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PENCE HERALDS PASSAGE OF PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

Washington, Oct 2, 2003 - WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Mike Pence voted today to end the procedure known as partial birth abortion. The conference report now has to be approved by the Senate before it heads to the President's desk. President Bush has indicated he will sign the bill. The final vote in the House was 281-142.

Congressman Pence's statement follows:

"Today I cast the most satisfying vote of my career in Congress, ending the barbaric procedure known as partial birth abortion. Congress has enacted the most significant legislation in the history of the debate over the sanctity of human life. With the President's signature, the American people will see an end to a medical practice that has no place in civilized society. The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act is the first true legislative victory for the unborn in three decades and I pray it will not be the last."