

## Nebraska Pro Life Legislative Report

On Tuesday, April 13, Governor Dave Heineman signed two first-of-their-kind pro-life bills into law. The first bill, **The Women's Health Protection Act (LB 594)** was introduced by Sen. Cap Dierks (Ewing) and requires pre-abortion screening for risk factors that predict abortion complications. The Legislature adopted LB 594 with 40 senators voting yes, and 9 voting no. Here is how the senators voted:

YES: Adams, Carlson, Christensen, Coash, Cornett, Dierks, Dubas, Fischer, Flood, Fulton, Gay, Giese, Gloor, Hadley, Hansen, Harms, Heidemann, Janssen, Karpisek, Krist, Langemeier, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, Loudon, McCoy, Mello, Nelson, Nordquist, Pahls, Pankonin, Pirsch, Price, Rogert, Schilz, Stuthman, Sullivan, Utter, Wallman, White, Wightman

NO: Ashford, Avery, Campbell, Conrad, Cook, Council, Haar, Howard, McGill

The second bill, **The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (LB 1103)**, was introduced by Sen. Mike Flood (Norfolk). LB 1103 prohibits abortions after 20 weeks in utero with very narrow exceptions to prevent the death of the mother or for serious *physical* health risks. The bill was adopted on a vote of 44-yes to 5-no. Here is how the senators voted:

YES: Adams, Ashford, Avery, Campbell, Carlson, Christensen, Coash, Cornett, Dierks, Dubas, Fischer, Flood, Fulton, Gay, Giese, Gloor, Hadley, Hansen, Harms, Heidemann, Howard, Janssen, Karpisek, Krist, Langemeier, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, Loudon, McCoy, Mello, Nelson, Nordquist, Pahls, Pankonin, Pirsch, Price, Rogert, Schilz, Stuthman, Sullivan, Utter, Wallman, White, Wightman

NO: Conrad, Council, Cook, Haar, McGill

**Contact your senator:** If your senator voted for one or both of these bills, please thank him/her. If your senator voted against one or both of these bills, express your disappointment to him/her. I also encourage you to send a special note of thanks to Sen. Dierks and Sen. Flood for their leadership in introducing and prioritizing these bills. Letters can be sent to senators at the State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, 68509-4604. Or contact information for senators can be found online at: [http://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\\_list.php](http://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php).

It is likely that the abortion industry will pursue legal challenges to both bills. LB 594, however, will be more difficult to challenge because it does not impose a criminal penalty. Please pray that these bills will survive any legal challenge and will save many women and their babies from the evil of abortion.