

Open Forum

Governor wisely pulls tax money from abortion shell game

To the editor:

I note that some people from the north of us are all upset over the governor's stopping the disbursement of state money to Planned Parenthood to perform abortions. They maintain that they were not really using state money to pay for abortions, but for overhead, such as rent. It was the money that they would have paid for rent they were using to pay for abortions. Why, it wasn't state money at all. By a little artful bookkeeping, and a bit of casuistry, they were able to provide more abortions, but not by using state money. Oh yes, I see. That clears up the whole thing, doesn't it?

Yes, very simple, a "Women's Health Clinic" has two funds. (Isn't that an attractive name, "Health Clinic"?) One is for "health procedures" — something like the electric chair for one of the two people involved and one is for rent. If the state gives money for the rent, what will the "Health Clinic" do with the rent money? Isn't that a hard problem? Can anybody guess what more "health procedures" will be committed? And I'll bet they will be for poor women. The selfless generosity of these "health providers" is enough to make one weep. For something under \$1,000, any "poor woman" can have an abortion performed. How selfless.

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