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AROUND THE STATE

Overturing the Court-Created Chaos

At the behest of four activist judges on the state Supreme Court, same-sex couples began to "marry" in California last month. No longer completing license forms with the age-old designations of bride and groom, California couples now must choose who will be Party A and Party B. How romantic.

Please bear in mind one very important fact often ignored in press accounts and talking points about "rights" and "equality:" same-sex domestic partners have had all the rights of married couples in California since 2005.

Of course, legalizing same-sex "marriage" has broad ramifications beyond forms and ceremonies. If the government sanctions a redefinition of marriage, there will necessarily be a presumption of equality between heterosexual and homosexual relationships at all levels, affecting a wide variety of business and legal matters. Such consequences have already occurred in other countries where same-sex "marriage" has been adopted. They include attacks on religious liberty and freedom of conscience, requirements that schools recognize all relationships and "genders" as equivalent in curriculum and activities, increased illegitimacy and a general dismantling of marriage, the very building block of our culture.

At its core, same-sex "marriage" denies the basic differences and complementary nature of the sexes. This is why children do best with a married mom and dad in their lives providing a model for their future relationships – and our future generations deserve our best.

How Do I Find It?

- ◆ Go to our website: <http://ca.cwfa.org>
- ◆ Click the "Targeted Bills 2008" 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.

The good news is that the Church is engaged in the battle to protect marriage and correct the judicial tyranny of the court. The answer is Proposition 8. Yes, the California Marriage Protection Act will appear on November's ballot as Prop 8 and pastors are already meeting to support it. Nearly 2000

pastors and leaders at over 100 locations throughout the state participated in a key ProtectMarriage.com meeting on June 25 – the first in a series of important events between now and November. What can you do?

Action: *Please visit the ProtectMarriage.com website (www.protectmarriage.com) where you can sign up to receive alerts, volunteer to help with the campaign and make a much-needed contribution. Please use the available resources to educate your friends, family and church about the campaign for Proposition 8.*

SB 777 Petition Drive Suspended

In order to focus all resources on the marriage amendment, Save Our Kids has

temporarily suspended the SB 777 initiative effort. The initiative would have overturned last year's law requiring California schools to treat homosexuality, bisexuality and transgenderism as morally equivalent to normal heterosexual behavior by prohibiting schools from showing any "discriminatory bias" in activities, programs and instruction. Organizers plan to start a new initiative after the November election. Please return any signed petitions to Save Our Kids, 660 J Street, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Budget Battles Take Center Stage

State lawmakers rarely meet the July 1 budget deadline, and this year is no exception. Hold on to your wallets, folks. With a gap of at least \$15 billion (yes, BILLION) there is a philosophical tug of war between increasing taxes and cutting spending to solve the problem.

Meanwhile, until the budget issue is resolved there is no July recess and that means legislation moves ahead without a break. As of June 27, all bills in their second house had to have passed their policy committees to survive. Fiscal hearings will

Our Founders' Wisdom

[Independence Day] will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore.

~ John Adams on the signing of the Declaration of Independence

Happy Birthday, America!

end on August 15, and all bills must pass their second house by August 31 to become law. We will discuss a few here. Please refer to our "[Targeted Bills](#)" list for all the measures we are tracking, complete with sample letters and current status.

AB 2747 End of Life Options – This bill is sponsored by the same organization that sponsored last year's failed assisted suicide measure. Although some concerns were addressed in recent amendments, the bill remains a stepping stone to assisted suicide.

Action: *Please ask your state senator to oppose AB 2747, which is now on the Senate floor.*

AB 2567 Harvey Milk Day – In another attempt to normalize the homosexual lifestyle through schools, this measure designates May 22 as "Harvey Milk Day" in California public schools, encouraging "suitable commemorative exercises" recognizing the late Harvey Milk and his accomplishments. The bill text identifies Milk as "the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in a major city."

Action: *Please ask your state senator to oppose AB 2567, which is now on the Senate floor.*

SB 1729 Sensitivity Training – This bill requires physicians, nurses and other personnel in senior care facilities to participate in sensitivity training focusing on sexual orientation and gender identity issues. SB 1729 increases costs to these facilities and may violate the rights of conscience and religious beliefs of many caregivers and facility owners.

Action: *This unnecessary bill is currently awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Please ask your assemblymember to oppose SB 1729.*

THE NATIONAL SCENE

Doctrine is Foul, Not Fair

The Fairness Doctrine, ended by Pres. Reagan in 1987, is an arcane method of regulating broadcasters by threatening to revoke their licenses if they do not offer airtime to opposing viewpoints. The policy would put a major burden on small radio stations that, rather than engage in the costly practice of providing equal time, may simply not carry popular conservative talk show hosts who are likely to generate demands for equal time.

Last year, an amendment to temporarily bar the FCC from spending money to revive the "Fairness Doctrine" passed overwhelmingly in a 309-115 vote. Following that vote, Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) introduced the Broadcaster's Freedom Act which would permanently ban the "Fairness Doctrine." He

has been working diligently to get Members of Congress to sign onto a discharge petition to bring this legislation to the House floor and has 195 Members out of the 218 needed.

Unfortunately, despite the support of 113 Democrats in last year's vote, not a single Democrat has signed onto the discharge petition. They appear unwilling to oppose House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) who has definitively stated that she will not bring the Broadcaster's Freedom Act for a vote because she wants to revive the Fairness Doctrine.

Action: *Please call your Representative at (202) 225-3121 and ask him or her to sign onto Rep. Pence's discharge petition so that the Broadcaster's Freedom Act can be brought up for a vote.*

QUICK TAKES & UPDATES

CWA Calls for Kozinski's Resignation

Last month Chief judge of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Alex Kozinski admitted to having sexually-explicit photos and videos on a website he maintains. At the time, Kozinski was set to preside over an obscenity trial involving material similar to his own postings. In addition, several years ago Judge Kozinski led an effort to remove filters that deny access to pornography from appeals court computers.

"For Judge Kozinski to remain not only as a judge but as the chief judge of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals would make a mockery of justice and of our justice system," said CWA President Wendy Wright. "If he has any respect for the judiciary, for the law, and for America he will remove himself from this honorable position." Wright indicated that a refusal on Kozinski's part should prompt an investigation by the Department of Justice and impeachment proceedings by Congress.

PRAYER POWER

Despite federal court rulings declaring its constitutionality, the military's current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is in jeopardy. Pray that Members of Congress recognize the importance of readiness and cohesiveness in our military and see that repealing the regulation that excludes homosexuals from military service would have serious ramifications to our national defense. *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. (Proverbs 14:34)*

Praise God for the privilege of living in this great nation. Ask for His protection over our land and the principles upon which we were founded.

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. 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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