

Dobbs / Leak Floor Remarks

At the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994, St. Mother Teresa famously said:
"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child."

She went on to say: *"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."*

I agree.

It's shameful that Democrats and pro-abortion activists have resorted to despicable tactics, some even illegal and violent, in a last-ditch effort to intimidate the Justices in the *Dobbs* case to get the outcome that they want.

What began with the unprecedented leak of the draft majority opinion last Monday, has quickly devolved into protesting at the justices' homes, threatening and disrupting church services, vandalizing pregnancy resource centers that offer support services to pregnant moms, and even throwing Molotov cocktails at the offices of a pro-life organization.

It's chilling, and it's unacceptable.

We cannot let the far Left's outrageous behavior obscure the fact that the *Dobbs* draft opinion authored by Justice Samuel Alito is a triumph for the Constitution and the rule of law.

There is no right to abortion in the text, history, or structure of our nation's founding document—and the draft opinion masterfully marshals 98 pages of argument and evidence to demonstrate this fact.

This watershed decision would be a tremendous victory for the fight for life, and turn the page on a dark chapter of our nation's history in which more than 62 million unborn children have been tragically killed.

If the draft opinion stands, and I pray that it does, it transfers that power from unelected judges and gives it back to the American people and their elected representatives to enact compassionate laws that protect unborn babies and their mothers.

If the Democrats exploiting the unprecedented leak of the majority draft opinion to stir up their far-Left base and intimidate Justices isn't bad enough, they are now trying to pass a radical bill to impose abortion on demand without limits across the entire country, even up to the moment of birth.

Leader Chuck Schumer has once again scheduled a vote for tomorrow on the "Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act."

This barbaric, radical abortion bill would mandate that every single state be a late-term abortion state like California or New York, where unborn children can be brutally aborted up until the very moment of birth.

Let me say that again, the Democrats want to allow abortion up until the very moment of birth itself.

This is simply infanticide.

The Democrats' radical abortion bill would confer special benefits on the predatory abortion industry, and eliminate popular state laws that protect both preborn children and their mothers.

Commonsense laws requiring parental involvement in abortions for minors, health and safety standards for abortion facilities, informed consent laws, late-term abortion limits, bans on sex-selective or down syndrome-selective abortions, and conscience protections for doctors who don't want to perform abortions – all would be eliminated.

Under the Democrats' radical abortion bill, an unhatched sea turtle would have more protections than an unborn human baby.

Currently under federal law, if you take or destroy the eggs or hatchlings of a sea turtle, the criminal penalties are severe: up to a \$100,000 fine and a year in prison.

Why? Well, because, you would be killing preborn baby sea turtles.

Yet, when it comes to a preborn *human* baby, rather than a sea turtle, that baby would be stripped of all protections—in all 50 states—under the Democrats’ bill.

Is that the America the Left wants?

I would ask my Democratic colleagues if the preborn child in the womb is not a living human being, then what is it?

Unborn babies feel pain. They have a heartbeat. They smile, and they yawn.

In a telling ‘slip of the tongue,’ President Biden himself admitted that abortion involves a *child*. A child!

This is in fact the truth and the brutal reality of abortion—every abortion kills a precious child... the Democrats have just tried for decades to avoid admitting this.

The science is absolutely clear – it’s come a long way since 1973.

It’s time for the law to catch up with great advances in science, technology and medicine that indisputably show the humanity of unborn children.

Instead, however, the Democrats’ radical abortion bill denies the science.

It would completely erase preborn children from the law.

Under the Democrats' bill, a preborn child, simply for the crime of being "unwanted", or "inconvenient", or "unplanned", could be subjected to brutal dismemberment procedures, in which the unborn child bleeds and feels excruciating pain as she dies from being pulled apart limb from limb.

The Democrats' abortion bill would codify an extreme abortion regime that is aligned with brutal nations such as China and North Korea –which would impose abortion up until the moment of birth without any limits in all 50 states.

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

In tomorrow's vote, I pray that my colleagues reject this horrific and barbaric legislation and take a stand for the most vulnerable among us.

As the Justices continue to deliberate in the *Dobbs* case, I pray that the Court resists the intimidation tactics of the far Left.

By sticking to the Constitution, and repudiating the unprincipled and abominable *Roe* and *Casey* decisions, the Court has the opportunity to make history and strike a blow for justice for the most defenseless among us.

The American people, those born and millions yet unborn, deserve nothing less.

I yield back my time.