

League Blasts U.S. House Vote on Abortion Coverage

The Catholic League condemned the May 11 vote by the House Education and Labor Health Subcommittee to keep abortion coverage as a basic benefit in President Clinton's Health Care bill. The League called the vote "an attack on the consciences of tens of millions of Americans."

Catholic League Operations Director C. J. Doyle stated: "If today's vote is sustained by the full House and by the Senate, then Catholics and other religious believers will be forced, contrary to their religious beliefs and their moral convictions, to subsidize abortion, something which they understand to be the taking of innocent human life. Subcommittee members have displayed an appalling disregard for the religious freedom rights of their fellow Americans. Respect for pluralism and diversity evidently does not extend to Catholics and others who hold traditional moral values."