

BORN ALIVE BILL GETS A HEARING

On September 10, there was a congressional hearing on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. The bill has continuously been blocked by Democrats in the House from consideration.

According to Rep. Chris Smith, the bill “seeks to end or at least mitigate this egregious child abuse [allowing a baby born alive as a result of a botched abortion to die] by requiring that a health care provider must ‘exercise the same degree of professional skill, care and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as a reasonably diligent and conscientious health care practitioner would render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age or be fined and/or face up to five years in prison.’”

The bill does not seek to penalize the mother. Indeed, it explicitly says that no mother will ever be prosecuted. That is why Smith calls the bill “humane, pro-child human rights legislation” that “empowers the woman upon whom the abortion is performed to obtain appropriate relief in a civil action.” Regarding this last point, Smith cited the case of a woman who sought an abortion, but the baby was born alive. Her baby girl was born “gasping for air,” yet the abortion clinic owner decided to cut the umbilical cord. The baby was then thrown in the trash.

Most Americans would be appalled by such barbarism. But the media will never inform them of what is happening. It is a sure bet that there will be no “60 Minutes” segment depicting what happens following a botched abortion.