

H.R. 3 FLOOR SPEECH

Madame Speaker,

Free societies are founded on a core set of rights—rights that are beyond the reach of government and that no other person or group can take away. The Founders created our government to secure these unalienable rights. And chief among them is the right to life.

Presidents recognize this right when they weigh carefully whether to put our soldiers in harm's way.

Our judiciary respects this right when it spends years reviewing each and every capital punishment case.

Yet this same government authorizes—and, in some cases, pays for—the routine taking of the most innocent lives, the lives of the unborn.

It is unconscionable that in a country founded explicitly to protect individuals' fundamental rights, we allow the regular violation of the right to life. Worse yet, the government forces each of us to pay for the killing of innocent life.

I urge you to vote for H.R. 3, to strengthen our protection of the right to life.

I yield back the balance of my time.