

Final Vote on Cloning & Embryo Research Bill

Massachusetts Catholic Conference, June 3, 2005

On May 31, 2005, the Massachusetts Senate and House overrode Governor Mitt Romney's veto of H. 2039, thereby enacting a bill that endorses human cloning and destructive embryo research. The bill goes into effect immediately. There is now talk of funding such research with our tax dollars.

In the Senate, 36 Senators opposed and 3 Senators (Lees, Knapik & Moore) supported the veto (the "official" tally of 35-2 did not include two "paired" votes, with Sen. Moore, who was present, pairing his vote in favor of the veto with the opposite vote of Sen. Creem who was absent). Senators Lees and Knapik made eloquent statements on the floor explaining their opposition to the bill. In the House, 112 Representatives opposed and 42 supported the veto. The veto could have been sustained, thus killing the bill, if one-third of the members in either branch (14 in the Senate and 54 in the House) had supported the veto.

Please take the time to write Gov. Romney in appreciation for his efforts to defeat H. 2039, as well as sending a letter or email to your legislators concerning their final vote. Even though the bill has become law, follow-up is essential. Those who voted in favor of the veto need to be thanked for taking a courageous stand in defense of human life. Legislators who opposed the veto in order to allow the bill to go into effect should be informed of your disappointment. Letters should be addressed to State House, Boston, MA 02133, and email addresses can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/legis/memmenuh.htm>.

Y=supported the veto to kill the cloning bill
N=opposed the veto to allow the cloning bill to become law
X=did not vote

Boston Archdiocese

First Name	Last Name	Home City	Sustain Veto?
Cory	Atkins	Concord	N
Bruce J.	Ayers	Quincy	Y
Ruth B.	Balser	Newton	N
Deborah	Blumer	Framingham	N
Garrett	Bradley	Hingham	N
Arthur J.	Broadhurst	Methuen	X
Jennifer M.	Callahan	Sutton	N
Christine E.	Canavan	Brockton	N
Stephen R.	Canessa	Lakeville	N
Paul C.	Casey	Winchester	N
Edward G.	Connolly	Everett	Y
Michael	Coppola	Foxborough	Y
Michael A.	Costello	Newburyport	N
Robert K.	Coughlin	Dedham	N
Geraldine	Creedon	Brockton	N
Robert A.	DeLeo	Winthrop	N
Vinny M.	deMacedo	Plymouth	Y
Brian S.	Dempsey	Haverhill	N
Salvatore F.	DiMasi	Boston	N
Paul	Donato	Medford	Y
Joseph	Driscoll, Jr.	Braintree	Y
James B.	Eldridge	Acton	N
Chris G.	Fallon	Malden	Y
Mark	Falzone	Saugus	N
Robert F.	Fennell	Lynn	N
Michael E.	Festa	Melrose	N

Barry R.	Finegold	Andover	N
David L.	Flynn	Bridgewater	N
Linda	Forry	Boston	N
Gloria L.	Fox	Roxbury	N
William C.	Galvin	Canton	N
Colleen M.	Garry	Dracut	Y
Susan W.	Gifford	Wareham	Y
Thomas A.	Golden Jr.	Lowell	N
Mary E.	Grant	Beverly	N
William G.	Greene	Billerica	Y
Geoffrey D.	Hall	Westford	N
Robert S.	Hargraves	Groton	N
Lida E.	Harkins	Needham	N
Bradford R.	Hill	Ipswich	Y
Kevin G.	Honan	Brighton	N
Frank M.	Hynes	Marshfield	N
Patricia D.	Jehlen	Somerville	N
Bradley H.	Jones	North Reading	Y
Louis L.	Kafka	Sharon	N
Rachel	Kaprielian	Watertown	N
Jay R.	Kaufman	Lexington	N
John D.	Keenan	Salem	N
Thomas P.	Kennedy	Brockton	X
Kay S.	Khan	Newton	X
Peter J.	Koutoujian	Newton	N
Barbara A.	L'Italien	Andover	N
William	Lantigua	Lawrence	Y
Stephen P.	LeDuc	Marlborough	N
David Paul	Linsky	Natick	N
Paul	Loscocco	Holliston	Y
Elizabeth A.	Malia	Jamaica Plain	N
Ronald	Mariano	Quincy	N
J. James	Marzilli Jr.	Arlington	N
James R.	Miceli	Wilmington	N
Michael	Moran	Boston	N
Charles A.	Murphy	Burlington	N
James M.	Murphy	Weymouth	N
Kevin J.	Murphy	Lowell	N
David M.	Nangle	Lowell	N
Patrick M.	Natale	Woburn	N
Robert J.	Nyman	Hanover	N
Thomas J.	O'Brien	Kingston	N
Eugene L.	O'Flaherty	Chelsea	Y
Shirley	Owens-Hicks	Mattapan	N
Anne M.	Paulsen	Belmont	N
Alice H.	Peisch	Wellesley	N
Douglas W.	Petersen	Marblehead	N
Anthony	Petruccelli	East Boston	N
Susan W.	Pope	Wayland	Y
John F.	Quinn	Dartmouth	N
Kathi-Anne	Reinstein	Revere	N
John H.	Rogers	Norwood	Y
Richard J.	Ross	Wrentham	Y
Michael F.	Rush	West Roxbury	Y
Byron	Rushing	Boston	N
Jeffrey	Sanchez	Jamaica Plain	N

Tom	Sannicandro	Ashland	N
Angelo M.	Scaccia	Boston	Y
Carl M.	Sciortino	Somerville	N
Frank Israel	Smizik	Brookline	N
Theodore C.	Speliotis	Danvers	N
Joyce A.	Spiliotis	Peabody	N
Marie	St. Fleur	Dorchester	N
Harriett L.	Stanley	Merrimac	X
Thomas M.	Stanley	Waltham	N
William M.	Straus	Mattapoissett	N
Kathleen M.	Teahan	Whitman	N
Walter F.	Timilty	Milton	Y
A. Stephen	Tobin	Quincy	N
Timothy J.	Toomey Jr.	Cambridge	Y
David M.	Torrisi	N. Andover	N
James E.	Vallee	Franklin	N
Anthony J.	Verga	Gloucester	N
Brian P.	Wallace	Boston	Y
Patricia A.	Walrath	Stow	N
Martin J.	Walsh	Dorchester	Y
Steven M.	Walsh	Lynn	N
Martha	Walz	Boston	N
Daniel K.	Webster	Hanson	Y
Alice K.	Wolf	Cambridge	N

Fall River Diocese

First Name	Last Name	Home City	Sustain Veto?
Demetrius	Atsalis	Barnstable	N
Antonio F.D.	Cabral	New Bedford	N
Christine E.	Canavan	Brockton	N
Stephen R.	Canessa	Lakeville	N
Michael	Coppola	Foxborough	Y
Robert	Correia	Fall River	Y
Geraldine	Creedon	Brockton	N
James H.	Fagan	Taunton	N
David L.	Flynn	Bridgewater	N
Susan W.	Gifford	Wareham	Y
Shirley A.	Gomes	South Harwich	Y
Patricia	Haddad	Somerset	N
Louis L.	Kafka	Sharon	N
Robert M.	Koczera	New Bedford	X
John A.	Lepper	Attleboro	Y
Matthew	Patrick	Falmouth	N
Jeffrey D.	Perry	E. Sandwich	Y
Elizabeth A.	Poirier	North Attleboro	Y
John F.	Quinn	Dartmouth	N
Michael J.	Rodrigues	Westport	N
William M.	Straus	Mattapoissett	N
David B.	Sullivan	Fall River	N
Philip	Travis	Rehoboth	Y
Eric T.	Turkington	Falmouth	N
Cleon H.	Turner	Dennis	N

Springfield Diocese

First Name	Last Name	Home City	Sustain Veto?
Daniel	Bosley	N. Adams	N
Gale D.	Candaras	Wilbraham	N
Sean	Curran	Springfield	N
Christopher J.	Donelan	Orange	N
Anne M.	Gobi	Spencer	N
Denis E.	Guyer	Dalton	N
Donald F.	Humason	Westfield	Y
Michael	Kane	Holyoke	N
Daniel F.	Keenan	Blandford	N
Brian	Knuuttila	Gardner	N
Peter V.	Kocot	Florence	N
Stephen	Kulik	Worthington	N
Thomas M.	Petrolati	Ludlow	N
William J.	Pignatelli	Lenox	N
Cheryl	Rivera	Springfield	N
Mary S.	Rogeness	Longmeadow	Y
John	Scibak	South Hadley	N
Todd M.	Smola	Palmer	Y
Christopher	Speranzo	Pittsfield	N
Ellen	Story	Amherst	N
Benjamin	Swan	Springfield	X
Joseph F.	Wagner	Chicopee	N
James T.	Welch	W. Springfield	N

Worcester Diocese

First Name	Last Name	Home City	Sustain Veto?
John J.	Binienda	E. Worcester	Y
Jennifer M.	Callahan	Sutton	N
Mark J.	Carron	Southbridge	Y
Christopher J.	Donelan	Orange	N
James B.	Eldridge	Acton	N
Lewis G.	Evangelidis	Holden	Y
Jennifer L.	Flanagan	Leominster	N
John P.	Fresolo	Worcester	Y
Paul K.	Frost	Auburn	Y
Anne M.	Gobi	Spencer	N
Emile J.	Goguen	Fitchburg	Y
Brian	Knuuttila	Gardner	N
Paul	Kujawski	Webster	N
James B.	Leary	Worcester	N
Stephen P.	LeDuc	Marlborough	N
Paul	Loscocco	Holliston	Y
Harold P.	Naughton Jr.	Clinton	N
Marie J.	Parente	Milford	Y
Vincent A.	Pedone	Worcester	N
George N.	Peterson Jr.	Grafton	Y
Karyn	Polito	Shrewsbury	N
Todd M.	Smola	Palmer	Y
Robert	Spellane	Worcester	N
Patricia A.	Walrath	Stow	N