

*Republican Motion to Recommit H.R. 3170, The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2010*

The Republican Motion to Recommit (MTR) would prohibit funds appropriated under this Act from being used for any abortion except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or where the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest. The MTR prohibits funding by removing “Federal” from Sec. 812 of the bill, which states that “None of the Federal funds appropriated” may be used to for abortions.

Historically, the Financial Services Appropriations bill has included a restriction on government (both federal and D.C.) funded abortion in the District of Columbia, known as the Dornan amendment. The underlying bill lifts the restriction on local D.C. funds being used to pay for abortions in the District. Since Congress appropriates both federal and local funds, this change will mean that taxpayer funds could be used for abortion.