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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3541
OFFERED BY MR. FRANKS OF ARIZONA

Page 8, line 8, strike lines 8-19, and insert the following:

1 (K) The American medical community opposes
2 sex-selection. The American College of Obstetricians
3 and Gynecologists, commonly known as "ACOG,"
4 stated in its 2007 Ethics Committee Opinion, Num-
5 ber 360, that sex-selection is inappropriate because
6 it "ultimately supports sexist practices." The ASRM
7 2004 Ethics Committee Opinion on sex-selection
8 notes that central to the controversy of sex-selection
9 is the potential for "inherent gender discrimination",
10 . . .the "risk of psychological harm to sex-selected
11 offspring (i.e., by placing on them expectations that
12 are too high),". . . and "reinforcement of gender
13 bias in society as a whole." Embryo sex-selection,
14 ASRM notes, remains "vulnerable to the judgment
15 that no matter what its basis, [the method] identi-
16 fies gender as a reason to value one person over an-
17 other, and it supports socially constructed stereo-
18 types of what gender means." In doing so, it not
19 only "reinforces possibilities of unfair discrimination,

1 hibit the regulation or prohibition of "sex control,"
2 defined as the use of various medical technologies to
3 choose the sex of one's child. The publication ex-
4 presses concern that "sex control might lead to
5 . . .dehumanization and a new eugenics."

