



**AMENDMENTS TO HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE THE ABORTION MANDATES
DEFEATED IN HOUSE & SENATE COMMITTEES**

Pro-abortion Members of Congress and President Obama claim that under their national health care reform plans federal funds will not pay for abortions, and abortion coverage will not be mandated. However, on these issues, their actions speak louder than words. Below is a list of amendments offered by pro-life Members of Congress that were defeated in the four congressional committees that have passed national health care reform legislation. These amendments would have ensured that federal funds would not be used directly or indirectly to fund abortions and that abortion coverage would not be included as a mandatory minimum benefit. If pro-abortion Members of Congress are serious in their claims about the status of abortion in the national health care reform bills, then they should support these amendments.

House Ways & Means Committee

- Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX) offered an amendment http://republicans.waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/Johnson_Abortion.pdf to prohibit mandating abortion coverage. It was defeated by a vote of 18-23 <http://republicans.waysandmeans.house.gov/tallysheet/johnson8.htm>.
- Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA) offered an amendment http://republicans.waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/Cantor_taxpayer_funding_amendment_-_WM_7-16-09.pdf to prohibit the abortion funding mandate. It was defeated by a vote of 19-22 <http://republicans.waysandmeans.house.gov/tallysheet/cantoramd.htm>.

House Education & Labor Committee

- Rep. Mark Souter (R-IN) offered an amendment <http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/markup/FC/HR3200-AmericasAffordableHealthChoicesActof2009/Souder31.pdf> to prohibit mandating abortion coverage. It was defeated by a vote of 19-29 http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/markup/FC/HR3200-AmericasAffordableHealthChoicesActof2009/rcv14_souder.pdf.
- He also offered an amendment <http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/markup/FC/HR3200->

[AmericasAffordableHealthChoicesActof2009/Souder32.pdf](#) to prohibit the abortion funding mandate. It was defeated by a vote of 19-29
http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/markup/FC/HR3200-AmericasAffordableHealthChoicesActof2009/rcv15_souder.pdf.

House Energy & Commerce Committee

- Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) offered an amendment http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090730/hr3200_pitts_1.pdf that was co-sponsored by Reps. Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Roy Blunt (R-MO) to prohibit mandating abortion coverage. It was defeated 29-30
http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090730/hr3200_pitts_1_rc2.pdf, after initially passing by a vote of 31-27
http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090730/hr3200_pitts_1_rc.pdf. Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) voted for the amendment at the last minute so that he could call for a revote
http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090730/hr3200_pitts_1_reconsider.pdf. On the revote, Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN) was persuaded to change his vote and another Congressman, who was absent for the earlier vote, voted no.
- Reps. Stupak and Pitts offered an amendment http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090731/hr3200_stupak_1.pdf to prohibit the funding mandate. It was defeated by a vote of 27-31
http://energycommerce.house.gov/Press_111/20090731/hr3200_stupak_1_rc.pdf.

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee

- Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) offered an amendment to prohibit federal funding of abortion. It was defeated 11-12 http://hatch.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressReleases.Detail&PressRelease_id=75f521c9-1b78-be3e-e037-41a1d18d66c3&Month=7&Year=2009.
- Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY) offered an amendment to prohibit mandating abortion coverage that was defeated in committee <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090716/u-s-senate-committee-passes-pro-abortion-health-care-bill/index.html>.