The Senate Unit Passes Abortion Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday approved by a 13-8 vote the Democratic-sponsored anti-abortion bill.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), would make it a federal crime to perform an abortion unless the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest.


The bill now goes to the House, where it is expected to be considered by the House Judiciary Committee.

Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the bill is a step in the right direction.

"This is a significant step forward," Thurmond said. "It is a compromise that respects the rights of both men and women."