

HR 4292 IH

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To protect infants who are born alive.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 13, 2000

Mr. CANADY of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To protect infants who are born alive.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2000'.

SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF BORN-ALIVE INFANT.

(a) IN GENERAL- Chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

'Sec. 8. 'Person', 'human being', 'child', and 'individual' as including born-alive infant

'(a) In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the words 'person', 'human being', 'child', and 'individual', shall include every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development.

'(b) As used in this section, the term 'born alive', with respect to a member of the species homo sapiens, means the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of that member, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion.'

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT- The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

'8. 'Person', 'human being', 'child', and 'individual' as including born-alive infant.'

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