

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND  
THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PRESERVE  
FEDERAL FUNDING

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President and the Congress of the United States as follows:

WHEREAS, freedom of speech is the most fundamental principle of our democratic society; and

WHEREAS, physicians and medical providers have a professional duty and are required by oath to inform patients of all legal, safe medical options for any medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 1991, the United States Supreme Court issued an opinion in Rust v. Sullivan that restricts the availability of information regarding family planning and abortion to women seeking the services of Title X federally funded clinics; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has provided no exceptions in consideration of the life and health of the mother for instances in which the pregnancy is a result of violence, incest or rape; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the Supreme Court ruling is that all women, and particularly low-income women, attending family planning services in Title X federally funded clinics may not receive all safe, legal constitutionally protected options to an unintended pregnancy, including parenthood, adoption and abortion; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's ruling unfairly harms low-income women and families who will not have the same

access to information or medical care as women and families of means; and

WHEREAS, as many as 27,000 Maine women will not have access to complete information; and

WHEREAS, S 323 and HR 392 are pending before the United States Congress and would abrogate the court's decision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to pass and the President of the United States to sign into law S 323 and HR 392 as quickly as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George H. W. Bush, President of the United States; the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States; and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

*Read and*

On Motion of SEN. CLARK OF CUMBERLAND

IN SENATE CHAMBER

SENATE AMENDMENT A Read and Adopted

JUN 12 1991

*Subsequently adopted as amend*  
JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary  
*by Senate Amend. A*  
SENT DOWN FOR CONCURRENCE

Ordered Sent Forthwith

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

READ AND ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT A

JUN 12 1991

IN CONCURRENCE

*Edwin D. ...*

CLERK

ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH

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