

Iowa Caucus on Monday, February 1, 2016

How and When to Introduce a Pro-Life Resolution for Party Platforms

If you don't know where your precinct caucus is located, please call your County Auditor's office, in your phonebook and look under 1.) Your local county seat 2.) Your county name 3.) Auditor or visit the Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.ia.us.

Caucus Proceedings Outline

It is possible that some items may be done in a slightly different order, depending on the caucus Chairman.

1. **Sign In:** Caucus participants are asked to sign in upon entering. If you are not enrolled in a party, you may be asked to indicate it as your party preference and asked to fill out a voter registration form.
2. **Call to Order.** The caucus is called to order at 7:00pm by a Temporary Chairman.
3. **Elect Chairman and Secretary:** The first order of business is to elect a Permanent Chairman and a Secretary who will run the proceedings from that point until adjournment.
4. **Nomination Papers:** At this point the Chairman may circulate nomination papers for candidates running for federal, state and local offices.
5. **Elect Precinct Committee People:** The Chairman will read a description of the duties of these individuals and they will be elected.
6. **Elect County Convention Delegates and Alternates:** The Chairman will give an explanation of how many will be elected, the date of the County Convention, etc. If you want to run as a delegate, either have someone nominate you or you can nominate yourself by saying, "I nominate (your name) for County Convention delegate." It is perfectly proper to ask anyone running where they stand on the right to life issue.
7. **Discussion of Platform Resolutions:** (See Pro-Life plank below) Resolutions passed by the caucus are forwarded on to the County Convention and may become a part of the state party platform.
8. **Other Business:** The Chairman will now ask if there is any other business to come before the caucus.
9. **Adjourn:** When there is no other business, the caucus will adjourn. Please stay until the end.

Please have the below Pro-Life resolution with you at the caucus February 1 to submit to the Caucus Chairman when the discussion for *party platform resolutions* (see #7 above) are to be discussed and voted on. When they begin to discuss the platform, just raise your hand to be recognized and say:

(Tear or cut here)

"I propose the following Pro-Life resolution..."

Pro-Life Resolution for the Sanctity and Dignity of Human Life

Faithful to the "self-evident" truths enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children. We oppose using public revenues to promote or perform abortion or fund organizations which perform or advocate it and will not fund or subsidize health care which includes abortion coverage. We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, which includes food and water, from people with disabilities, together with newborns, as well as the elderly and infirm, just as we oppose active and passive euthanasia and assisted suicide.