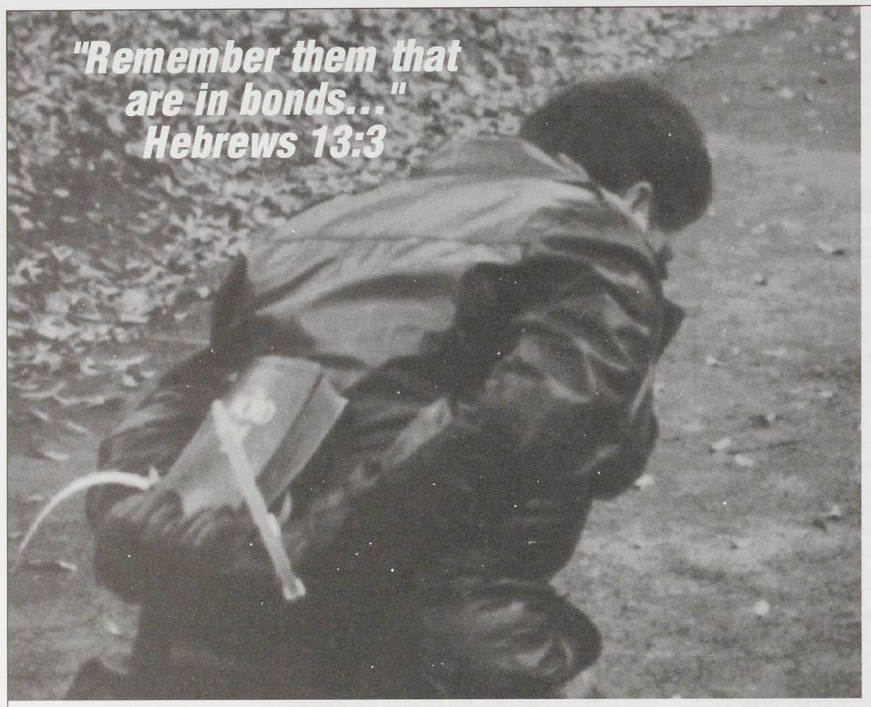

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Prisoner: John Casserly
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221 Breckenridge
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Prisoner: Joseph Foreman
In since: June 1995
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Terminal Annex
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0164

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In since: March 10, 1993
Sentence: Life
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Box 500
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Milwaukee, WI 53233

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Prisoner: Michael Skott
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1004 N 10th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Prisoner: John Stambaugh
In since: February, 1995
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Address: 1004 N Tenth St
Milwaulee, WI 53233

Prisoner: Roy Streicher
In since: November 21, 1991
Sentence: 3-15 years
Address: #254 200-C
R.C.C.
P.O. Box 7010
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Prisoner: Bill Whatcott
In since: October, 1994
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Address: 661 Martin Street
Maplehurst Complex
Box 10
Milton, ON
Canada L9T 2Y3

"Pro-life" pretensions

by Cathy Ramey

I was at home working on my computer when voices from the TV in the living room suddenly caught my attention. *"These are human beings!"* someone roared only seconds after a cold matter-of-fact comment by another alluding to a certain medical procedure.

With an obvious amount of cutting and pasting the evening news was airing the upshot of a hearing in which abortion was being debated.

Pretending to be "allowing both sides to speak for themselves" by virtue of including the explosive comment from one "pro-life" congressman, their cameras lingered over testimony from an abortionist who dryly argued the necessity of allowing women as many options as possible when it comes to the method employed in killing a child.

Still longer, the camera rested upon the profile of a woman who cried and explained why the murder of her seven month old unborn infant was "tragic" but unavoidable. It seems that via ultrasound her doctor had diagnosed "a hereditary disease." In true March of Dimes fashion (read *Beyond Abortion* by Suzanne Rini), she did her part to rid the world of "birth defects" by paying to have her child butchered like some poor lab rat.

It seems that, in cooperation with the Christian Coalition's "Contract with America," Representative Charles Canady from Florida has introduced a "pro-life" bill which will eventually go for a vote before the full Congress. And this was the hearing held to debate the necessity of his proposed legislation. It was with great anticipation then that I called Canady's office asking for the draft wording of his Bill. What rolled off the fax machine twenty minutes later brought me to a state of disappointment that was as tangible as my earlier excitement.

The problem? *The Bill is anything but pro-life.*

The Bill is formally titled "1531 Partial Birth Abortions Prohibited," and as you might guess, it deals with the D & X procedure which *Life Advocate* researcher Jenny Westberg brought to light in February of 1993. At that time she wrote an amazing article detailing an abortion technique discussed behind closed doors at a National Abortion Federation (NAF) conference only a few months before. Her research and writing spawned hundreds of other detailed articles; newspaper advertisements against the procedure; leafleting campaigns that shocked the public; and thousands of outraged letters to Congress.

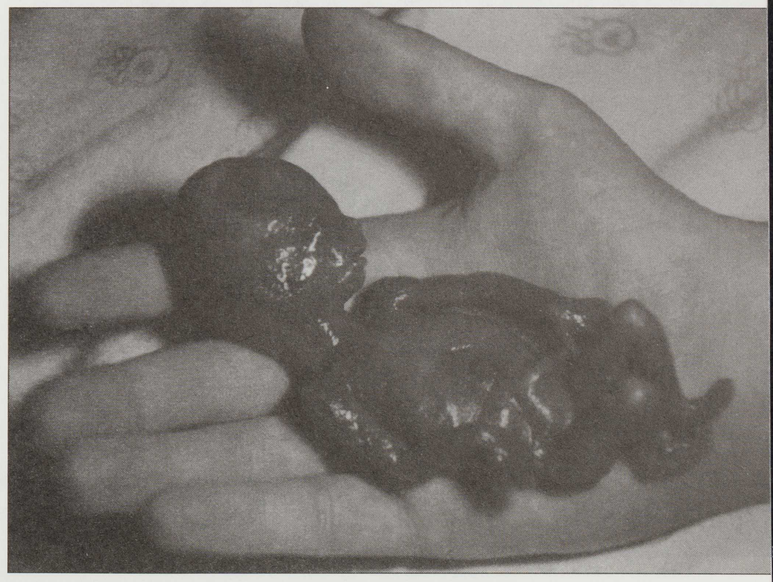
For those unfamiliar with the D & X or "partial birth abortion," it requires that the baby be visualized by ultrasound. The abortionist, using forceps, grasps a leg pulling it into the birth canal. When the leg is exposed, he grasps it with his hands and pulls the child through the birth canal so that only the head remains in the canal and hidden from view.

At this point he uses a sharp scissors instrument to jam against the base of the skull creating a wound large enough to insert a suction catheter into.The brain tissue can then be extracted from the skull; the baby's soft head bones collapse inward; and the little one is fully birthed and quite dead.

Now, over two years after Westberg's covert research exposed this latest killing technique, there is a Bill which purports to reign in abortions by banning this particular method.

After a brief hearing process it seems that the Bill is going through the "mark up" procedure; on to the larger committee where it will be "marked up" again; and finally — after these mark up sessions have added amendments and fine-tuned definitions — the Bill will be presented for both Houses to vote upon.

> "(a) Whoever, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly performs a partial-birth abortion and thereby kills a human fetus shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."

The first problem with the Bill is that its consequences are inconsistent with the idea that human life was violated. *The punishment does not fit the crime.* In fact, it treats the murder of these children (*"kills a human fetus"*) as nothing more serious than a breach of procedure.

At this point some would like to argue incrementalism that it's more effective to meet the abortion-minded public where they're at, edge them to our side fractionally by banning what some consider to be the most shocking abortion procedure (as though all the methods aren't equally as shocking to the child), and hope for broader victories later. But 23 years of murder and legislative game-playing stand as a testimony that