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Missouri Catholic Conference Hails Historic New Pro-life Law

July 26, 2017, JEFFERSON CITY — On July 26, 2017, Governor Greitens signed into law historic pro-life legislation. The Governor’s signature came one day after the Missouri Senate voted 22 to 9 to pass HCS SS SB 5. The Missouri Catholic Conference worked cooperatively with Missouri Right to Life, Campaign Life Missouri, and others to spearhead passage of the bill.

The new law, which becomes effective on October 23, 2017, features numerous pro-life provisions, including: requiring annual, on-site, and unannounced inspections of abortion clinics and for clinics to have emergency measures in place for botched abortions; ensuring that women hear medical information from a doctor before deciding whether to obtain an abortion; largely overturning the St. Louis “abortion sanctuary” ordinance, and prohibiting other municipalities from passing similar ordinances. Finally, the new law will allow the Missouri Attorney General to enforce the state’s abortion laws when local prosecutors fail to do so.

Mike Hoey, the executive director of the Missouri Catholic Conference hailed the passage of the new law. “This is the strongest pro-life law passed in many decades,” he said. “We are very grateful for the work of both Governor Greitens and the Missouri General Assembly.”

The governor’s signature was never in doubt, but passage by the Missouri Senate was. The Senate had passed an earlier version of SB 5 on June 15 that largely focused on overturning the St. Louis “abortion sanctuary” ordinance. This ordinance sought to force pregnancy resource centers and regular citizens to aid and abet the abortion industry.

The Missouri House kept the rollback on the “abortion sanctuary” provision in SB 5 and added many other pro-life provisions. When the Senate took up the House amended version of SB 5, opponents waged a two-day filibuster before sponsor Andrew Koenig (R-Manchester) made a motion to end debate and proceed to a vote on the bill. 19 senators agreed to the Koenig motion, despite a Senate tradition of rarely ending debate by calling for the previous question.

With delaying tactics put aside the Senate then approved the measure by a vote of 22 in favor to 9 opposed.

Hoey credited parishes and the Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network (MOCAN) for a great deal of the success. “There was tremendous reluctance to end debate, but I think senators realized their constituents back home expected passage of this historic pro-life bill,” he said.

Missouri Senate Vote to End Debate (Call Previous Question):

Senators Voting for Previous Question:

Legislator	District #
Sen. Dan Brown (R-Rolla)	16

Sen. Mike Cunningham (R-Rogersville)	33
Sen. Bill Eigel (R-St. Peters)	23
Sen. Ed Emery (R-Harrisonville)	31
Sen. Dan Hegeman (R-Cosby)	12
Sen. Denny Hoskins (R-Warrensburg)	21
Sen. Mike Kehoe (R-Jefferson City)	6
Sen. Andrew Koenig (R-Manchester)	15
Sen. Will Kraus (R-Lee's Summit)	8
Sen. Brian Munzlinger (R-Williamstown)	18
Sen. Bob Onder (R-Lake St. Louis)	2
Sen. Ron Richard (R-Joplin)	32
Sen. Jeanie Riddle (R-Fulton)	10
Sen. Caleb Rowden (R-Columbia)	19
Sen. David Sater (R-Cassville)	29
Sen. Dave Schatz (R-Sullivan)	26
Sen. Wayne Wallingford (R-Cape Girardeau)	27
Sen. Jay Wasson (R-Nixa)	20
Sen. Paul Wieland (R-Imperial)	22

Senators Voting against Previous Question:

Legislator	District #
Sen. Shalonn Curls (D-Kansas City)	9
Sen. Bob Dixon (R-Springfield)	30
Sen. Jason Holsman (D-Kansas City)	7
Sen. Jacob Hummel (D-St. Louis)	4
Sen. Doug Libla (R-Poplar Bluff)	25
Sen. Jamilah Nasheed (D-St. Louis)	5
Sen. John Rizzo (D-Independence)	11
Sen. Gary Romine (R-Farmington)	3
Sen. Jill Schupp (D-St. Louis)	24
Sen. Scott Sifton (D-St. Louis)	1
Sen. Ryan Silvey (R-Kansas City)	17
Sen. Gina Walsh (D-St. Louis)	13

Missouri Senate Vote for Final Passage of HCS SS SB 5

Senators voting for HCS SS SB 5:

Legislator	District #
Sen. Dan Brown (R-Rolla)	16
Sen. Mike Cunningham (R-Rogersville)	33
Sen. Bob Dixon (R-Springfield)	30
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Sen. Scott Sifton (D-St. Louis)	1
Sen. Ryan Silvey (R-Kansas City)	17
Sen. Gina Walsh (D-St. Louis)	13

Senator absent

Legislator	District #
Sen. Rob Schaaf (R-St. Joseph)	34

Senator absent with leave

Legislator	District #
Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal (D-St. Louis)	14