CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

October 15, 1997

H.R. 1122 Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997

As cleared by the Congress on October 8, 1997

H.R. 1122 would ban most instances of a late-term abortion procedure known as "partial-birth abortion." Violators of the act's provisions would be subject to a criminal fine or imprisonment.

Enacting H.R. 1122 could increase governmental receipts from collections of fines, but we estimate that any such increase would be less than \$500,000 annually. Criminal fines are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and are spent in the following year, so any change in direct spending from the fund would match the increase in revenues with a one-year lag. Thus, the estimated pay-as-you-go impact of H.R. 1122 consists of changes in receipts and direct spending of less than \$500,000 annually.

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