

# 2010 Senate Votes

## Senate Vote 1

### Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Journal pages 8047–8048

Much of the first part of the legislative session was spent discussing one of Minnesota's state health care programs for the poor. The program, General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC), was scheduled to end, and legislators were rushing to find a way to allow the state to continue providing care for the population at a reduced cost. Therefore, the program was being completely redesigned.

To ensure abortion would not be a covered service, Sen. Claire Robling, R-Jordan, offered an amendment to the redesigned program that would have specifically excluded abortion from being a covered service under the new GAMC. Sen. Sandra Pappas, DFL-St. Paul, then offered an amendment which replaced the Robling amendment with language specifying that all pregnant women being served under GAMC would be transferred to Medical Assistance, a separate state health care program that provides abortions. This would guarantee that women would have access to abortion services, directly the opposite intent of the original Robling amendment. The Pappas amendment to the Robling amendment passed, 41–25 (a pro-life loss).

Senate votes 4–6 were all amendments offered to the Health and Human Services omnibus bill, S.F. 2337. Discussions related to health and human services in the 2010 session largely related to spending cuts due to a significant deficit and issues related to the recently passed federal health care reform bill. The pro-life amendments offered were largely related to these issues as well.

## Senate Vote 4

### Cap on Taxpayer Funded Abortion Reimbursement

Journal pages 10371–10374

For many years MCCL has tracked the cost of taxpayer funded abortions in Minnesota and has seen a wide discrepancy in the cost of abortions at various providers. In an effort to rein in costs, Sen. Michelle Fischbach, R-Paynesville, offered

## Senate Vote 2

### Coerced Abortion

Journal pages 9010–9011

Sen. Julianne Ortman, R-Chanhassen, offered an amendment that would have made the use of coercion on a family member to obtain an unwanted medical procedure, including abortion, a means of domestic abuse. By doing so, pregnant women and girls who are feeling coerced into abortion would have access to the various protections afforded to victims of domestic abuse. The amendment failed 30–31 (a pro-life loss).

## Senate Vote 3

### Regulation of Abortion Facilities

Journal pages 10114–10115

Currently, abortion facilities in Minnesota are neither licensed nor regulated by the state. Due to concerns for the safety of women, Sen. Pat Pariseau, R-Farmington, offered an amendment that would have allowed the Department of Health to promulgate rules related to regulation of abortion facilities. The amendment failed on a vote of 30–33 (a pro-life loss).

an amendment to cap the amount that the state would reimburse providers for abortion procedures at \$300.

Sen. Linda Berglin, DFL-Minneapolis, then moved to amend the Fischbach amendment so that instead of capping the reimbursement rate, abortion providers would instead be subject to a percentage-based rate reduction, resulting in significantly less savings. The Berglin amendment to the

Fischbach amendment passed by a vote of 37–23 (a pro-life loss).

**Senate Vote 5  
Taxpayer Funding of Sex-Selection  
Abortion**

Journal pages 10378–10379

The next amendment offered to the HHS omnibus bill was offered by Sen. Warren Limmer, R-Maple Grove. The Limmer amendment would have prohibited taxpayer funding of abortion when the abortion is being done based on the sex of the unborn child.

Sen. Berglin questioned whether the amendment was germane to the bill, which authorized all funding for health and human services programs in the state, including those that fund abortions. Unfortunately, the amendment was ruled not germane.

Sen. Limmer then appealed the decision of the President that the amendment was not germane.

Senators then were able to vote to uphold or reject the ruling of the President. By a vote of 34–26 the Senate upheld the ruling of the President that the amendment was not germane (a pro-life loss).

**Senate Vote 6  
Abortion Coverage Opt-Out**  
Journal pages 10379–10380

Freshman Sen. Mike Parry, R-Waseca, offered an amendment that would have required insurance companies to allow individuals to opt out of abortion coverage and have their premiums reduced accordingly.

Sen. Berglin again questioned the germaneness of the amendment, and the President again ruled the amendment not germane. Sen. Parry questioned the President’s ruling, but the body voted 35–24 to uphold the President’s ruling (a pro-life loss).

Senator	Dist#	% #1	% #2	1	2	3	4	5	6
Anderson, Ellen	66	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Bakk, Thomas	6	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Berglin, Linda	61	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Betzold, Don	51	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Bonoff, Terri	43	0%	0%	o	e	o	o	o	o
Carlson, Jim	38	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Chaudhary, Satveer	50	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Clark, Tarryl	15	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Cohen, Richard	64	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Dahle, Kevin	25	0%	0%	o	o	e	o	o	o
Dibble, Scott	60	0%	0%	o	e	o	o	o	o
Dille, Steve	18	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Doll, John	40	17%	20%	o	o	e	o	x	o
Erickson Ropes, Sharon	31	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Fischbach, Michelle	14	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fobbe, Lisa	16	83%	83%	o	x	x	x	x	x
Foley, Leo	47	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Frederickson, Dennis	21	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gerlach, Chris	37	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gimse, Joe	13	50%	100%	x	x	x	e	e	e
Hann, David	42	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Higgins, Linda	58	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Ingebrigtsen, Bill	11	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Johnson, Debbie	49	83%	100%	x	x	e	x	x	x
Jungbauer, Michael	48	83%	100%	x	e	x	x	x	x
Kelash, Kenneth	63	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Koch, Amy	19	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Koering, Paul	12	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x

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Kubly, Gary	20	67%	100%	x	e	x	x	x	n
Langseth, Keith	9	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Latz, Ron	44	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Limmer, Warren	32	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lourey, Tony	8	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Lynch, Ann	30	17%	17%	o	o	x	o	o	o
Marty, John	54	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Metzen, Jim	39	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Michel, Geoff	41	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Moua, Mee	67	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Murphy, Steve	28	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Olseen, Rick	17	17%	17%	o	x	o	o	o	o
Olson, Gen	33	50%	100%	x	x	x	e	e	e
Olson, Mary	4	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ortman, Julianne	34	33%	100%	e	x	x	e	e	e
Pappas, Sandra	65	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Pariseau, Pat	36	50%	100%	x	x	x	e	e	e
Parry, Mike	26	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pogemiller, Lawrence	59	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Prettner Solon, Yvonne	7	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Rest, Ann	45	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	n
Robling, Claire	35	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Rosen, Julie	24	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Rummel, Sandy	53	0%	0%	o	o	n	o	o	o
Saltzman, Kathy	56	33%	33%	o	x	x	o	o	o
Saxhaug, Tom	3	0%	0%	o	e	o	o	o	o
Scheid, Linda	46	0%	0%	o	e	o	e	e	e
Senjem, David	29	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sheran, Kathy	23	17%	17%	o	x	o	o	o	o
Sieben, Katie	57	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Skoe, Rod	2	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o
Skogen, Dan	10	83%	83%	o	x	x	x	x	x
Sparks, Dan	27	67%	80%	o	x	x	n	x	x
Stumpf, LeRoy	1	83%	83%	x	x	x	o	x	x
Tomassoni, David	5	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	n	o
Torres Ray, Patricia	62	0%	0%	o	o	o	e	e	e
Vandever, Ray	52	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Vickerman, Jim	22	100%	100%	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wiger, Charles	55	0%	0%	o	o	o	o	o	o