail Kansansforlife@aol.com. Once registered go back to www.kfl.org and download pledge forms. You get pledges and we do all the billing later. (Returning players, we've got your lists & will even mail for you if you prefer.) Teams welcome. Spring has sprung. Call now! Enjoy a great day of golf and do something to help KFL at the same time!!!



Kansans for Life cordially invites you to our **Spring Fling** honoring the lifelong pro-life efforts of Todd and Vicki Tiahrts. The party begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27, at the home of Tim and Marie Hand, 131 Circle in Wichita (just off of Douglas, across the street from Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church). Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Other special guests, in addition to the Tiahrts, will be in attendance. This will be an opportunity to visit with some of the pro-life legislators who have been fighting the battle for LIFE in Topeka and Washington.

R.S.V.P. to Kansans For Life, 316-687-5433. Suggested donation: \$100 per person or couple.

Summer 2011 Events

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE PICNIC

Jun. 4, 2011



The annual **Pro-Life Picnic** is a blast for the entire family with games, a bounce house, and a petting zoo. The annual picnic will be on Saturday, June 4. Note change of location: O. J. Watson Park, 3022 S. McLean, in Wichita. KFL will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks; bring a side dish to share. Outdoor booth spaces (to sell items from your home business, or to distribute information) are available for a \$50 suggested donation to KFL. Political booths must be endorsed by KFL-PAC.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact our Events Coordinator, Melissa White, at the Wichita KFL office (687-5433) or by e-mail: melwhite@cox.net.



KFL PAC Flag Day Breakfast

Jun. 14, 2011

Join the **Kansans for Life Political Action Committee (KFL PAC)** for a Tuesday morning Flag Day Prayer Breakfast in Wichita. Save the date on your calendar now — more event details will be announced later.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact our PAC Coordinator, Melinda Craft, at the Wichita KFL office (687-5433) or by e-mail: kflpac@yahoo.com.



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See www.nrlc.org for more information about the 39th annual National Right to Life Convention.

Public meetings which may be of interest to Kansans for Life members: “Blue Ribbon Commission” seeks public input on state judicial system

The Blue Ribbon Commission, a task force assigned to examine the state’s judicial system and recommend improvements, has announced meetings at which it will gather public input. The Commission wants ideas from Kansans about how the courts can better serve the state’s needs.

These public input meetings will take place at various locations between April 18 and May 26 (see chart at right). The public is also invited to provide suggestions to the Commission via e-mail at: KSCourtStudyBRC@kscourts.org

In the face of state budget constraints, the Blue Ribbon Commission is slated to consider issues such as the number of court locations needed to provide access to justice, the services to be provided at each location, hours of operation, appropriate use of technology, cost reductions, and flexibility in the use of human resources.

However, the Commission’s chairman, Court of Appeals Judge Patrick McAnany, has stated that the Commission wants to hear opinions on other topics too. “The Commission is not limited to those subjects and has the authority to review other operational efficiencies associated with the court system,” McAnany said.

The Blue Ribbon Commission consists of 25 lawyers, legislators, and community members from across Kansas. They will examine the state’s judicial system and present their findings and suggestions to the Supreme Court later this year. These findings could prompt the Court to facilitate changes within the Kansas judicial system. The public notice of these meetings is at www.kscourts.org/Judicial-Branch-Review/Blue_Ribbon_Commission/others.asp

What would a KFL member want to bring up at these meetings?

We support the election of Kansas Supreme Court Justices.

We are unhappy that the Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance is allowed to advertise to persuade citizens to retain all appointed judges and justices. The radio ads run by the Kansas Judicial Commission last fall were misleading, in that they indicated that a *thorough* evaluation by a wide range of citizens is done on every justice and judge. In reality, the information collected about the Kansas Supreme Court justices is limited to input from certain “inside” attorneys and judges. The Commission rationalizes its unanimous support for appointed judges and justices almost entirely on the voluntary submission of questionnaires from as few as two dozen respondents—or, in one judge’s case, no responses at all!

We oppose use of taxpayer-funded ads to influence voting.

When a citizen group wants to campaign against the retention of a Supreme Court Justice, such a grass-roots group must compete against taxpayer-funded advertisements which promote the Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance’s website as the “true” information voters need for the election. This Commission on Judicial Performance costs \$700,000 annually, and was designed to assist the “professional development” of judges; it is not designed to question the status quo.

KFL attests that the Kansas State Supreme Court has acted unfairly regarding the abortion issue by:

- (1) ruling to delay what should have been a routine examination of records from two abortion businesses by then-Attorney General Phill Kline;
- (2) allowing every possible stalling tactic desired by abortionists fighting grand jury processes;
- (3) unjustifiably stalling the criminal prosecution of Planned Parenthood in Johnson County.

Schedule of Public Meetings

4/28	6pm	Norton	Prairie Land Electric Co-op Bldg
4/26	7pm	Colby	Frahm Theatre
4/27	7pm	Liberal	Steward Cty Comm Coll, Shank Bldg
5/2	7pm	Garden	Finney County Administrative Bldg
5/2	6pm	Beloit	Student Union Conference Room
5/2	7pm	Emporia	Main Bldg, 3301 W 18th, Rms A, B, & C
5/4	7pm	Hutchinson	Parker Student Union, Blue Dragon Rm
5/4	7pm	Chanute	Stoltz Hall Lecture Hall
5/9	6pm	Hays	Hays High School Lecture Hall
5/11	7pm	Atchison	Dining Room, Northeast KS Tech Coll
5/17	6pm	Topeka	Topeka Public Library, Marvin Aud
5/23	7pm	Independ	Indp Comm College West, Commun Rm
5/23	7pm	Salina	KS Highway Patrol Training Center, Aud
5/24	7pm	Dodge	Little Theater, Fine Arts Building
5/26	5:30	Pittsburg	Pittsburg Public Library, Meeting Room
5/26	7pm	Wichita	Century II, Room 101
5/31	7pm	Overlnd Pk	Johnson Cty Comm Coll, Hudson Aud
6/1	7pm	Junct Cty	Cloud Cty Comm College
6/6	7 pm	Topeka	Washburn Law Sch, Robinson Courtrm

Pro-Life Silly Bands

Kids play with Silly Bands and exchange them with other kids. We have packs of 24 bands in pro-life shapes (feet, fetal model, child in the womb, etc.) for only \$5.00 a pack. What a great educational tool for talking to young kids about their early development, and an excellent give-away for pro-life booths! E-mail kflicheryl@yahoo.com to order.

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