

(PRO-LIFE)

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POSITION PAPER ON ABORTION

Senator Thompson has a strong pro-life voting record in the Senate. He has consistently voted against federal funding of abortion, except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger. In addition, he voted for legislation that would ban partial-birth abortions. He supports states' efforts to place restrictions on abortion, such as parental notification and 48-hour waiting periods.

Beyond that, Senator Thompson has said that the federal government should not be involved in the issue of abortion. He does not believe that early-term abortions should be criminalized, but feels instead that this is a battle that must be won in the hearts and minds of the American people.

Examples of Senator Thompson's votes on the issue of abortion include:

- * FY 96 Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations: Senator Thompson voted for an amendment that would prohibit the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) from paying for abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger. (1st session, Vote #370)
- * FY 96 Commerce-State-Justice Appropriations: Sen. Thompson voted to table an amendment which sought to strike out the bill's prohibition on taxpayer-funded abortions for women in federal prison. (1st session, Vote #478)
- * Balanced Budget Act (Reconciliation): Senator Thompson voted to keep in the bill language prohibiting federal funding of abortion through the Medicaid program except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger (the Hyde Amendment). (1st session, Vote # 539)
- * FY 96 Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senator Thompson voted repeatedly to retain language in the bill prohibiting foreign aid money from going to organizations that perform or promote abortions. This is consistent with his opposition to using U.S. taxpayer money for abortions, either here or abroad. (1st session, Votes #561, 575, 456)
- * Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act: Sen. Thompson voted for the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act. (1st session, Vote # 596)
- * FY 96 Omnibus Appropriations: Sen. Thompson voted for an amendment that would prohibit the federal government from discriminating against graduate medical education programs that do not perform abortion training. (2nd session, Vote #39)
- * FY 97 Defense Authorization: Senator Thompson voted to table an amendment which struck the bill's prohibition on abortion at overseas military hospitals. This is consistent with the Senator's position against the use of federal funding and federal facilities for abortion. (2nd session, Vote #163)

(PRO-CHOICE)

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Senator Thompson is opposed to federal funding of abortion, except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger. He supported legislation banning partial-birth abortions, and he supports states' efforts to place restrictions on abortion, such as parental notification and 48-hour waiting periods.

Beyond that, Senator Thompson has said that the federal government should not be involved in the issue of abortion. He does not believe that early-term abortions should be criminalized. He feels instead that this is a battle that must be won in the hearts and minds of the American people.

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