

Day 36—Our God is the God of the impossible. Is this Over?

By Brad Skiles

Dear prayer warriors:

Here is the most pressing question that needs an answer, after a full day of amendments to Senate Bill 1: "Is it

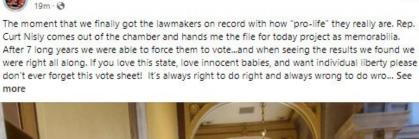
over?" As I begin writing this at 9 p.m. on Thursday night, the smart people I'm asking do not think this is over. I'm being told, "It's time to kill the bill."

This isn't about a lack of faith. The God who parted the sea, feed the thousands, walked on water, and rose from the grave, can certainly resurrect a bill to save babies. Do pray for that. Only God knows His plan. We don't. If God has a surprise plan, it would most likely happen today (Friday, August 4, 2022).

Amy Schlichter

The other reality, may be that God has given us victories in answer to our prayers. Here is Amy Schlichter's post tonight: "The moment that we finally got the lawmakers on record with how 'prolife' they really are. Rep Curt Nisly comes out of the chamber and hands me the file for today's project as memorabilia. After 7 long years we were able to force them to vote...and when seeing the results we found we were right all along. If you love the state, love innocent babies, and want individual liberty please don't ever forget this vote sheet! It's always right to do right and always wrong to do wrong. I am forever grateful to have Rep. Nisly and John Jacob State Representative in the trenches with me. Thank you!"

During World War II, the most famous retreat happened when General MacArthur retreated from the Philippines and left behind 105,000 American and Filipino troops. History.com estimates 85,000 of those soldiers became prisoners of war. It took nearly three years for the General to go back, this time recapturing the Philippines and that region. He kept his promise to return. Sometimes, in war, a retreat is necessary to win the war.





Amy is right to celebrate. Sometimes, in politics, a loss is a win. How can that be? This Special Session provided a wealth of information which will be helpful in future campaigns. (I will illustrate that on the next page.) The success we experienced so far is more than just voting records. Regular readers of this prayer series have become very knowledgeable about the inner working of the Indy Swamp. We've also explained how *Indiana Right to Life* has a 49 1/2 year track record of praying and creating the status quo, while Amy, Curt, and John have six years of praying and pushing against the status quo. Just as President

Trump's legacy will be his exposure of the Deep State, Curt and John's legacy will be the exposure of the Indy Swamp and their cohorts, **We can never forgot what we have learned.**

The first gold mine uncovered showed which Republicans are callous to life at conception. Even though they



take an oath to uphold the Indiana Constitution and are supposed to uphold the laws of our state, these Republicans joined Democrats in recognizing that Indiana Law defines life begins at conception, yet they are fine with the killing of those babies and twisting all other laws so this type of murder has no criminal penalties.

Curt Nisly went into Thursday with high hopes the House Republicans would be strong enough to do the right thing. At the end of the day, he was shocked SB 1 had become worse through House amendments. "The Republican establishment has worked with the Democrats in keeping abortion legal and active in Indiana," Curt said. He then said the House and Senate have supported the corporatization of abortion and making Indiana an abortion tourism state. Is this what the Church wants?

Curt and John plan to vote "No"

today. They will join the Democrats. Breaking News as I write this is that the Indiana Chamber of Commerce wants to kill the bill. It's a rare thing when Liberty Defense and the Chamber are on the same page. Likely unknowingly, the Chamber is saying the GOP leadership was not prepared for this historic moment. The news release states, "Over the last two weeks, the Indiana General Assembly has debated a substantial policy change on the issue of abortion in a compressed timeframe. Such an expedited legislative process—rushing to advance state policy on broad, complex issues—is, at best, detrimental to Hoosiers, and at worst, reckless." Of course, the majority of the Chamber's concerns for this bill deal with how it might impact the State's ability to attract new workers, new businesses, be attractive for tourism, and keep convention business. The Chamber gives "business ethics" a bad rap.

From our previous prayer focus, we wanted Christian Reps to vote based on legislative language that would be God-honoring. Our Founding Fathers had no problem using the Bible as the basis for our Constitution and laws. It is a really rare thing for Indiana's Christian politicians to do the same thing. When Curt Nisly proposed his language for ending abortion with no exceptions, his first objection came from a Baptist pastor. Curt's amendment (#76) was buried by a margin of 93 to 6! ONLY SIX REPUBLICANS DEMONSTRATED THEIR PRO-LIFE COMMITMENT. The others, obeyed the Speaker and voted in unison, opposing the end of abortion. What would God have wanted? It is sad that some Christians don't know that answer, or perhaps don't ask the question. One might think the wording that had six years of development, might be favored over the rushed bill thrown together at the last minute by the pro-life group. Apparently, the GOP leadership and *Indiana Right to Life*, did not expect God to overrule *Roe v. Wade*. It is clear, the State of Indiana had no idea how to deal with this topic, now that it is confirmed that since 1973 the states had the authority to act under the Constitution. We would hope most of us would admit when we've been wrong. That's not happening here. Perhaps that is something God wants us, as a state, to work on.

Let's Pray:

Father, we thank you for taking us on this journey. We thank you for what we have learned during these 36

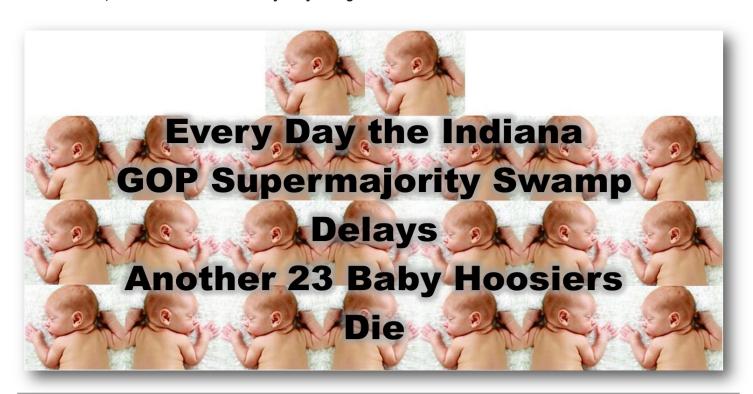
days and in the weeks, months, and years leading up to this. Jesus, we know you can change everything in a twinkling of an eye. Perhaps we will now see you intervene and save Hoosier babies by dramatically changing what happens today. All through world history, You have done the impossible. We know this is not over until You, King Jesus, says this is over. You have the final word. We've prayed for our legislators to have dreams and encounters that would reverse their direction and intentions. You can still do that. BUT...we also know Your plan may be for us to work harder. Take what Satan sees as a victory and turn it in to a statewide revival and awakening. King Jesus, we are Your Church. Mobilize us and move us to BE the Church. As we will likely step back and regroup, help us to come back and fulfill Your destiny for us. Guide our leaders who strategize the next steps. Father, in the remaining days of the session, continue to teach us and continue to prepare us for what You want us to do next. Father, continue to break our hearts for the babies who will be murdered by the failed actions of our GOP Supermajority. Bring conviction where that is needed. Father, humble us. Break us. Unite us. Help us be the warriors You have called us to be. In the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Decree with me:

We will be prayer warriors who work and pray to save Hoosier babies. We will be the state which leads the nation in ending abortion. We will be back.

In Christ,

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Friday Special Session Update

- ◆ Today's legislative expectation is that SB 1 would pass the House. Then, a Conference Committee of Senators and Representatives will meet to attempt to agree on wording from the two chambers. The exact same wording has to be accepted and approved by both chambers before it can move on to the Governor. The Liberty team will be working to kill this bill. Please reverse what you have been asking through calls and emails. Now, ask your Senator and Representative to vote "No" on SB 1!
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