



National Committee for a Human Life Amendment

Partial-Birth Abortion Debate in the Senate

March 10 -- March 13, 2003

The full Senate debate on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (S. 3) took place over four days and fills more than 100 pages in the *Congressional Record*. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) was the floor leader for support of the bill and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) was the leader for opposition. Sixteen senators spoke in support. Twenty-two senators spoke in opposition, either in regard to the whole bill or in regard to support for one or more opposition amendments.

The debate can be found in the *Congressional Record* at:

- March 10, 2003: [S3383-89](#), [S3390-99](#), [S3420](#)
- March 11, 2003: [S3422-29](#), [S3454](#), [S3456-63](#), [S3482-94](#)
- March 12, 2003: [S3560-S3614](#)
- March 13, 2003: [S3653-62](#)

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I. Amendments put forward by Senators who made pro-abortion statements:

- Text of Feinstein amendment [PDF](#) [text](#)
- Text of Durbin amendment [PDF](#) [text](#)
- Text of Harkin amendment [PDF](#) [text](#)
- Text of Murray amendment [PDF](#) [text](#)

II. Senators who made pro-abortion statements:

Senators are listed alphabetically by state. Links to their statements in the *Congressional Record* are to the right of the statements' description. All links are in PDF.

Arkansas

Blanche Lincoln (D)

1. Support Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3476](#) (3/11/03)

California

Barbara Boxer (D)

1. Response to Senator Santorum (R-PA) -- [S3385](#) - [S3387](#)(3/10/03)
2. General Statement -- [S3389](#) (3/10/03)
3. General Statement -- [S3392](#) - [S3393](#) (3/10/03)
4. Exchange with Senator DeWine (R-OH) -- [S3394](#), [S3395](#) (3/10/03)
5. Exchange with Senator Voinovich (R-OH) -- [S3397](#), [S3398](#) (3/10/03)
6. General Statement -- [S3459-S3461](#) (3/11/03)
7. Support Murray-Reid Amendment, Exchange with Senator Durbin (D-IL) -- [S3473](#), (3/11/03)
8. General Statement -- [S3474](#) (3/11/03)
9. Proposal to send bill to committee -- [S3560-S3562](#) (3/12/03)
10. Defense of Proposal to send bill to committee -- [S3565](#), [S3566](#) (3/12/03)
11. Exchange with Senator Durbin (D-IL) re: NE Statute -- [S3566-S3567](#) (3/12/03)
12. Statement re: NE Statute -- [S3570](#) (3/12/03)
13. General Statement -- [S3578](#) (3/12/03)
14. Defense of Proposal to send bill to committee -- [S3580](#) (3/12/03)
15. Submission of letters from women who have undergone PBA -- [S3592-S3597](#) (3/12/03)
16. Exchange with Senator Harkin (D-IA) -- [S3597](#) (3/12/03)
17. Questions directed at Senator Santorum (R-PA) -- [S3607](#), [S3608](#) (3/12/03)

Diane Feinstein (D)

1. Proposal of Feinstein Amendment -- [S3600-S3602](#) (3/12/03)
2. Defense of Feinstein Amendment -- [S3608](#), [S3609](#) (3/12/03)

Connecticut

Christopher Dodd (D)

1. Closing Statements -- [S3661](#), [S3662](#) (3/13/03)

Illinois

Richard Durbin (D)

1. Question to Senator Santorum (R-PA) re: Supreme Court Rejection of NE Statute -- [S3428](#), [S3429](#) (3/11/03)
2. Support of Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3468](#), [S3469](#), [S3470](#) (3/11/03)
3. General Statement -- [S3471](#) (3/11/03)
4. Exchange with Senator Boxer (D-CA) re: Legislative intervention in medicine -- [S3473](#) (3/11/03)
5. Challenge to Senator Santorum (R-PA) -- [S3475](#) (3/11/03)

6. Support of Durbin Amendment -- [S3479-S3482](#) (3/11/03)
7. Defense of Durbin Amendment -- [S3486](#), [S3487](#) (3/11/03)
8. Response to Senator Santorum (R-PA) re: health exception -- [S3487](#), [S3488](#) (3/11/03)
9. Defense of health exception -- [S3490](#) (3/11/03)
10. Response to Senator Santorum (R-PA) re: health exception -- [S3494](#) (3/11/03)
11. Exchange with Senator Boxer (D-CA) re: NE Statute -- [S3560-S3562](#) (3/12/03)
12. Statement re: NE Statute -- [S3566-S3568](#) (3/12/03)
13. Defense of Durbin Amendment -- [S3571-S3573](#) (3/12/03)
14. Support of Durbin Amendment -- [S3578](#), [S3579](#) (3/12/03)

Iowa

Tom Harkin (D)

1. Presentation of Harkin Amendment -- [S3581-S3583](#) (3/12/03)
2. Exchange with Senator Santorum (R-PA) -- [S3590](#), [S3591](#) (3/12/03)
3. Exchange with Senator Boxer (D-CA) -- [S3597](#) (3/12/03)
4. Defense of Harkin Amendment -- [S3599](#) (3/12/03)
5. Closing Statement -- [S3661](#) (3/13/03)

Louisiana

Mary Landrieu (D)

1. Support of Durbin Amendment -- [S3575](#) (3/12/03)

Maine

Susan Collins (R)

1. Support of Durbin Amendment -- [S3483](#) (3/11/03)

Olympia Snowe (R)

1. Support of Durbin Amendment -- [S3577](#) (3/12/03)

Massachusetts

Edward Kennedy (D)

1. Against ban on PBA -- [S3612-S3614](#) (3/12/03)
2. Against ban on PBA and support of Harkin Amendment -- [S3583](#), [S3584](#) (3/12/03)

Maryland

Barbara Mikulski (D)

1. Support of Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3483](#) (3/11/03)
2. Support of Durbin Amendment -- [S3575-S3577](#) (3/12/03)

Michigan

Debbie Stabenow (D)

1. Support for Feinstein Amendment -- [S3605](#), [S3606](#) (3/12/03)

New Jersey

Frank Lautenberg (D)

1. Support of Feinstein Amendment -- [S3603](#), [S3604](#) (3/12/03)
2. Defense of Feinstein Amendment -- [S3610](#) (3/12/03)

Jon Corzine (D)

1. General Statement, Support of Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3655](#) (3/13/03)

New York

Hillary Rodham Clinton (D)

1. General Statement -- [S3585-S3588](#) (3/12/03)
2. Exchange with Senator Santorum (R-PA) -- [S3588-S3590](#) (3/12/03)

Nevada

Harry Reid (D)

1. Support of Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3426-S3428](#) (3/11/03)
2. Support of Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3475-S3476](#) (3/11/03)
3. Support of Senator Boxer's (D-CA) motion to send bill to committee -- [S3561](#), [S3562](#) (3/12/03)

South Dakota

Tom Daschle (D)

1. In favor of Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3425](#), [S3426](#) (3/11/03)
2. General closing statements -- [S3660](#), [S3661](#) (3/13/03)

Vermont

Patrick Leahy (D)

1. Support of Senator Boxer's (D-CA) motion to send bill to committee -- [S3570](#), [S3571](#) (3/12/03)

James Jeffords (I)

1. Opposition to ban on PBA -- [S3611](#), [S3612](#) (3/12/03)

Washington

Maria Cantwell (D)

1. In favor of Harkin Amendment -- [S3598](#), [S3599](#) (3/12/03)

Patty Murray (D)

1. Presentation of more pressing matters Senate should address -- [S3387](#) (3/10/03)
2. Promoted Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3423](#), [S3424](#), [S3425](#) (3/11/03)03)
3. Support Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3468](#) (3/11/03)
4. Support Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3475](#) (3/11/03)
5. Support Murray-Reid Amendment -- [S3478](#) (3/11/03)

West Virginia

John Rockefeller (D)

1. Closing Statements -- [S3662](#) (3/13/03)