

Committee Eliminates Bartlett Amendment

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — A Senate-passed amendment which would have prohibited use of federal funds for abortion except to save the life of the mother has been eliminated from the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare appropriations measure.

The action was taken by Senate and House conferees amid charges by a supporter of the amendment, Sen. Jesse A. Helms (R-N.C.), that it "would appear HEW and the Congressional

Research Service are rapidly becoming an extension division of the Pro-Abortion Lobby."

The Senate had approved by a voice vote last September the amendment which had been introduced by Sen. Dewey F. Bartlett (R-Okla.) with seven co-sponsors. One of his aides said here that it "doesn't appear the Senate will vote against the (Senate-House) conference report, as we don't have the support we need to defeat it."

At this point, only the House of

Representatives could refer the conferees' report back to the Senate-House Conference Committee, but Sen. Bartlett's aide was not hopeful that would happen either, and approval of the report by both houses of Congress is expected.

However, Sen. Bartlett is asking for hearings on the use for abortions of funds appropriated for the Departments of Labor and HEW, and while it is doubtful such hearings by a Senate committee can be scheduled this session, his representative said he will likely ask again for hearings during the next session.

The Congressional Research Service had earlier been asked for an analysis of the con-

stitutionality of the Bartlett amendment, and reported that, "In view of recent court decisions involving the attempts of states to similarly withhold funds for abortions, and other decisions in closely related areas, it would appear that the constitutionality of the Bartlett amendment is open to serious question."

The analysis added that the amendment "conflicts with the 1973 Supreme Court decisions in Roe and Doe and the lower court rulings interpreting these cases, and would violate the equal protection and due process protections of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments" to the U.S. Constitution.

Sen. Bartlett replied that

"merely because the Supreme Court has ruled that abortion is legal does not justify a conclusion that Congress must pay for the abortions. The Supreme Court has no authority to order the Congress to appropriate money for anything."

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Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

What's new?

Placebo: According to my source it is from the Latin, meaning 'I shall please.' Deceive (also from the Latin) means to catch or ensnare. Both words, frequently together, have been in circulation for centuries. But in practical application a third element must be present in order for the two to become fruitful response. Something or someone must respond.

A delicately detailed 17th century engraving by the Dutch artist Jan van de Velde shows the interrelationship of the trio of words. The title, which is magnificently scripted with flourishes and serifs in both Dutch and Latin, reads 'The Public Wants To Be Deceived.' A clutch of people is curled in a half circle at a small side-walk table on which a merchant has displayed his medical placebos. A factory belches smoke a short distance behind them.

In obvious contrast to the grimy surroundings, a foppish young man stands to the left, his hand resting softly on his chest. He seems to lean back just a bit as though in awe, and his empty gaze is toward the table. A plumed wide-brim hat is set at a rakish angle over carefully waved locks which in turn cover his ears. His lips are pursed and there is not a single hair on his smooth face. Five dozen pearl buttons hold his vest. Knee-level sashes tie his pantaloons above silk hose, and his high-heeled slippers are tied in artistic bows. The heel of one is tucked into the arch of the other so that his feet are at right angles to each other. Presumably he is escorting (or is escorted by) the plump woman to his left, a moon-faced older person, flat chested and corseted. Her eyebrows are plucked thin, narrow pinched mouth set between porcelain cheeks and her hair held tightly beneath an elaborate headpiece which trails in precise folds to her shoes. Her manicured hands are slightly raised in anticipation of new wonders, and her eyes are intent on the placebos before her. With the satin fulness of her exquisite skirts she, like the young man, is in stark contrast with the area and people surrounding her.

At her left elbow, an old man whose eyes hold the sadness of his years. His long, full beard is carefully combed, but his gaze is not directed at the table. It is instead off toward his unfinished past, a fixed stare. His hat of straw testifies to many lean and lost winters.

A fourth figure is that of another young man whose creased hat seems more askew than rakish, and whose crude

apron covers a coarse shirt. The collar is twisted, probably as a result of hurried dressing. His left hand shows no wedding band, hair clipped, ears exposed. His feet are set to step forward there is no hesitation in this fellow. He is already counting his coins to purchase the promise.

Only the ugly merchant himself, a bald middle aged hatless mountain, is aware of the artist. The merchant stares defiantly straight into the eyes of centuries of onlookers as he alone is watchful. He alone is alert. Only he, with his enormous belly and deer-skin clad feet, appreciates the fullness of the moment. Because only this man profits from the exchange. His fist on his hip, his stance firm and certain, his smile contemptuous for he is in control.

So nothing's new. Nothing's changed.

Placebo. Deceit. Response. They have flourished since the apple trees blossomed in the Garden of Eden. And as long as mankind is eager to buy his way out of responsibility, the philological trio will continue to flourish.

As long as we buy the old chestnut that we must morally accept abortion because a majority of Americans has accepted it (when in fact referendums as well as congressional and state actions have shown that indeed Americans have not accepted abortion), as long as we tolerate the philosophy which teaches that moral conviction begins with moral compromise; as long as our politicians prefer fences and our churchmen prefer silence as long as our school superintendents support children's relief agencies such as UNICEF, which feeds some children while supporting the systematic prevention and destruction of 'unwants' as long as we allow Planned Parenthood to promote the books which encourage premarital intercourse and then finance a \$4 million crusade to combat the epidemic of teen pregnancy, the deadly trio will flourish on a grand scale.

I suggest that you request documentation from your writers. I suggest that you learn the truths about abortion/euthanasia. I suggest that you stand and speak for the sanctity of all human life from the moment of fertilization to the moment after natural death, not indeed from about 3 months gestation to about 64 years. Walk in the March For Life next month. Look beyond the placebic phrases of your congressmen and demand over and over again that they take a public stand for or against abortion/euthanasia. Prod your ministers and priests and bishops and archbishops to enter the painful arena of genuine moral leadership.

For as long as we are willing to buy old chestnuts, as sure as God made history, there will be merchants around to sell the stuff.

The truth is seldom painless, seldom without cost, and seldom expressed.

[Documentation Sources available on request.]

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