

U.S. House Democrats defeat sex-selective abortion ban

The House of Representatives voted down [a bill Thursday](#) that sought to ban sex-selective abortion, 246-168, [according to the Washington Post](#). The bill “failed to pass as House Republicans brought it up under a suspension of normal rules that required it to earn a two-thirds majority vote.” The Prenatal Non-discrimination Act would have created legal penalties of up to five years in prison for anyone who knowingly “performs an abortion knowing that such abortion is sought based on the sex, gender, color or race of the child, or the race of a parent of that child.” Just seven House Republicans voted against the bill, with 20 Democrats voting in favor of the ban.

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