

Military Abortion Policy: Vote on Burris Amendment
Senate Committee on the Armed Services

Current law contains restrictions on the use of Department of Defense funds to pay for abortion and restrictions on the use of military health care facilities to perform abortion:

10 USC Sec.1093. Performance of abortions: restrictions

(a) Restriction on Use of Funds. - Funds available to the Department of Defense may not be used to perform abortions except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term.

(b) Restriction on Use of Facilities. - No medical treatment facility or other facility of the Department of Defense may be used to perform an abortion except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or in a case in which the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest.

During markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (S. 3454) by the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Roland Burris (D-IL) offered an amendment to overturn that part of current law that places restrictions on the use of military facilities for abortion:

Section 1093 of title 10, United States Code, is amended-

(1) by striking subsection (b); and

(2) in subsection (a). by striking “RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.-”

On May 27, 2010, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved the Burris Amendment, 15-yes, 12-no, 1-not voting. “No” is the pro-life vote.

Key: X = Pro-life O = Pro-abortion nv = Not Voting

Democrats (Majority)

Carl Levin, <i>Chair, MI</i>	O
Robert C. Byrd, WV	O
Joseph I. Lieberman, CT	O
Jack Reed, RI	O
Daniel K. Akaka, HI	O
Bill Nelson, FL	O
Ben Nelson, NE	X
Evan Bayh, IN	O
Jim Webb, VA	O
Claire McCaskill, MO	O
Mark Udall, CO	O
Kay R. Hagan, NC	O
Mark Begich, AK	O
Roland W. Burris, IL	O
Jeff Bingaman, NM	O
Edward E. Kaufman, DE	O

Republicans (Minority)

John McCain, <i>Ranking Member, AZ</i>	X
James M. Inhofe, OK	X
Jeff Sessions, AL	X
Saxby Chambliss, GA	X
Lindsey Graham, SC	X
John Thune, SD	X
Roger F. Wicker, MI	X
George S. LeMieux, FL	X
Scott Brown, MA	X
Richard Burr, NC	X
David Vitter, LA	X
Susan M. Collins, ME	nv