

**One-Minute - March 11, 1993  
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**Mr. Speaker:**

Twelve years of relentless assault by the Reagan and Bush Administrations on the rights of women to control their own bodies has engendered a climate of intimidation, intolerance and violence. And yesterday, we saw the awful manifestation of that climate of hatred.

When a doctor who performs abortions is gunned down in broad daylight, it is time for Congress to act. It is time for Congress to pass the Freedom of Choice Act and to make it clear, from one end of this country to the other, that women, and not the government, must have the right to make the choice regarding abortion.

When women seeking abortions, and doctors working in abortion clinics, must fear for their lives, something is terribly wrong. Obviously, people with different points of view on this issue must have the right to express their point of view and debate their point of view. But this Congress must pass legislation which makes it clear from one end of America to the other, that the right of choice with regard to abortion is a right of privacy, is a constitutional right.

Mr. Speaker, let us pass the Freedom of Choice Act.