

Mr. President.

This evening the United States Senate will be voting on the most extreme legislation on abortion ever considered in the history of this body.

The deceptively named “Women’s Health Protection Act” is more accurately called the “Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act.”

This bill would force every single state to be a late-term abortion state.

The bill allows abortion up until the very moment of birth itself.

This is simply infanticide.

This legislation goes beyond “codifying” the wrongly decided *Roe v. Wade* case, and would ban many life-saving State laws currently in effect that limit abortion, and enjoy broad support from Americans I might add.

When our Founding Fathers laid out the founding principles of America in the Declaration of Independence, they talked about Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

You can’t have liberty and the pursuit of happiness without first having that unalienable right given by God, and that is the right to life.

The “Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act” would impose a horrifying abortion regime across the land that violates the right to life and is completely contrary to the kind of nation America is and aspires to be.

In this bill’s America, every state, despite the voices of its own citizens, would become New York or California where abortion is celebrated and unborn children are denied the most basic human rights.

In this bill's America, a pregnant mother could elect to have a birth-day abortion for a full-term, eight-pound baby on the day of the baby's due date.

In this bill's America, late-term abortions could be committed on demand through brutal dismemberment procedures, in which the unborn child bleeds and feels excruciating pain as she dies from being pulled apart limb from limb.

In this bill's America, an unborn baby could be cruelly targeted for abortion simply because the parents learned she was a girl, or that she may have Down syndrome.

In this bill's America, parents would not know, or have any say over, whether their young daughter has a life-altering abortion.

In this bill's America, vulnerable women and girls could receive dangerous do-it-yourself chemical abortion drugs by mail without ever seeing a doctor in-person.

In this bill's America, pregnant mothers would be denied the opportunity to see ultrasounds of their babies.

In this bill's America, a doctor or nurse who doesn't want to perform an abortion could be forced to do so in violation of his or her deeply-held moral and religious beliefs.

In this bill's America, we would be one of only seven countries, including brutal regimes like North Korea and China that allow abortion on demand after 5 months of pregnancy.

In this bill's America, a baby bald eagle or a baby sea turtle still in its egg shell would be protected under federal law while an unborn child at ANY stage of pregnancy could be brutally killed with no repercussions for the abortionist.

In a nutshell, this radical bill would make the United States of America one of the most dangerous places in the world to be an unborn child.

According to a Marist poll last month, the overwhelming majority of Americans reject abortion on demand up to birth, and especially its imposition by the Federal government on the States.

71% of Americans – including 70% of Independents and 49% of Democrats – want abortion to be limited, at most, to the first three months of pregnancy.

61% of Americans say abortion should either be illegal or policy decisions should be up to the States.

Rather than listen to the American people, who don't want late-term abortion or a Federal abortion mandate, the "Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act" would enshrine in Federal law the most far-reaching goals of the predatory abortion industry.

We are just a few weeks or months away from a pivotal point in our nation's history.

I pray in the *Dobbs* Mississippi late-term abortion case we will see the Supreme Court right an historic injustice and overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

This would return the power to protect unborn children to the People's Representatives at the State and Federal levels, to modernize our laws to catch up with great advances in science, technology and medicine that indisputably show the humanity of a child in the womb.

Instead, the "Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act" ignores the science entirely—and would erase unborn children and even the most modest protections for their right to life from the laws of every state.

It's completely indefensible, extreme, and an egregious violation of the most fundamental of human rights: the right to life.

I pray that my colleagues reject this horrific and barbaric legislation and take a stand for the most vulnerable among us.

I yield the floor.