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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 19, 1983

Dear Henry:

In the decade since the tragic United States Supreme Court decision which legalized "abortion on demand" nationwide, you have championed the right to life of the unborn forcefully and effectively. Largely as a result of your leadership, the Congress has moved to redress the fundamental wrong perpetrated by the abortion cases by adopting legislation to virtually eliminate Federal funding of abortion. This policy, which has come to bear your name, is now the policy of my Administration as well. For this, you have my personal thanks, and I am sure the enduring gratitude of the American people.

As the 98th Congress now begins its work, the question of the appropriate Federal role in this whole area will once again be considered. We who share belief in the sanctity of human life must work to ensure maximum protection for unborn babies.

I share your convictions and your sense of urgency on this issue. Although it may be difficult to reconcile the several approaches that have been proposed to deal with abortion in the new Congress, we can at least agree that past protections should be preserved and extended as the minimum goal of our efforts. So, I am pleased that you have already introduced, on January 6th of this year, the Respect Human Life Act of 1983 which will codify as permanent law various Congressional provisions designed to protect innocent human life and which will provide the states with a compelling interest to take similar action. It is particularly encouraging to note that your legislation directly addresses the problem of infanticide as well, by making clear the right of all children, including handicapped children, to appropriate medical treatment.

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Be sure that you, and all those who share your dedication to protecting innocent human life, will have my continuing support in the new Congress.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

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1300 - 1308 East 50th Street
Los Angeles, California 90011

Rev. Edward V. Hill, B.S., LL.D., Pastor

235-2103

Contact: Reverend St. George I. B. Crosse
(301) 655-0174

BLACK MINISTERS CONDEMN ABORTION AS GENOCIDE AND PRAISE REAGAN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THE ISSUE

"More black babies are being killed by abortion, and more black women, men and children suffer the psychological consequences than members of any other group," said the Reverend Edward V. Hill, the Pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

"And this is occurring," he said, "despite the fact that polls show black people to be more strongly against abortion than other groups."

According to Reverend Hill, "Subtle coercion in a new welfare plantation system is continuing where slavery left off to destroy black family structures." He said Roe v. Wade, the 1973 case in which the U.S. Supreme Court overturned all state laws regulating abortions, is "destined to join Dred Scott v. Sandford, and Plessy v. Ferguson as another monument of judicial arrogance, error and unconstitutional action."

In a letter to each congressman and senator and the President, Reverend Hill said that the present government policy of abortion on demand is having a negative impact on racial minorities and he urged Congressional and Executive action to stop the deadly effects of legalized abortion on the black family.

To support his claims, Reverend Hill sent each member of Congress and the President a copy of a legal brief recently submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, written by the League's General Counsel Patrick Monaghan and Notre Dame University Law Professor Charles E. Rice.

One of the arguments in the brief is that the state, in financing and legalizing abortions, discriminates against minorities because the effect of this sponsorship is the killing of a significant part of a generation and the continuing shrinking of the minority.

MORE

IF YOU HAVE THE FAITH GOD HAS THE POWER

Reverend Hill told the members of Congress and the President that the United States can no more "escape judgment for the abomination of abortion on demand than it did for slavery."

"Each of us," he said, "is the product of a distressful pregnancy at some point in our chain of existence. We were the unwanted of Europe, Asia and Africa. If we betray our heritage of bravery, hardship and honor by telling the child there is no room in the inn, we will find we are a people without destiny, and that there is no room for us in the stars."

"For the Lord's babies across the land," Reverend Hill thanked and praised the President for his "leadership in the abortion fight."

The letter and brief were distributed in Washington by the Reverend St. George Crosse, Pastor of St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland and the President and founder of the Society for the Advancement of Families Everywhere, a group whose goal is to warn the black community about abortion and drugs.

Reverend Crosse opened the Washington press conference announcing the distribution of Reverend Hill's letter and the legal brief to Congress and the Executive with the statement:

Abortion's genocidal design and inhumanity were recognized at Nuremberg and the encouragement of abortion among Jewish and East European women by National Socialism was prosecuted as a war crime. Yet the Supreme Court which gave us "separate but equal" segregation and is still trying to correct its original mistake, then in 1973 tried to foist off a war crime as a fundamental constitutional right. We are here to announce to the established liberal power structure in both parties that we see through their murderous assault on the lives of black babies, women and men. The old class forces of reaction once used the filibuster to try to deny us our God-given rights to dignity and now the new class forces of reaction use the filibuster to try to deny us our God-given rights to life itself. We proclaim a New Emancipation Proclamation for ourselves. We are going to fight.

The Reverend Edward V. Hill is a member of the Board of Directors of the Billy Graham Association, a visiting professor at the California Graduate School of Theology and a life member of the NAACP and the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.

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PRESS CONFERENCE

September 13, 1982
Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

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Los Angeles, California 90011

Rev. Edward V. Hill, B.S., L.L.D., Pastor

235-2103

Sample Letter to Congress

The recent debates on the Voting Rights Act gave much attention to the "effects" test in reviewing government policies to determine whether they were discriminatory. In this connection, pages 19-26 of the enclosed amicus brief prepared by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights on the abortion cases pending before the Supreme Court are brought to your attention. Like the amicus brief presented by the Solicitor General, this brief confronts the fundamental error of Roe v. Wade — a case destined to join Dred Scott v. Sandford and Plessy v. Ferguson as another monument of judicial arrogance, error and unconstitutional action.

It is clear that present government policies of abortion on demand have a disproportionate effect on racial minorities: more black babies are being killed by abortion and more black women, men and children suffer the psychological consequences than members of any other group. This is occurring despite the fact that polls show black people to be more strongly against abortion than other groups. Subtle coercion in a new welfare plantation system is continuing where slavery left off to destroy black family structures. This new war on the black family benefits a new breed of college-educated overseers.

"I have a dream . . ." was Martin Luther King's cry for human rights — again that claim is being brought before you. Abortion is not part of the dream of redemption born of the suffering of the black soul in America.

Now is the time for a more searching Congressional inquiry along the lines of an effects test on the Court-imposed abortion on demand policies, and for action by Congress and the Executive.

As my brother, the Reverend Richard John Neuhaus, has pointed out, Roe v. Wade is an attempt to govern by separating law from morality and asserting law simply as law, and ". . . the reason why Roe v. Wade has been repudiated by the American people, and why it will eventually be turned around, is that for the first time in American jurisprudence, it was explicitly stated that it is possible to address these issues of ultimate importance without any reference to the Judeo-Christian tradition that has always been the primary source of public values in America."

IF YOU HAVE THE FAITH GOD HAS THE POWER

In the Pledge of Allegiance, it is recognized we are "under God." To be under God means to be under judgment and to acknowledge God to Whom we are held accountable.

Abraham Lincoln in his Second Inaugural spoke of the judgment of God on our nation:

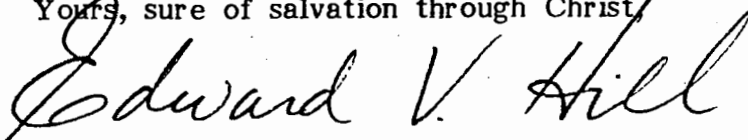
The Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" He gives to both North and South, this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offence [of American Slavery] came . . . Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue, until all the wealth piled by the bond-man's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash, shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether"

Are there any who think that our country will escape judgment for the abomination of abortion on demand any more than we escaped judgment for slavery? If God wills that every drop of blood drawn by the scalpel will be paid by another drawn by the sword then we, too, with Abraham Lincoln, ". . . as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said 'the judgments of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether.' "

I call to you leaders of man's government, the covenant of God to Moses — "I call heaven and earth to witness against you that today I have set before you life or death, blessing or curse. . . . Oh that you would choose life that you and your children might live."

We stand in the tradition of Abraham in the desert and Abraham on the prairie. We must be true to our very being. We are a people whose forbears with hope and faith, mine in chains, in small, frail, crowded boats, crossed the oceans when they were wider than the stars are now far. Each of us is the product of a distressful pregnancy at some point in our chain of existence. We were the unwanted of Europe, Asia, and Africa. If we betray our heritage of bravery, hardship, and honor by telling the child there is no room in the inn — we will find we are a people without destiny, and there is no room for us in the stars.

Yours, sure of salvation through Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward V. Hill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Edward V. Hill, Pastor

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEP 22 1982

Date 9/22/82

To: Elizabeth Dole *ML*

From: Morton C. Blackwell

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the President

_____ Please prepare draft for
Elizabeth Dole's signature

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my signature

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*then to
pro-life file*

Pro-Life

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 14, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR RED CAVANEY

THRU: DIANA LOZANO

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Participants at Jim Baker Meeting 2:00 p.m.
September 14, 1982

The five right-to-life leaders who will attend this meeting are coming to express thanks for Administration efforts in behalf of cloture against the Packwood filibuster. They will also have some thoughts with respect to how we can win cloture.

While it is true that the major pro-life organizations are united now in the battle for cloture, there remains some dislike based on the old rivalry between the Helms Human Life Bill and the Hatch Constitutional Amendment. On one side, for Helms, was the American Life Lobby, Christian Action Council, Ad Hoc Committee for Defense of Life (Life Letter), the March for Life, and Life Amendment Political Action Committee.

On the other side were National Right to Life Committee (the largest pro-life organization), National Pro-Life Political Action Committee, Paul Weyrich's Coalitions for America, and the U. S. Catholic Conference. All these were primarily pro-Hatch.

This meeting is in a way symbolic of the unity which has now been achieved. With the exception of Robert Dugan of National Association of Evangelicals, who has not been very partisan for either Hatch or Helms, the people requesting this meeting in favor of the Helms proposal are all part of the old pro-Hatch group.

I expect these people, in addition to expressing thanks, to make the following points:

1. They do not trust Senator Howard Baker to continue to press for cloture.
2. They will undoubtedly have an updated list of Senators whom the President and other Administration officials should concentrate on.

3. They will emphasize the importance of a credible Administration effort. There will be many close elections this fall. The militant pro-life activists at the grassroots are disproportionately Democrat by heritage, and pro-life identification therefore benefits Republicans much more than Democrats.

Given to Mr. James A. Baker for meeting - 9/14/82

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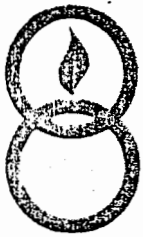
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Monday, Sept. 13 (noon)

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
The White House Office
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Morton:

As you know, the second cloture vote on the Helms pro-life amendment will occur this afternoon at 4 p.m. We expect to once again fall well short of the necessary 60 votes, due in part to absenteeism.

On behalf of the individuals below, I request a meeting tomorrow morning, Tuesday, Sept. 14, with Chief of Staff James A. Baker III, for the purpose of thanking Mr. Baker for the White House's efforts to date and reviewing the Senate situation in anticipation of the third crucial cloture vote on Wednesday. We face a tough fight on Wednesday, but I believe that we can win with a coordinated effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

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*Preceded by Baker
visit*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEP 14 1982

September 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU:

DIANA LOZANO *Diana*

FROM:

MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

At a meeting of pro-life and pro-prayer groups Friday evening, a list was prepared whom these organization leaders want the President to call before the third cloture vote on Wednesday. *TL*

The Senators are:

John Tower
Jack Schmitt
Nicholas Brady
Ted Stevens
Alan Simpson
Mark Andrews



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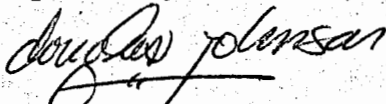
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EHD:

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EVANGELICALS

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at the prelife meeting
tomorrow!*

September 9, 1982

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Elizabeth:

As Lynne and I left Washington for a week in New England, on August 28, we drove away in a particularly happy frame of mind. That morning's Washington Post had announced the appointment of Dee Jepsen as Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison for Women's Organizations.

As you know, Dee is a warm friend of ours, and we see her as personable, articulate, and competent. Most important, Dee's biblical moral values are strongly held, and concur with the President and the majority of the American people.

Thank you for your role in this strategic appointment. Lynne joins in sending warmest greetings to you.

Faithfully yours,

Robert P. Dugan, Jr.
Director

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INSIGHT



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Washington, DC / September, 1982
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Dear Evangelical Friend:

Did you notice how many major votes in Congress last month were very close? The Senate approved the Balanced Budget Amendment by two more than the required 2/3, 69-31. The House substituted the President's version for the earlier nuclear weapons freeze proposal which Reagan opposed, 204-202. The House approved the President's tax adjustment bill raising \$98.3 billion by 226-207. The Senate passed it 52-47. The last two may seem like wide margins, but shifts by ten Representatives or by three Senators would have reversed the outcome.

Are November's congressional elections important? You have just read evidence that they are. Amazingly, the general public has never really seen that picture. Voting percentages have been declining in off-year elections. In 1966, 45.4% of the voting-age populace turned out. In '70, '74, and '78, 43.5%, 35.8%, and 34.5% voted. That's incredible. And deplorable. The flip side, however, is that the lower the turnout the more your vote counts. Only evangelicals with a note from their doctor should omit voting on November 2.

NOW OR NEVER As far as this 97th Congress is concerned, with plans to adjourn in early October, September is make-or-break month for school prayer and antiabortion legislation. There is a complex web of amendments attached to the Debt-Ceiling bill, which must be adopted by the last day of September lest government grind to a halt. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) leads the strategy, with his peerless grasp of Senate rules, as he has done for years on these issues.

Those who yearn to see Congress take a stand for righteousness, protecting the lives of preborn children, must determine to read and listen to the news every day. Contact on specific votes may be needed within 24 hours. Meantime, concerned evangelicals will communicate to their two Senators and their only Representative their opposition to abortion on demand, and their support for the Helms Human Life Bill, the Hatch Amendment, and the Hatfield Abortion Funding Restriction Bill. Mailgrams and letters are better than postcards or petitions. Helms' prayer proviso would divest federal courts from jurisdiction over prayer cases. It thus differs from the President's Amendment.

EXCUSED?

If you live in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, or South Dakota, you are excused from paying close attention to any U.S. Senate race this year. Your state has no such contest. If you live in any other of the 33 states, you should be learning about competing candidates in order to vote intelligently in November. Note a trend. From 1950-1980, 75% of the Senators seeking reelection were successful. More recently, though, only 60% of those seeking reelection from 1976-1980 retained their seats. Of the 31 Senators currently campaigning to stay in the upper body, statistically 8-12 of them will lose. How important is that? The 1982 races may determine which party controls the Senate for the rest of the 80's.

NOBODY'S EXCUSED

When it comes to the House of Representatives, all 435 seats are up for grabs. Traditionally, the party controlling the White House in a non-presidential election year invariably loses seats in the House. Only 1902 and 1934 provide exceptions to that pattern in the last century. As Members rush home in October, some will be praying that constituents will be unaware of certain controversial votes they've cast. Their fervent wish is often granted. Millions of citizens regularly vote without the foggiest notion of their Representative's voting record, even on issues very important to them. Not you, we hope. Attend meetings where incumbents and challengers are speaking. Shake hands. Look them in the eye. Ask questions. Never rely solely on media coverage. Stop by campaign headquarters and pick up all the literature you can get. If impressed by a candidate for office, why not offer to work in his or her campaign? The ways to help are fun, but most importantly you will join that minority of political activists who literally shape history.

IMMIGRATION LAWS CHANGING

The most profound change in immigration law in 30 years awaits House action. The Immigration Reform and Control Act passed the Senate in mid-August by 81-18. Intended to curb the flow of illegal aliens into the U.S., it provides sanctions against employers who knowingly hire them. On the other hand, it gives amnesty to millions of illegals who arrived before 1977. The pendulum swinging between humanitarianism and self-preservation seems to be moving toward border control. Politically, that is understandable. Our welfare programs are burdened and competition for jobs, in a time of high unemployment, seems especially threatening.

NAE got involved at the request of its humanitarian agency, World Relief. That gave official Washington opportunity to discover the relationship between NAE and World Relief, which in resettling 32,000 refugee entrants since 1979 has become the nation's fourth largest such agency. In several ways, our Office of Public Affairs contacted Senators about the Huddleston Amendment, which would have put refugees and immigrants into a single numerical quota, eventually pitting refugees seeking to survive against immigrants wanting to reunify their families. The Senate defeated the Huddleston Amendment as we urged. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) in remarks to the Senate inserted NAE's letter to him into the Congressional Record.

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PEACEFUL AND POTENT DEMONSTRATION According to Rep. Tony Hall (D-OH), Americans throw away about 20% of our national food production each year. To illustrate the problem and to produce support for a bipartisan resolution encouraging distribution of waste food to the needy, Hall and other Congressmen ate well indeed at noon on July 28. Every item in their gourmet luncheon had been scavenged from supermarket dumpsters. The story got a big play in the media. One result: Washington's largest grocery chain is now distributing unsold perishable foods to the poor rather than simply dumping them. Evangelicals could learn from the politicians. Constructive demonstrations, with media attention, are mighty persuasive. Incidentally, the Old Testament prophets often demonstrated.

IMPORTANT SET OF HEARINGS To the best of our knowledge, such hearings have never been held before. We refer to a series conducted this year by the Human Rights Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, on "Religious Persecution as a Violation of Human Rights." Chaired by Rep. Don Bonker (D-WA), the hearings have considered such violations as those involving Bahais in Iran, Pentecostals, Jews, and the Siberian Seven in the USSR and Eastern Europe, and Coptic Christians in Egypt. Further sessions are planned on the persecution of Protestants in Asia.

NAE applauds Bonker and his staff, for evangelicals believe that religious freedom is derived from God. So the Declaration of Independence states. In societies that tamper with religious liberty, it is unlikely that political liberty will be respected. Religious convictions are quite properly one source for criticism of the social order.

WHAT WE TESTIFIED . Our testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee was the only one, pro or con, to suggest amending the President's Voluntary School Prayer Amendment to the Constitution. While supporting the proposal, we suggested that it be broadened to include "other religious activity." Such a change would permit persons of every faith, or no faith, to participate in religious instruction, debates, or panel presentations using school facilities, with the appeal of the program rather than the influence of the state dictating attendance. At the same time, we suggested that the amendment be narrowed, by prohibiting the states from influencing the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity. In its present wording, government-composed prayer would be allowed. Four of the five religious leaders in favor of the amendment agreed with us in not wishing to have governmental bodies devise "acceptable" prayers.

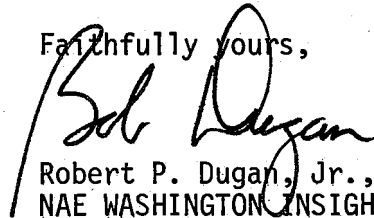
HOW CAN WE HELP?

That's what we're being asked. The President will be gratified and so are we, that many evangelical churches and associations desire to share in the work of the Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives (PSI). Churches could well take the leadership in their communities, calling together other organizations, businesses, and elected officials, to develop coalitions aimed at identifying and solving social problems. Conversations with the mayor or county supervisors are a good place to start. Additionally, you could become involved with the Governor's Task Force in your state. Call us at 202/628-7911 so that we can give you the name and number of the PSI contact appointed by your governor. Evangelicals could well be part of the "safety net" for society's needy people.

NOT QUITE YET Are balanced federal budgets right around the corner? Negative. If and when the Balanced Budget Amendment is ratified by 38 states, it would take effect "for the second fiscal year after its ratification." Its chief immediate effect would be a healthy psychological one upon the economy, if Congress makes living within our means a national objective. Matching future revenues to outlays is a hazardous business. For the last five years, both the Administration and the Congressional Budget Office have been way off target in predicting deficits. Will they suddenly become prescient?

Meantime, the House has yet to give its approval. Opponents will not likely prevent passage. Why? It may be a "long, long time from May to December," as the song says, but it isn't long from September to November. Voters will remember how their Representative was recorded on a Balanced Budget rollcall. Still, the Amendment could be derailed if the House passes a different version from the Senate, with opponents counting on a deadlocked joint conference committee.

Faithfully yours,



Robert P. Dugan, Jr., Editor
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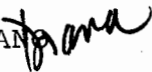

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MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE 
THRU: DIANA LOZAN 
FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 
SUBJECT: Analysis of First Cloture Vote

Contrary to appearances, things are not going badly on the battle for cloture against the Packwood filibuster.

Apparently the President did not begin making calls on this until late yesterday evening. I don't know how many he has made but I am sure that he has had a favorable impact.

On the filibuster cloture, we got 41 of the 60 votes needed. The opposition had 47. There were 12 absences. Seven of the absences were ours. Two were clearly against cloture. Three absences were Senators Cannon, Goldwater, and Wallop, who are possible votes for cloture. Five of the votes against cloture were southerners who traditionally vote against cloture the first time and will almost assuredly vote for cloture on the second or third vote. These five Senators are Harry Byrd, Jr., John Warner, John Stennis, David Boren, and Russell Long.

If you add to our 41 votes the seven pro-cloture absences and five sure southerners, that gives us 53 votes before the pro-life activists forces go to work to swing additional votes our way. Among the remaining anti-cloture votes were Mark Andrews, who is pro-life and had committed to vote for cloture but did not on this first vote and Senators Dixon and Gorton, who are not pro-life but had agreed to vote for cloture. These are likely switches to our side. If you add them to our 53, this makes 56. If we get Cannon, Goldwater, and Wallop, that makes 59, meaning we have to pry out only one more vote as the pressure builds to pass the debt limitation increase.

Therefore this is a very winnable fight. The pro-life organizations all now have these figures. They know this fight is winnable. Therefore, there is every reason for us to vigorously continue our efforts in favor of cloture on the Packwood filibuster. Sometimes it has taken 5 or 6 cloture votes before a filibuster is broken. If this battle is worth fighting, it is worth fighting all the way to the end.

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You are providing the Senate an opportunity to stand up and be counted on what I think is one of the most important issues of our time.

I am expending my efforts to support the cloture petition and the passage of the substantive amendment.

I would like to see our fellow Republicans in the Senate help us to close off debate so that we can deal with this issue speedily and efficiently.

I should also make it clear my support for the Helms' anti-abortion amendment does not preclude my continuing support for other moves by the Congress to curb abortions.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Howard Baker
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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I'm delighted to see that we're finally within reach of an up or down vote on the abortion issue in the Senate. I am extending all of my efforts to secure adoption of the cloture petition and the substantive passage of your measure.

As I've indicated to others, my enthusiastic support for these actions does not diminish my support for other anti-abortion moves such as Senator Hatch's constitutional amendment approach.

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United States Senate
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September 8, 1982

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK BURGESS
DIANA LOZANO
MORTON BLACKWELL
DEE JEPSEN
MARY ELIZABETH QUINT

FROM:

RED CAVANEY 

SUBJECT:

Right-to-Life Initiative

Attached you will find copies of the three letters that were released at the noon-time press briefing today. The third letter which does not contain a specific name was sent to a number of Senators. You may use these letters as you best see fit to help build support for the President's activities in this area.

Starting today, the President will also be making a series of phone calls to stress the importance of voting for cloture and the Helms initiative.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE
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I am expending my efforts to support the cloture petition and the passage of the substantive amendment.

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Sincerely,



The Honorable Howard Baker
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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I am very appreciative of the tremendous leadership you've exercised in this area. I sincerely hope that we will be successful in the votes this Thursday securing cloture of debate on your amendment. It's time for the Senate to stand up and be counted.

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The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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