



# Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?

## U.S. Senate

### John Thune

### Tom Daschle

#### Partial-Birth Abortion

**John Thune** voted consistently for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and against killer amendments.

**Tom Daschle** voted for the unsuccessful Feinstein Substitute Amendment, which would have wiped out the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and replaced it with a bill to allow partial-birth abortions even in the seventh month and later for emotional "health." Only after failing to kill the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act by this substitute amendment did he vote for the bill.

*The partial-birth abortion procedure -- used from the fifth month on -- involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull, and suctioning out the brain. The great majority of partial-birth abortions are performed on healthy babies, for entirely non-medical reasons.*

#### Abortion on Demand

**John Thune** opposes the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand and he supports legal protection for unborn children.

**Tom Daschle** voted to endorse the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand -- even as a method of birth control (*Harkin Amendment, 3/12/03*).

#### Government Funding of Abortion

**John Thune** has voted consistently to prohibit using tax dollars to pay for abortion.

**Tom Daschle** has voted consistently since 1995 to permit the use of tax dollars for abortion on demand.

#### Record on Life

**John Thune**, during his six years in the House of Representatives, voted 42 out of 42 times to protect unborn children from abortion.

**Tom Daschle**, during his 17 years in the Senate, voted 75 out of 83 times to support abortion.

**John Thune** declared to the *Argus Leader*, "I'm pro-life, and I feel a child is a gift from God, a gift that deserves protection."

**Tom Daschle** wrote a fundraising letter for the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) to help them raise money to elect pro-abortion Senate candidates in the 2002 elections. Daschle wrote: "If you and thousands of other pro-choice Americans like you don't act today by giving to NARAL's Save the Senate Campaign, the U.S. Senate could fall into anti-choice [pro-life] hands..."

#### The Unborn Victims of Violence Act

*The Unborn Victims of Violence Act ("Laci and Conner's Law") recognizes unborn children as victims when they are killed or injured in violent federal crimes.*

**John Thune** voted to pass "Laci and Conner's Law" and voted against substitute amendments that wouldn't extend criminal laws to cover unborn children.

**Tom Daschle** voted for a substitute amendment that wouldn't extend criminal laws to cover unborn children. Only after failing to kill the Unborn Victims of Violence Act by this substitute amendment did he vote for the bill. (*Roll Call no. 61, 3/25/04*)



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