

OKLAHOMA ABORTION LAW PROTECTS KIDS



Bill Donohue comments on a bill passed today by the Oklahoma legislature making it a felony for a doctor to perform an abortion:

It is up to Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin to sign this bill if it is to become law. Currently, it is a felony in Oklahoma for non-doctors to perform an abortion, so this bill simply adds doctors to the list. Quite frankly, it would be illogical not to do so: It is not the training of the abortionist that is the crux of the matter, it is the procedure, and its aftermath, that counts.

This bill would not apply in instances where the woman's life is in danger, or when a miscarriage warrants an operation; felony charges would not be brought against a doctor who performed an abortion in those cases. Unlike some other state laws that restrict abortion, this legislation does not make exceptions for rape, incest, or the woman's health (the latter is typically interpreted to cover her alleged emotional state, not her physical health).

The lawmaker who sponsored the bill, Sen. Nathan Dahm, said, "Since I believe that life begins at conception, it should be protected, and I believe it's a core function of state government to defend that life from the beginning of conception."

Noble though Sen. Dahm's statement is, all he had to say is, "Since life begins at conception..." There is no need to personalize his comment, citing his beliefs. Life obviously begins at conception—this is Biology 101. Those who maintain otherwise are advancing an unscientific argument, to say nothing of its morally objectionable nature.

The champions of abortion rights are on the wrong side of humanity. Change is not easy to accept, especially for those unaccustomed to thinking for themselves, but they need to get with it before the train of history leaves them standing at the station. Kids need to be protected, in and out of the womb.

Gov. Fallin needs to hear from you.

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