



2005 Montana Legislative Voting Record on Choice

An analysis of votes made on legislation related to reproductive freedom and choice at the 2005 session

2005 Session at a Glance

*We passed the first piece of pro-choice legislation in Montana history!

*All attempts to restrict Montanans' reproductive freedoms were defeated.

*NARAL Pro-Choice Montana Choice Action Network Activists sent over 11,000 letters to Montana lawmakers.

House:

45 Reps had 100% pro-choice records.
32 Reps had 0% pro-choice voting records.
23 Reps had mixed records.

Senate:

24 Senators had 100% pro-choice voting records.
19 Senators had 0% pro-choice voting records.
7 Senators had mixed records.

Together, we have defeated every single anti-choice bill for the *third* consecutive Session!

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NARAL Pro-Choice Montana and NARAL Pro-Choice Montana Foundation are proud to release the 2005 Montana Legislative Voting Record on Choice for the 59th Legislature.

As we look back on the 2005 session, the pro-choice community has many victories to celebrate. After successfully electing a pro-choice majority in the Senate and the first pro-choice governor in twenty years, NARAL Pro-Choice Montana was ready to work not only to defend reproductive rights, but to broaden our access to reproductive health care.

For the *first time in Montana history*, we were able to pass a truly pro-choice piece of legislation—the clinic safety or “bubble” bill. We also helped get new language inserted into Montana law allowing physicians' assistants to perform abortions and defeated *all six* attempts to restrict Montanans' reproductive freedoms.

Our actions also advanced the contraceptive coverage bill farther than it has ever gotten before, and we remain committed to gaining contraceptive coverage through other means.

Our Choice Action Network activists sent over 11,000 letters to elected officials in Montana. The only way we can continue to be effective in protecting women's rights is to maintain the grassroots pressure our members put on the state legislature to do the right thing. Our strength is in our numbers.

Anti-choice extremists say they oppose abortion, yet in the 2005 Session, they opposed safe, responsible birth control and access to family planning services for Montana women.



If these anti-choice legislators and fringe groups really wanted to prevent unwanted pregnancies and abortions, they would join us in supporting proven methods of preventing pregnancy such as allowing women to access safe, reliable information and birth control.

Anti-choice members of the House Business and Labor Committee stalled the Contraceptive Coverage bill, a bill that would have improved women's access to affordable birth control and helped decrease unintended pregnancy in Montana. Votes against this common sense bill starkly illustrate anti-choice lawmakers' opposition not only to a woman's right to choose, but also to measures that reduce unintended pregnancy and thus the need for abortion, help women enjoy healthy pregnancies, and give children a healthier start in life.

We must stand up for liberty and freedom, privacy and dignity, independence and self-determination. These are not only pro-family, pro-women values, these are Montana values.

NARAL Pro-Choice Montana believes in a culture of freedom and personal responsibility and the right of individuals to make decisions about reproduction instead of politicians or the government.



Overview of 2005 Choice-Related Bills

Explanation of Votes

SB 203-Require Insurance Companies to Cover Contraception, Sponsor Greg Lind (D-Missoula)

This bill would have required insurance companies to cover contraception if they cover other prescription drugs. This bill was fair and cost-effective. Access to affordable contraception is central to women's autonomy and equality. This bill passed in the Senate, and stalled in the House Business and Labor Committee. A motion to blast the bill out of committee, which requires 60 votes, failed in the House by a vote of 52-48. A yes vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 231-Fetal Homicide Act, Sponsor Penny Morgan (R-Billings)

This bill's true intent was to undermine the right to privacy by giving separate legal rights to an embryo or fetus. Disguised as an anti-crime bill, this is part of a long-term strategy to undermine the legal tenets of *Roe v. Wade* and the right to choose. This bill was tabled in the House Judiciary committee. A motion to blast the bill from the committee failed in the House. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 324-Clinic Safety, Sponsor Robyn Driscoll (D-Billings)

HB 324 protects patients from anti-choice harassment and violence by establishing a buffer zone around reproductive health clinics. The bill prevents protesters from coming within eight feet of people entering or exiting healthcare facilities within 36 feet of the facility, the average distance between Montana clinics' doors and the public sidewalk. This law strikes a reasonable and responsible balance between a patient's right to access health care and a protester's right to free speech. This bill passed and was signed into law on April 28th, 2005, the first pro-choice bill ever passed in Montana. A yes vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 324, House Amendment 1, Sonju (R-Kalispell) to lower the fine to \$500

This amendment passed. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 324, House Amendment 2, Lange (R-Billings) stated that local governments can't change the restrictions

This amendment passed. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 324, House Amendment 3, Wagman (R-Livingston) to change the "buffer zone" from 8 ft to 4 ft

This amendment failed. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 324, House Amendment 4, Wagman (R-Livingston) to lower the fine to \$100

This amendment passed. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 324 Senate Amendment 1, Grimes (R-Clancy) to allow parents to approach minors entering clinics

This amendment failed. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 324, Senate Amendment 2, O'Neil (R-Columbia Falls) to narrow the focus of the bill so that it wouldn't be a crime to obstruct clinic entrances

This amendment failed. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 730 Revise Parental Notification Law, Sponsor Mike Lange, (R-Billings)

HB 730 sought to revise Montana's existing unconstitutional parental notification law. Parental consent laws endanger young women who cannot turn to a parent when faced with an unintended pregnancy because of an abusive home or for any other reasons that could force them to take matters into their own hands. This bill passed in the House and was tabled in the Senate Judiciary Committee. A motion to blast this bill out of committee failed. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 737 Revise Laws Governing Physician Assistants, House Amendment, Jones, W (R-Kalispell)

This amendment sought to reinstate unconstitutional language barring Physician's Assistants from performing abortions. This amendment failed. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 737 Revise Laws Governing Physician Assistants, Senate Amendment, Ellingson (D-Missoula)

This amendment inserted language stating a P.A. may perform an abortion. This amendment passed. A yes vote is a pro-choice vote.

House Votes 2005 Legislative Session

Last Name	First Name	Party/City	SB 203	HB 231	HB 324	HB 324 A1	HB 324 A2	HB 324 A3	HB 324 A4	HB 730	HB 737	%
Anderson	Joan	R Fromberg	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Arntzen	Elsie	R Billings	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Balyeat	John	R Missoula	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	35
Barrett	Debby	R Dillon	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Becker	Arlene	D Billings	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Bergren	Bob	D Havre	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Bixby	Norma	D Lame Deer	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Braae	Gary	D Billings	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Brown	Dee	R Hungry Horse	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Brown	Roy	R Billings	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Butcher	Ed	R Winifred	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Buzzas	Rosie	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Cafarro	Mary	D Helena	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Callahan	Tim	D Great Falls	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Campbell	Margarett	D Poplar	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Clark	Paul	D Trout Creek	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Cohenour	Jill	D East Helena	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Dickenson	Sue	D Great Falls	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Dowell	Tim	D Kalispell	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Driscoll	Robyn	D Billings	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Eaton	Emelie	D Laurel	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Everett	George	R Kalispell	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Facey	Tom	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Franklin	Eve	D Great Falls	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Furey	Kevin	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Gallik	Dave	D Helena	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Galvin-Halcro	Kathleen	D Great Falls	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Glaser	Bill	R Huntley	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Golie	George	D Great Falls	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Grinde	Wanda	D Billings	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Groesbeck	George	D Butte	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Gustche	Gail	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Hamilton	Robin	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Harris	Chris	D Bozeman	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Hawk	Ray	R Florence	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Heinert	Ralph	R Libby	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Hendrick	Gordon	R Superior	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Henry	Teresa	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Himmelberger	Dennis	R Billings	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Hiner	Cynthia	D Deer Lodge	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Jackson	Verdell	R Kalispell	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Jacobson	Hal	D Helena	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Jayne	Joey	D Arlee	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	80
Jent	Larry	D Bozeman	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Jones	Llew	R Conrad	No	Yes	No	Excused	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Jones	Bill	R Kalispell	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Jopak	Mike	D Whitefish	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Juneau	Carol	D Browning	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Kaufmann	Christine	D Helena	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Keane	Jim	D Butte	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100

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Last Name	First Name	Party/City	SB 203	HB 231	HB 324	HB 324 A1	HB 324 A2	HB 324 A3	HB 324 A4	HB 730	HB 737	%
Klock	Harry	R Harlowton	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Koopman	Roger	R Bozeman	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Lake	Bob	R Hamilton	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Lambert	Carol	R Broadus	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Lange	Michael	R Billings	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Lenhart	Ralph	D Glendive	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	95
Lindeen	Monica	D Huntley	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Maclaren	Gary	R Victor	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Maedje	Rick	R Fortine	No	Absent	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Malcolm	Bruce	R Emigrant	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Matthews	Gary	D Miles City	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	80
McAlpin	Dave	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
McGillvray	Tom	R Billings	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
McKenney	Joe	R Great Falls	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
McNutt	Walter	R Sidney	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Mendenhall	Scott	R Clancy	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Milburn	Mike	R Cascade	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
Morgan	Penny	R Billings	No	Absent	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Musgrove	John	D Havre	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Noennig	Mark	R Billings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	50
Noonan	Art	D Butte	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Olson	Alan	R Roundup	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Olson	Bernie	R Lakeside	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	45
Parker	John	D Great Falls	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Peterson	Jim	R Buffalo	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Raser	Holly	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Rice	Diane	R Harrison	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Ripley	Rick	R Wolf Creek	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Roberts	Don	R Billings	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Ross	Jack	R Absarokee	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Sales	Scott	R Bozeman	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	25
Sesso	Jon	D Butte	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Sinrud	John	R Bozeman	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Small-Eastman	Veronica	D Lodge Grass	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Sonju	Jon	R Kalispell	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Stahl	Wayne	R Saco	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Stoker	Ron	R Darby	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Taylor	Janna	R Dayton	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Villa	Dan	D Anaconda	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Wagman	Pat	R Livingston	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Waitschies	Karl	R Peerless	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Wanzenreid	Dave	D Missoula	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Ward	John	R Helena	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Warden	Bill	R Bozeman	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10
Wells	Jack	R Bozeman	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
Wilson	Bill	D Great Falls	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Windham	Jeanne	D Polson	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	70
Windy Boy	Jonathan	D Box Elder	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	85
Wiseman	Brady	D Bozeman	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	100
Witt	John	R Carter	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0

Senate Votes 2005 Legislative Session

Last Name	First Name	Party/City	SB 203	HB 324	HB 324 A1	HB 324 A2	HB 730	HB 737	%
Bales	Keith	R Otter	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Balyeat	Joe	R Bozeman	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Barkus	Gregory	R Kalispell	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Black	Jerry	R Shelby	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Brueggeman	John	R Polson	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Cobb	John	R Augusta	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	60
Cocchiarella	Vicki	D Missoula	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Cooney	Mike	D Helena	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Cromley	Brent	D Billings	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Curtiss	Aubyn	R Fortine	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Ellingson	Jon	D Missoula	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Elliot	Jim	D Trout Creek	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Esp	John	R Big Timber	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Essman	Jeff	R Billings	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Gallus	Steve	D Butte	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Gebhardt	Kelly	R Roundup	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Gillan	Kim	D Billings	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Grimes	Duane	R Clancy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Hansen	Ken	D Harlem	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	80
Harrington	Dan	D Butte	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Hawks	Robert	D Bozeman	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Keenan	Bob	R Big Fork	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Kitzenberg	Sam	R Glasgow	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	90
Laible	Rick	R Victor	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Larson	Lane	D Billings	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Laslovich	Jesse	D Anaconda	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Lewis	Dave	R Helena	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Lind	Greg	D Missoula	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Mangan	Jeff	D Great Falls	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
McGee	Dan	R Laurel	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Moss	Lynda	D Billings	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
O'Neill	Jerry	R Kalispell	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10
Pease	Gerald	D Lodge Grass	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Perry	Gary	R Manhattan	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Roush	Glen	D Cut Bank	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Ryan	Don	D Great Falls	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Schmidt	Trudi	D Great Falls	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Shockley	Jim	R Victor	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	60
Smith	Frank	D Poplar	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	70
Squires	Carolyn	D Missoula	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Stapleton	Corey	R Billings	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Steinbeisser	Donald	R Sidney	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Story	Robert	R Park City	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Tash	Bill	R Dillon	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	20
Tester	Jon	D Big Sandy	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Toole	Ken	D Helena	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Tropila	Joe	D Great Falls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	0
Weinberg	Dan	D Whitefish	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Wheat	Mike	D Bozeman	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100
Williams	Carol	D Missoula	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	100



2005 House and Senate Committee Votes

House Judiciary Committee HB 617, HB 730

Last Name	First Name	Party/City	HB 617	HB 730
Rice	Diane	R Harrison	Yes	Yes
Clark	Paul	D Trout Creek	No	No
Stoker	Ron	R Darby	Yes	Yes
Becker	Arlene	D Billings	No	No
Driscoll	Robyn	D Billings	No	No
Everett	George	R Kalispell	Yes	Yes
Gutsche	Gail	D Missoula	No	No
Harris	Christopher	D Bozeman	No	Yes
Koopman	Roger	R Bozeman	Yes	Yes
Lange	Mike	R Billings	Yes	Yes
McGillvray	Tom	R Billings	Yes	Yes
Noennig	Mark	R Billings	No	Yes
Noonan	Art	D Butte	No	Yes
Parker	John	D Great Falls	No	No
Sonju	Jon	R Kalispell	Yes	Yes
Ward	John	R Helena	Yes	Yes
Wilson	Bill	D Great Falls	No	No
Windham	Jeanne	D Polson	No	Yes

House Business and Labor Committee SB 203, Refusal Clause

Last Name	First Name	Party/City	SB 203, Refusal Clause
Keane	Jim	D Butte	No
Galvin-Halcro	Kathleen	D Great Falls	No
McKenney	Joe	R Great Falls	Yes
Arntzen	Elsie	R Billings	Yes
Bergren	Bob	D Havre	No
Dowell	Tim	D Kalispell	No
Furey	Kevin	D Missoula	No
Gallik	Dave	D Helena	No
Heinert	Ralph	R Libby	Yes
Jones	Llew	R Conrad	Yes
Jopek	Mike	D Whitefish	No
Klock	Harry	R Harlowton	Yes
Mendenhall	Scott	R Clancy	Yes
Milburn	Mike	R Cascade	Yes
Roberts	Don	R Billings	Yes
Stahl	Wayne	R Saco	Yes
Villa	Dan	D Anaconda	No
Windy Boy	Jonathan	D Box Elder	Yes

Senate Judiciary Committee SB 473

Last Name	First Name	Party/City	SB 473
Wheat	Michael	D Bozeman	No
Cromley	Brent	D Billings	No
Curtiss	Aubyn	R Fortine	Yes
Ellingson	Jon	D Missoula	No
Laslovich	Jesse	D Anaconda	No
Mangan	Jeff	D Great Falls	No

Last Name	First Name	Party/City	SB 473
McGee	Dan	R Laurel	Yes
Moss	Lynda	D Billings	No
O'Neill	Jerry	R Columbia Falls	Yes
Pease	Gerald	D Lodge Grass	No
Perry	Gary	R Manhattan	Yes
Shockley	Jim	R Victor	No

HB 617-Require Death Certificates for Abortions, Sponsor Roger Koopman (R-Bozeman)

The intention of this bill seemed to be to shame and demean women who exercise their right to choose. The bill would have required women seeking an abortion to disclose the name of the father and give the father (and her children, parents and others) the right to access the death certificate. This bill was heard in the House Judiciary Committee and defeated on a 10-8 vote. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

HB 730-Revise Parental Consent Law, Sponsor Michael Lange (R-Billings)

Montana courts have already struck down a parental consent law, making HB 730 unconstitutional. Parental consent laws endanger young women who cannot turn to a parent when faced with an unintended pregnancy because of an abusive home or for any other reasons that could force them to take matters into their own hands. This bill was tabled in committee. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

SB 203, Amendment to add a "Refusal Clause" to Require Insurance Companies to Cover Contraception

This amendment was so broad it would have allowed anyone to state a "moral opposition" to contraceptives and therefore opt out of providing coverage. This amendment would have essentially gutted the bill. The amendment was added to the bill before it was eventually tabled by the House Business and Labor Committee. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.

SB 473-Exclude certain minors receiving abortions from liability caps, Sponsor Jerry O'Neil (R-Columbia Falls)

This bill was intended to send a message that abortions are unsafe by exempting them from medical malpractice settlement limits. In reality, legal abortion is one of the safest and most common medical procedures available today. This bill was tabled in the Senate Judiciary Committee. A no vote is a pro-choice vote.