

**“TALKING POINTS” FOR SB 33 (Nevers) “To Ban Abortion”**

- (1) There is absolutely ***no*** rational, scientific, medical or ethical reason to deny the humanity of the unborn child from the moment of fertilization, then throughout his or her developmental period in the womb. This is *totally confirmed* by modern *in vitro* fertilization and DNA technologies.
- (2) Abortion is severely hurtful to women. In addition to post-abortive complications, including severe psychological dysfunction, decreased fertility, unplanned hysterectomy, bowel surgery and others, at least 470 maternal deaths have been recorded since legalization.
- (3) The initial legalization of abortion was effected through many deliberate misrepresentations of the biologic *facts* regarding early human life and his or her development in the womb.
- (4) Abortion’s legalization 33 years ago continues to destroy between 10,000 and 12,000 preborn children in Louisiana every year (11,224 in 2004). It has been directly responsible for the deaths of at least 46,000,000 such American children, with no end in sight.
- (5) According to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals’ official statistics on abortions in our State, only one (1!) of 43,157 abortions done here over the four year period from 2001-2003, was in the rape or incest category. That means that we sacrificed 43,156 unborn children for the principal reason used by many good people to rationalize to themselves that abortion should be legal – which is a pretty poor trade-off!
- (6) The Hippocratic Oath – which has long protected the *patient* in the practice of medicine – *prohibits abortion and euthanasia*. The physician attending a pregnant woman has legal responsibility for two patients – or more, in the case of twins or triplets, etc.
- (7) Medically licensed abortionists (who have chosen to abandon the Oath), remain marginalized out of medical or societal oversight.

In summary, I urge a strong vote *in favor* of Senator Nevers’ bill, SB33, and *thank you* for your attention!

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