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PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

I wish to commend the House of Representatives, which yesterday passed a ban on the use of partial birth abortions by a margin of 288 to 139.

There are many issues which divide reasonable people on both sides of the abortion debate. But use of this procedure, which occurs late in the pregnancy -- even in the 9th month -- is horrifying to contemplate and completely indefensible.

I believe that people of good will, whatever their views on abortion generally, will agree that it is our obligation to act to defend the defenseless in circumstances where we can. This is one of those circumstances.

Earlier this year, Senator Smith introduced a similar ban on the use of partial birth abortions. It was placed on the Senate Calendar under Rule 14. It is my intention to schedule the House passed bill for floor consideration at the earliest possible opportunity. I trust the Senate will pass the bill quickly and send it to the President for his signature.

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