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News From Around PA

After three hours of debate, the State House passed **HB 1948**, which would ban abortions after 20 weeks and ban dismemberment abortions. Governor Wolf has pledged to veto the bill, if it reaches his desk.

PA Congressman **Chaka Fattah** (D-2nd) was convicted on 23 federal corruption charges and resigned immediately. He had originally sought to resign on October 3, the day before his sentencing, but relented under pressure.

The **Philadelphia School Reform Commission** has approved a new transgender policy in Philly's School District. The policy allows full access to locker rooms sport teams and bathrooms, pronouns corresponding to their gender identity will be used in school records,

gender-neutral language should be used in school correspondence.

News from National Scene

Hawaii's governor signed a bill making it the first state to place its **gun-owning residents** in a federal criminal record database and monitor them for possible wrongdoing anywhere in US.

A federal judge in Wyoming made permanent the blocking of an **Interior Dept.** rule setting stricter standards for hydraulic fracturing on public lands.

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld a halt on President **Obama's immigration plan**, DACA and DAPA.

The **Selective Investigative Panel** on Planned Parenthood issued a criminal referral to New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas detailing evidence that the University of New Mexico and Southwestern Women's Options may have violated NM's *Jonathan Spradling Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act*.

In an apparent "compromise" top

lawmakers on the Senate Agriculture Committee reached an agreement on mandatory, nationwide labeling for **genetically modified foods** (GM). Monsanto and its henchmen in Congress have been desperate to enact legislation at the Federal level, in order to pre-empt Vermont's first-in-the-nation labeling law from going into effect on July 1. The standards are problematic: exempting certain types of GM foods from labeling requirements; not requiring actual labeling, but forcing consumers to scan QR codes, check manufacturers' websites, or dial 1-800 numbers to get info on the contents of the food products while shopping. We are a non-profit organization that is totally dependent upon financial gifts from our supporters. You can give online here <http://afaofpa.org/donate/>

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