Republican Motion #13

PROTECT LIFE FOR ALL

Offered by Representative Bob Good (VA-05)

Mr. Good moves that the Committee on the Budget direct its Chairman to request on behalf of the Committee that the rule providing for consideration of the bill make in order an amendment that ensures taxpayer dollars will not be used to fund any abortion services.

Background

(1) Since 1976, Congress has supported the Hyde Amendment to ensure that taxpayer dollars will not be used to fund abortions in Medicaid unless in a case of rape, incest, or if the mother's life is in danger.

(2) This vital protection has prevailed and even grown to prevent federal funds from providing abortions for those with federal health benefits, receiving care at military medical facilities, the Indian Health Service, and those with health care plans on the Obamacare exchanges.

(3) The Hyde Amendment is noticeably absent from the Fiscal Year 2022 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill, putting this important protection in jeopardy and casting aside almost half a century of bipartisan consensus.

(4) Furthermore, provisions in this legislation actively try to bypass established abortion restrictions by mandating family planning services are covered for certain "Medicaid expansion gap individuals" for both the two years these individuals have subsidized access to the state marketplace plans and when enrolled in the federalized Medicaid expansion program.

(5) Congress has operated for decades with a mutual understanding that taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund abortion services. Even President Joe Biden has supported the Hyde Amendment for four decades in the Senate, saying in a 1994 constituent letter that "those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them."

(6) Many Americans believe that all precious, innocent life in the womb deserves unrestricted protection, and it is outrageous for this Congress to cast aside these safeguards in favor of radical policy that requires every taxpayer to fund abortion on demand.