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### ***Newfoundland Premier Criticized for Donating to Pro-life Group***

An article in the August 6, 2006 edition of the St. John's Telegram castigated Premier Danny Williams for donating money to the Newfoundland Right to Life Association. Premier Williams who is independently wealthy turns his pay cheque over to a foundation which distributes the funds to charities in the province. How generous! Rather than commend him for this generosity, he has been pressured to release a statement of how the money was spent and then criticized for giving a paltry \$500 to a pro-life organization. This amount represents a very small portion of the more than \$100,000 given to charities every year.

The article doesn't just take a swipe at Danny Williams but goes on to smear the pro-life movement. The article accuses pro-lifers of claiming that those "who've been associated with an abortion are murderers." He goes on to say that voters "might find it disturbing that the premier has no problem donating money to the organizers of that march every spring designed to pass moral judgment on women who've made a choice to have a legal abortion." Ouch! Hasn't this journalist heard about the pro-life movements outreach to women who have had abortions? Many, many groups have been actively distributing information about the emotional and psychological scars of abortion and recruiting and training counselors to help women through the trauma and pain which often follows an abortion.

Hopefully the folks from Newfoundland will take the time to write to journalist Bob Wakeham and enlighten him about the pro-life movement.

We say thank you to Premier Danny Williams for supporting efforts to promote respect for all human life.

### ***Assisted Suicide Bill Will be Back***

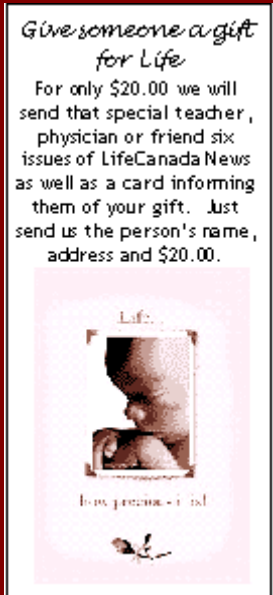
Bloc MP Francine Lalonde told the *Ottawa Sun* last week that she will make changes to her assisted suicide bill, which was defeated last year in the House of Commons. Ms. Lalonde has just returned from a trip to Belgium where it is legal for doctors to kill patients and she

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will use some of what she learned to make the bill more palatable to some of its critics. Sun journalist Kathleen Harris also reported that the Justice Department has advised the government that it is out of touch with court decisions which have decided in several cases that doctors can legally withhold or withdraw treatment or administer lethal doses of pain relief medications. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said his government is not interested in legalizing the right to die but would allow a free vote if the issue came before Parliament. The issue of legal assisted suicide will be front and centre next month when the World Federation of Right to Die Societies hosts an international conference in Toronto from September 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. George Felos, the lawyer for Michael Schiavo who won the right to starve his wife, Terri Schiavo, to death last year will be speaking. Other speakers include Henry Morgentaler, Canada's premier abortionist, and Dr. Robert Buckman, a well known Canadian physician, commentator and president of the Humanist Society of Canada.

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### ***Bureaucrats Warn Justice Minister Unborn Victim of Violence Bill could Impact Abortion***

A recent article by journalist Peter O'Neill explains why Justice Minister Vic Toews opposed the private member's bill introduced by MP Leon Benoit which sought to make it a crime to murder or harm an unborn child while committing a crime against its mother. A statement by the Justice Minister was distributed during the course of the appeal committee hearing to decide if the bill would be allowed to proceed and seemed to influence committee members to deem the bill non-votable. It then died after a one-hour debate in the House of Commons.

Mr. Toews statement claimed that the bill was unconstitutional but did not give any reasons for his assertion. It now appears that Mr. Toews was being influenced by bureaucrats in the Justice Department. According to internal documents obtained through the Access to Information, bureaucrats advised him in a briefing note that "Any change to the definition of a 'human being' in the Criminal Code could have the effect of criminalizing abortion". The note went on to say "The government has no plans to propose any reforms in this area of the law".

The briefing note advising Mr. Toews, which was not signed, contained erroneous information. Bill C-291 did not in any way attempt to change the Criminal Code definition of a human being so would not have resulted in the criminalization of abortion as was implied. Mr. Benoit clearly explained that this Bill would apply only in cases where an unborn child died or was injured as a result of violent acts against the mother *despite* the definition of human being in the Criminal Code. Bill C-291 sought only to protect unborn victims whose mothers had chosen to carry the child to term. It

appears that political expediency won over unborn victims of violence.

### ***Replies to Misleading CMAJ Guest Editorial***

Last month we wrote about a guest editorial in the June 24 Canadian Medical Association Journal which erroneously claimed the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Canadian women have a constitutional right to abortion and physicians have a duty to refer patients for abortion. The CMAJ has received and published a number of letters from physicians in response to this article.

To read the letters please go to: [www.cmaj.ca/cgi/eletters/175/1/9](http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/eletters/175/1/9)

### ***MasterCard Support has Ended***

LifeCanada needs your help to overcome the loss of funds from the MasterCard affinity program which represents a loss of 1/5 of our annual income.

Please contact us if you would like to pledge monthly donations of \$10, \$15 or \$25 to help us replace the lost income. Remember, every little bit helps.

If you would like to sign up for monthly automatic donations please [click here](#).

### ***Healing the Culture – A New Beginning***

Brochures for the 2006 pro-life conference in beautiful Vancouver are now available on-line at:

[www.2006prolifeconference.com/brochure.html](http://www.2006prolifeconference.com/brochure.html)

### ***Support Pro-Life Groups While Searching Internet***

This is just a reminder to those of you looking for an easy way to support pro-life endeavours. It doesn't get easier than this. ProLifeSearch.com, a new search engine powered by Google, will donate to pro-life organizations from revenues generated by the site. This means that every time you use ProLifeSearch.com to conduct a search on the internet you are donating to the pro-life movement. The only thing you have to do is sign up as a registered user by visiting [www.prolifesearch.com/pages/register-with-us](http://www.prolifesearch.com/pages/register-with-us). Even though this is a new venture, a total of \$11,498 has been donated to pro-life groups.

So, please consider using ProLifeSearch.com and encourage your friends and family members to do so as well. More information on the search engine, the founders and the pro-life organizations which they support is available at: [www.prolifesearch.com](http://www.prolifesearch.com).

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