



# CONCERNED CITIZEN

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### **AROUND THE STATE**

#### **They're Baaaack!**

The 2009-10 California Legislature convened on December 1. While the majority of activity will not begin until January, new bills may be drafted and introduced any time before the deadline on February 27.

CWA of California will be watching all the new legislation to target key bills that relate to our core issues and support or oppose those measures. Please check our California Web site's legislation section in coming weeks as our "2009 Targeted Bill List" grows. You can still view the bills we tracked during 2008, and we'll be providing the same type of resources (talking points, sample letters, links to votes and committees) for this new session.

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#### **Lawmakers Show Contempt for the People**

Almost before the ink was dry on the new rosters, two non-binding resolutions had been introduced asking the legislature to oppose Prop 8. On the Assembly side, HR 5 was proposed by newly-elected Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco). Sen. Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) brought the Senate resolution (SR 7).

**Action:** *Please contact your state senator*

#### **How Do I Find It?**

- ◆ Go to our website: <http://ca.cwfa.org>
- ◆ Click the "2009 Targeted Bills" link
- ◆ Scroll through to check all the key bills, their status and the action you can take!
- ◆ Download sample letters and talking points

#### **Need to find your state legislators?**

Go to: <http://leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

You can also check your phone book or call your local Registrar of Voters' office.

and assemblymember asking them to uphold the people's will under Prop 8 and vote against any resolution seeking to invalidate its victory. Find them here: <http://leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>.

### **THE NATIONAL SCENE**

#### **Looking to the Battles Ahead**

When then-Senator Barack Obama was campaigning, he made a number of promises to the far left constituency that, if carried out, will be devastating to many of the Biblical principles for which we are fighting, including the pro-life cause, freedoms of conscience and the family. For example, he has vowed to sign the "Freedom of Choice Act," which would essentially invalidate any restrictions to abortion, and to eliminate the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy for the military. Click the "Obama Watch" link on our national website ([www.cwfa.org](http://www.cwfa.org)) to view and track the progress of the president-elect's promises.

When the new administration is combined with the left-lurching Congress our work becomes even more daunting, but we can fight back with your

help. Wendy Wright, President of Concerned Women for America, said, "I knew, moments after the election results came in, that I was now part of the resistance movement." Will you join us in the good fight in 2009?

#### **Ask Major Hotels to Protect Children**

Last month we asked you to participate in an important project to help eliminate the commercial sexual exploitation of children. It just takes a few minutes to print four letters to major hotel chains and ask them to adopt a code of conduct to protect children. Please take a few moments to pray for these innocent victims and send the letters.

**Action:** *Please visit our California website and click on the "Anti-Trafficking Project" link to view and download letters to major hotel chains asking them to help end the scourge of this modern-day slavery. At the bottom of the explanation page just click on the name of each hotel chain and print the letter, preferably on your personal letterhead, or personalized in some way. When you have mailed the letters, please send an e-mail*

#### ***Our Founders' Wisdom***

How many observe Christ's birthday!  
How few, His precepts! O! 'Tis  
easier to keep Holidays than  
Commandments.  
~ Benjamin Franklin

As we celebrate the birth of our  
Savior this month, may we be found  
worthy of our adoption as His  
children. May this blessed season of  
hope and wonder bring joy to you  
and your loved ones.

***Blessed Christmas!***

to [tstop@cwfa.org](mailto:tstop@cwfa.org) and indicate you have taken part in this crucial project.

### **QUICK TAKES & UPDATES**

#### **Naughty Retailer Posts Not-So-Nice Profits**

This month the annual Victoria's Secret "fashion show" was nothing more than the usual "flesh fest" with its provocative parade of skimpy lingerie. Bill Johnson, of the [American Decency Association](#), reported that his organization's boycott, consumer complaints to management of mall stores with eye-popping window displays, and complaints to Victoria's Secret corporate offices, have had a financial impact on this company. In November the company reported that profits were down 66 percent from the previous year.

Criticisms of the over-the-top "sexiness" appear to have been heard if CEO Sharen Turney's comments in August about the firm's commitment to soften its image are accurate. While the runway romps on the recent show were hardly toned down, we can hope that continued consumer concerns will have an impact.

**Action:** *Although CWA does not advocate boycotts, we certainly can make our voices heard regarding Victoria's Secret continued exploitative advertising and window displays at shopping malls frequented by children and families. Call (800) 411-5116 or [click here](#) for the Victoria's Secret "Contact Us" webform that indicates they would "love to hear our comments and suggestions." Please politely ask that they either cease or tone down the "fashion show" and limit their window dressings to family-friendly fare.*

#### **Abortion Giant Offers Holiday Vouchers**

When you think of giving a loved one a gift to remember them at Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child, does a gift certificate for services at Planned Parenthood even cross your mind? Of course, Planned Parenthood does not call them Christmas gifts, but rather "holiday vouchers" for basic health care services "or the recipient's choice of birth control method." Planned Parenthood of Indiana operates abortion clinics in three cities. As Sister Diane Carollo, director of the Office for Pro-Life Ministry for the Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis stated, "They deserve coal in their stocking, not money for lethal gift certificates."

**Action:** *If you would like to let Planned Parenthood know your opinion of such tastelessly diabolical "gift certificates," here is their contact information: Planned Parenthood of Indiana, Phone*

### ***Looking for a great Christmas gift?***

**Register someone for CWA of California's**

### **2009 State Conference**

**Saturday, February 28, 2009**

Pasadena Hilton Hotel

Pasadena, California

*Speakers include:*

James Horn, Prof. Joshua Lingel, Jack Thompson  
Sophia Marsh-Ochsner, Robert Tyler, Brad Dacus

Learn about the threats to our freedoms posed by radical Islam. Find out how to defend your family against the negative influences of the "entertainment" industry and how your religious liberty is already being threatened.

Conference flyer and registration forms are

available at <http://ca.cwfa.org>

(317) 637-4340; Fax (317) 637-433;

E-mail: [askme@ppin.org](mailto:askme@ppin.org).

### **PRAYER POWER**

Ask God to use the Christmas season to soften hearts to the message of salvation and draw many thousands to faith in Christ. May there be a revival in the land! *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:3-4)*

### **Be a Prayer Partner**

Through our Encourage-A-Legislator program, individuals "adopt" a state legislator and commit to pray for him or her daily and to send monthly postcards of encouragement during the legislative session. It is so simple, yet so important!

Please plan to pray for one of our California legislators in the coming year. The legislators are really blessed by this encouragement, and many of the "encouragers" have expressed what a blessing it is to them, too! To find out more [click here](#), e-mail [encourage@california.cwfa.org](mailto:encourage@california.cwfa.org) or call our offices at (626) 227-4266.

*The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, [Like] the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. (Proverbs 21:1)*

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### ***Make a difference by getting involved with CWA!***

*To find out how to join a local Prayer/Action Chapter or get more information about CWA of California, call our office at (626) 227-4266 or e-mail [director@california.cwfa.org](mailto:director@california.cwfa.org). To become one of CWA's over 500,000 members nationwide, please send a tax-deductible gift of \$25 or more to CWA of California, P.O. Box 660894, Arcadia, CA 91066*

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