

Key Votes – 2008 (See Legislative Scorecards for Matching Numbers)

HB 1339 – This bill would have changed the laws regarding medical malpractice. The bill specified that the General Assembly will not provide civil liability protections to health care providers who perform or induce abortions. MRL strongly supported HB 1339.

Votes counted in regards to HB 1339 are:

House Votes: # 1

Senate Votes: None

HB 1472 – This bill would have revised the definition of abortion. This bill had problems with its original language and MRL testified in opposition to it. Later in session the bill number, HB 1472, was included with HB 1831 in committee without HB 1472's original problem language.

Votes counted in regards to HB 1472 are:

House Votes: #'s 7, 8, 9, 10

Senate Votes: None

HB 1831 & SB 1058 – These bills would have enacted three pro-life items: (i) provide the woman with an opportunity to view an ultrasound and hear the heartbeat of the unborn child; (ii) provide the pregnant woman with printed or video materials that describes the anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child and the possibility of causing pain to the unborn child during the abortion; (iii) protect a pregnant woman from being coerced into getting an abortion under various threats. These were Missouri Right to Life's priority bills and MRL strongly supported HB 1831 & SB 1058.

Votes counted in regards to HB 1831 & SB 1058 are:

House Votes: #'s 7, 8, 9, 10

Senate Votes: #'s 1, 6, 9

HB 2007 – Appropriation that gave \$21 million dollars to the Life Science Research Board (LSRB) to fund projects relating to increasing Missouri's research capacity. Because Amendment 2 overrode the pro-life restrictions against cloning and unethical research relating to the LSRB in sec. 196.1127, MRL opposed this funding and then opposed the entire bill when it was not amended to take this funding out. This is the same stand as MRL took with family planning appropriations that funded Planned Parenthood in the 1990's.

Votes counted in regards to HB 2007 are:

House Votes: #'s 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14

Senate Votes: #'s 4, 5, 7, 8

HB 2058 – Would have handed over to the Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) the authority of \$5 million dollars of tax credits per year for start-up businesses. Because the leadership of the MTC still adheres to cloning, and because Amendment 2 still prohibits any restrictions on cloning activities, MRL opposed HB 2058 until the MTC was removed from control of these tax credits and the tax credits were placed under review of the elected legislative body of this state.

Votes counted in regards to HB 2058 are:

House Votes: # 6

Senate Votes: None

SB 1139 & HB 2106 – This act revises the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA). Missouri Right to Life worked to get protective language on these bills. Once this language was amended Missouri Right to Life withdrew opposition to these bills. MRL will publish further details on this issue to make sure people are fully educated on the end-of-life concerns with the UAGA.

Votes counted in regards to SB 1139 & HB 2106 are:

House Votes: # 2

Senate Votes: # 2

SB 1188 & HB 2260 – This act modifies provisions of law which authorize a tax credit for certain research and development expenses, including research and development of pharmaceuticals. Because pharmaceutical research and development is a primary subject of cloning research and because of the inability to provide protections against life-destroying research due to the passage of Amendment 2, MRL opposed SB 1188 and HB 2260.

Votes counted in regards to SB 1188 & HB 2260 are:

House Votes: # 11

Senate Votes: # 3