

## Appendix C

### **Born Alive Infants Protection Act of Illinois**

#### **Statements Supporting Identical Legislation by Federal Pro-Choice Legislators**

##### **U. S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA):**

“[Senator Santorum’s] amendment makes it very clear that nothing in this amendment gives any rights that are not yet afforded to a fetus. Therefore, I, as being a pro-choice Senator on this side, representing my colleagues here, have no problem whatsoever with this amendment. I feel good about that. I feel good that we can, in fact, vote for this together. It is very rare that we can.

“Simply put, this amendment says it all in its purpose: ‘To protect infants who are born alive.’ Of course, of course.... The heart of this bill is, yes, protecting infants; it is also protecting children, protecting teenagers, protecting people as they get older, until they are very old and very frail and are fighting for their life...”

##### **U. S. Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA):**

“Madam President, I am going to urge the Senate to accept the amendment tomorrow. I think we have had a good discussion about it. I hope that we will move ahead and accept it. I am prepared, when the Senators yield the time or use the time, to do that.”

##### **U. S. Congressman Jerry Nadler (D-NY):**

“I am pleased that the majority has made a serious effort to make clear that this bill has nothing to do with matters related to abortion, even going so far as to add a subsection (C) further clarifying that point.

“Whatever concerns we may have had last year that this might become some clever way to undermine the rights protected under *Roe v. Wade* have, I think, been addressed. Unless someone attempts to disrupt this effort by dragging the abortion debate back into it, I have little doubt that this bill will be passed without much controversy.”

##### **U. S. Congressman John Conyers (D-MI):**

“I will vote for H.R. 2175 to reaffirm that all newborns and children are entitled to legal protection.”

