

“COMMON GROUND” SHOWDOWN

Representative Mike Pence has an amendment to the Labor-HHS appropriations bill that would bar Title X money to Planned Parenthood; a vote will be taken on it today. It is the subject of a news release by Catholic League president Bill Donohue:

This is it. We are now at *the* defining moment. All the chatter about “common ground” on abortion will come to a conclusion today. Will those self-identified anti-abortion Catholic individuals and groups that have abandoned legal strategies to combat abortion take the position that Title X money should not wind up in the pocket of Planned Parenthood? While Title X does not provide funding for abortion, everyone knows that money is fungible: by giving Planned Parenthood Title X funding, it effectively underwrites its abortion clinics.