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## **AROUND THE STATE**

### **Governor Backs Gay Agenda in Schools**

The results are in, and Gov. Schwarzenegger has continued his support for the homosexual activists' agenda by signing many of their key bills into law. The following bills will go into effect in January: AB 394 requiring schools to adhere to, post and monitor antidiscrimination policies on "sexual orientation" based on "actual or perceived" gender, AB 14 requiring the addition of "sexual orientation" to business and association code, AB 102 allowing domestic partners to change their names as though married, and the most egregious, SB 777, discussed below. Also among bills the governor signed is AB 976, prohibiting private property owners from inquiring about the citizenship status of prospective tenants (fully allowed under fair housing guidelines). We thank you for your hard work in contacting the governor and asking him to veto the measures on our "Targeted Bills" list (visit <http://ca.cwfa.org> for a complete recap). Ultimately, he vetoed only two, the same-sex "marriage" bill (AB 43) and the DREAM Act (SB 1), which would have given financial aid to illegal aliens at many state colleges and universities.

### **Conservatives Fight Back Against SB 777**

Having vetoed a similar bill last year, the governor signed SB 777 into law on October 12. Anti-harassment and antidiscrimination laws are already in effect in California schools to protect students from abuse and violence. SB 777 goes much further, however, by prohibiting any instructional materials and school activities that "promote a discriminatory bias against" or "reflects adversely upon" any persons because of

their "gender" (which includes transgender) or "sexual orientation." For example, equal time could be required for portrayal of dangerous alternative lifestyles in a positive light when marriage and traditional family structure are discussed in classrooms. Activities such as homecoming and prom could be deemed "biased" if applicants for queen and king are limited to girls and boys, respectively. SB 777 essentially prohibits schools from treating homosexuality, bisexuality and heterosexuality as any less than equal in every way.

California's pro-family organizations are fighting back for students and the rights of their parents. The California Education Committee LLC, a project of California Family Council, together with Advocates for Faith and Freedom are filing legal challenges against SB 777 and AB 14. In addition, Capitol Resource Family Impact has launched

a referendum seeking to overturn SB 777 by taking the bill to the people.

**Action:** *Please pray for the success of the legal challenges and the referendum, but do not stop there. Get involved. Your participation is vital. We must obtain over 700,000 signatures in order to meet the 434,000 valid signatures required to qualify – and do so before January 4. Visit [www.SaveOurKids.net](http://www.SaveOurKids.net) or call (916) 498-1940 to receive petitions by mail.*

Remember, petition drives for referenda and initiatives are permissible activities for churches. Please ask your pastor to support a drive at your church soon! See instructions on how to conduct a petition drive and guidelines for signature gathering on our website (<http://ca.cwfa.org>) in the "Stop SB 777" area. If your pastor has questions, print "[Constitutional Protections for Pastors](#)."

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

To the distinguished character of patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.

~ George Washington

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

- ◆ Go to our website: <http://ca.cwfa.org>
- ◆ Click the "Targeted Bills 2007" 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 NATIONAL SCENE**

### **Bill Makes Being a Family Less Taxing**

Rep. Phil English (R-Pennsylvania) recently introduced H.R. 3831, the Family Tax Relief Act of 2007. This proposed bill will moderately increase the current child tax credit and make it permanent to families with less than three children. The child tax credit was first enacted in 1997 to help families with the costs associated with raising children. Families with children often have increased costs and often give up additional income which makes it more difficult for them to pay their taxes. The

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child tax credit reflects the family's reduced ability to pay taxes and plays a pivotal role in helping these families. Our country cannot survive without the sacrifice of families who nurture their children and teach them to be responsible adults. Families provide security and stability to society that no government program can replace.

**Action:** Ask your representative to support the Family Tax Relief Act of 2007 (H.R. 3831). Call (202) 224-3121, find all contact information by zip code at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or click "Write Your Representative" to send an e-mail message.

### **AT ISSUE**

#### **Will California Supremes R-E-S-P-E-C-T Marriage?**

Next year the state's high court will rule on the constitutionality of Prop 22 in a case stemming from the 2005 ruling by Judge Richard Kramer that same-sex couples had the "right" to marry in California. His decision was overturned by a state appellate court and now that case is under appeal to the California Supreme Court. Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton notes, "The courts should not create new rights that suit the personal or political agendas of individual judges. Judges should not improperly usurp the power of legislatures and voters, especially on an issue as fundamental as the definition of marriage." Likewise, former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger stated, "Judges ... rule on the basis of law, not public opinion, and they should be totally indifferent to pressures of the times."

While many pro-family legal and policy groups have filed amicus (friend of the court) briefs with

the high court, hundreds of same-sex "marriage" proponents, including a number of California cities and liberal churches, have done the same. Homosexual activists have also launched the "Let California Ring" campaign to play on the public's sympathies. The portrayal of homosexuals as victims has long been a strategy – a successful one – to gain ground in corporate policies and law.

**Action:** Please begin praying now for each of the justices on the California Supreme Court. Ask the Lord to give each one the wisdom to recognize and acknowledge the Truth as it is presented to them in briefs and oral arguments by pro-family public policy and legal organizations in coming weeks and months. Pray for Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Associate Justice Marvin R. Baxter, Associate Justice Ming W. Chin, Associate Justice Carol A. Corrigan, Associate Justice Joyce L. Kennard, Associate Justice Carlos R. Moreno, and Associate Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar. Pray also for the success of the marriage initiative. Petitions will be available after Thanksgiving.

### **PRAYER POWER**

November 11 marks the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Please lift up those believers around the world who are suffering under anti-Christian regimes and may even face martyrdom for their faith. ...*The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, [Who] shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders. (Deuteronomy 33:12)*

Praise God in this season of Thanksgiving for the innumerable blessings He has bestowed on this great country. Our way of life and form of government are unmatched and have been given undeservedly to us by His grace. *Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. (Psalm 13:4-5)*

It is easy to grow fatigued in this war of ideas that is, more importantly, a spiritual war. Pray for pro-family leaders to receive wisdom from the Lord in planning for the battles ahead, for His people to prayerfully engage in these endeavors and for the Lord's grace and mercy in setting this country on a righteous path. *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Ephesians 6: 12-13)*

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

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