

Pro-Abortion Radicals Block Anti-Human Trafficking Bill

This week in Congress, Democrat Senators blocked an anti-human trafficking bill because it doesn't publicly fund abortions.

Read that again. Pro-abortion extremists are trying to kill an anti-human trafficking bill that enjoyed broad bipartisan support. Mollie Hemingway at *The Federalist* has more of the story:

"The bill was introduced January 13, 2015. It ended up with 13 Democratic co-sponsors. Folks like Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), and Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR). Oh, and even Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and three other female Democratic senators. A hearing was held on the legislation on February 24; and the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to send it to the Senate with a vote of 19-0-1 on February 26.

"Yet somehow, ten of the Democrats who sponsored the bill ended up voting to filibuster it yesterday after NARAL and Planned Parenthood suddenly went against it last week. Of the 13 Democrats who once loved this bill enough to sponsor it, one, Boxer, dropped her co-sponsorship on March 10, the day Planned Parenthood and NARAL launched their public relations campaign. Another 10 voted to filibuster it, leaving only Sen. Robert Casey (D-Penn.) and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) voting with Republicans to end debate and proceed to a vote.

"So why in the world does the abortion lobby oppose a bill to help victims of human trafficking? Well, this may be hard to believe, but the abortion lobby opposes this bill because it doesn't provide public funding for elective abortions. The bill includes a standard Hyde amendment, which bans federal funding of abortion with exceptions for rape, incest and the

life of the mother."

Big abortion uses lies and deception to pressure Democrats to drop support for the bill and confuse the public about what was really happening—the abortion lobby is prioritizing its extreme agenda above vulnerable women and children who are victims of human trafficking.

NARAL, Planned Parenthood, and their pro-abortion allies on the Democrat side of the aisle in the U.S. Senate believe taxpayer-funded abortion-on-demand is more important than vulnerable and victimized women and children. They claim that the pro-life language in the bill is what is standing in the way of the bill passing. But facts are stubborn things. And the facts are these: Hyde Amendment language is relatively routine to ensure federal funds do not pay for abortions-on-demand and pro-abortion Democrats "lost the debate about the Hyde Amendment 40 years ago," as Eleanor Clift points out in *The Daily Beast*.

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