

HR 1997

Laci and Conner's Law

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Rep. Vitter, David [R-LA-1]	R · LA		May 7, 2003
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Rep. Hunter, Duncan [R-CA-52]	R · CA		May 15, 2003
Rep. Lewis, Ron [R-KY-2]	R · KY		May 15, 2003
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		May 15, 2003
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Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-21]	R · CA		May 15, 2003
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		May 15, 2003
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Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jun 3, 2003
Rep. Schrock, Edward L. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Jun 3, 2003
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Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jun 26, 2003
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Jun 26, 2003
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Sep 5, 2003
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Oct 28, 2003
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [D-TX-4]	D · TX		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Nov 21, 2003
Rep. Ballenger, Cass [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Jan 21, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Discharged From	Feb 11, 2004
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HRES 529	Procedurally related	Feb 25, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
108 S 1019	Related bill	May 8, 2003: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 89.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on February 26, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004 or Laci and Conner's Law - Provides that persons who commit certain Federal violent crimes (conduct that violates specified provisions of the Federal criminal code, the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, or the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, or specified articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)) and thereby cause the death of, or bodily injury to, a child who is in utero shall be guilty of a separate offense. Requires the punishment for that separate offense to be the same as provided under Federal law for that conduct had that injury or death occurred to the unborn child's mother (or in the case of a UCMJ violation, to be such punishment as a court-martial may direct, which shall be consistent with the punishments prescribed by the President for such conduct had that injury or death occurred to the unborn child's mother).

Declares that such a separate offense does not require proof that: (1) the person who committed the offense knew or should have known that the victim of the underlying offense was pregnant; or (2) the defendant (or accused) intended to harm the unborn child. Prohibits imposition of the death penalty for such an offense.

Bars prosecution under this Act: (1) of any person for conduct relating to an abortion for which the consent of the pregnant woman (or a person authorized by law to act on her behalf) has been obtained or is implied by law or for conduct relating to any medical treatment of the pregnant woman or her unborn child; or (2) of any woman with respect to her unborn child.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 1, 2004:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 1, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-212.
- **Mar 31, 2004:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 25, 2004:** Measure laid before Senate. (consideration: CR S3124-3167)
- **Mar 25, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 61 - 38. Record Vote Number: 63.
- **Mar 25, 2004:** Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 61 - 38. Record Vote Number: 63.
- **Mar 25, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 11, 2004:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 458.
- **Mar 10, 2004:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Feb 26, 2004:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 529. (consideration: CR H637-668; text of measure as introduced: CR H637-638)
- **Feb 26, 2004:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1997 with 2 hours of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. Measure will be considered read. A specified amendment is in order.
- **Feb 26, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with two hours of debate on H.R. 1997.
- **Feb 26, 2004:** DEBATE - Pursuant to House Resolution 529 the House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Lofgren amendment in the nature of a substitute.
- **Feb 26, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 254 - 163 (Roll no. 31).
- **Feb 26, 2004:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 254 - 163 (Roll no. 31).
- **Feb 26, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 26, 2004:** Received in the Senate.
- **Feb 25, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H609)
- **Feb 25, 2004:** Rule H. Res. 529 passed House.
- **Feb 24, 2004:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 529 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1997 with 2 hours of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. Measure will be considered read. A specified amendment is in order.
- **Feb 11, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 108-420, Part I.
- **Feb 11, 2004:** House Committee on Armed Services Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Feb. 11, 2004.
- **Feb 11, 2004:** Committee on Armed Services discharged.
- **Feb 11, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 242.
- **Jan 21, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 21, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 13.
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 6 - 3.
- **Jul 8, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **May 7, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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