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PENCE HAILS SENATE PASSAGE OF UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

President Expected to Sign Measure Into Law

Washington, Mar 26, 2004 - WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Mike Pence called last night's Senate passage of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act a major victory for justice in America. The Senate passed the measure 61-38.

"With the President's signature on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, justice will advance in America," said Pence. "This legislation will ensure that crimes against Americans, born and unborn, are met with the rule of law and I applaud my colleagues in the Senate for its adoption."

Under current federal law, an individual who commits a federal crime of violence against a pregnant woman receives no additional punishment for killing or injuring the woman's unborn child during the commission of the crime.

The Unborn Victims of Violence Act would make an individual who commits one of nearly seventy specified federal crimes against an expecting mother guilty of a separate offense against the unborn child. This legislation would help deter such heinous acts of violence against women and unborn children.

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