



# The Senate Connection

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This Week:  
Continuing the fight to  
protect expectant  
mothers

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## Continuing the fight...

Several weeks ago we updated you on Senator Brock's efforts to protect the unborn from violence. This week, the senator was working especially hard on the issue as he joined the family and friends of Jenna Nielsen and her unborn son Ethen, both of whom were murdered in Raleigh on June 14, at both a vigil and a press conference at the legislature. The events were meant to remember the lives of Jenna and Ethen and also called on the legislature to pass the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.



Senator Brock Addressing the candlelight vigil with Kevin Blaine

## Senator Brock Addresses Vigil for Jenna and Ethen Nielsen

On Monday, July 9 Senator Brock attended a moving tribute to a mother and son brutally murdered less than a month earlier. That evening family and friends of Jenna and Ethen Nielsen gathered for a candlelight vigil at the Bicentennial Mall across from the State Legislative Building to remember and pray for the two young victims.

"It was a moving experience," the senator said. "It certainly renewed my commitment to press for the passage of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act."

At the vigil Senator Brock met with the family of Jenna Nielsen and heard first hand of impact of the tragic murders. "What this poor family has gone through the last month is incredible. Hearing their personal story truly drives home the point that we must protect expectant mothers from those who would do violence to them," he added.

## Fighting for the Unborn Victims of Violence Act

In his most forceful stand for the unborn yet, Senator Brock addressed a crowded press conference on the need to pass the Unborn Victims of Violence Act. "This week the Senate passed legislation criminalizing the theft of copper rain gutters. We're always passing bills to allow municipalities to authorize the use of golf carts on their roads. We pass all sorts of meaningless legislation, but we don't pass enough of the bills that matter. The Democratic leadership of the General Assembly needs to rethink it's legislative priorities. The Unborn Victims of Violence Act is the perfect example. While we were quibbling over gutters, we could have been taking significant steps toward protecting unborn children and their mothers," the senator said.

The press conference, led by Republican Representative Trudi Walend, was among the best attended of the session and included remarks by Kevin Blaine, father of Jenna Nielsen. "Having Mr. Blaine there helped put a face on this tragedy," the senator said. "It's undeniable when looking at this man that he suffered two losses, not just one. He lost a daughter and a grandson and the law ought to be change—and changed soon—to reflect that."



Sen. Brock speaking at the press conference on the Fetal Murder Bill.