

Democrat-Driven Abortion Bill Rejected, but Fight Continues Before Supreme Court Decision

The U.S. Senate has blocked a Democrat-led bill that was aimed at enshrining abortion rights on a national level.

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., joined Republicans in voting 46-48 to block debate on H.R. 3755, the so-called Women's Health Protection Act also known by pro-life advocates as the "Abortion for All Act."

The proposed legislation declared that a health care provider has a right to provide abortion services. It would also have struck down any prohibitions on abortion "prior to fetal viability."

Every Democrat senator except Manchin and Sen. Robert Casey, D-Penn., co-sponsored the bill. However, Casey voted in favor of debate on the measure. Six senators did not vote.

Sen. Mike Braun, R-In., tweeted how he intended to vote on the Democrats' abortion measure:

"Today the Senate will vote on a bill to allow abortion on demand until birth in all states. I will proudly vote NO," he wrote.

Still, Senate Democrats have not given up. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., told NBC News, "This is Day One."

"We're not going to give up. We're not going to go away," she said. "I don't want to go back to the old days where abortions occurred unsafely, women died. I'm going to keep fighting, and I want Americans fighting with us."

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