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AROUND THE STATE

Ask for Vetoes Now!

Gov. Schwarzenegger has until October 14 to veto a group of very bad bills. If he takes no action, they will become law without his signature, so please continue making contacts – *they matter!* You may check our “Targeted Bills” list for the current status of the measures before you make your calls. Just visit <http://ca.cwfa.org> and click “Targeted Bills 2007” for status (has the governor taken action yet?) and sample veto letters to fax.

It is simple to make calls any-time day or night using the Sacramento office phone menu. Dial (916) 445-2841, press “1” for English, press “2” for Assembly bills and “5” for Senate bills, then follow the prompts for many of the bills below. A separate call for each bill is needed when using the menu, but you may call the office during business hours and dial “0” for a staff member to register all your veto requests in one phone call. Please call or fax other area offices too!

Contact information

Sacramento office (916) 445-2841; Fax: (916) 445-4633. You may also e-mail him from <http://gov.ca.gov/interact>.
Fresno office – Phone: (559) 445-5295
Fax: (559) 445-5328
Los Angeles office – Phone: (213) 897-0322
Fax: (213) 897-0319
Riverside office – Phone: (951) 680-6860
Fax: (951) 680-6863
San Diego office – Phone: (619) 525-4641
Fax: (619) 525-4640
San Francisco office – Phone: (415) 703-2218
Fax: (415) 703-2803

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.

Our Founders' Wisdom

Your love of liberty - your respect for the laws - your habits of industry - and your practice of the moral and religious obligations, are the strongest claims to national and individual happiness.

~ George Washington (letter to the Residents of Boston, 27 October 1789)

Sexual Orientation in Business and Education Code – AB 14 adds “sexual orientation” to the list of nondiscrimination criteria in many areas of business and association codes, including athletic clubs and ALL colleges and universities. The bill restricts right of conscience and religious speech.

Same-Sex “Marriage” – AB 43 creates “marriage” between any two persons, rather than between a man and a woman as voters required under Proposition 22. *Under the state constitution the California legislature cannot arbitrarily thwart the will of the people, as this bill would do, but many are willing to try.*

Domestic Partnerships – AB 102 allows domestic partners to easily change their surnames, mimicking and undermining marriage.

Sexual Orientation in Education – AB 394 requires schools districts to establish

antidiscrimination and antiharassment policies based on “actual or perceived” gender or sexual orientation. The bill also requires monitoring of compliance.

Illegal Immigration – AB 976 prohibits local governments from implementing ordinances requiring a check on immigration status or citizenship for housing and also *prohibits private property owners from making such inquiries.*

Financial Aid for Illegal Aliens – SB 1, the “California Dream Act,” requires Cal State and California community colleges (as well as the University of CA system if Regents approve) to offer tuition assistance, fee waivers and financial aid to illegal aliens who attended a California high school for three or more years and graduated or attained its equivalence.

Homosexuality in the Schools – SB 777 bans any school activities, programs, or instructional materials that might be considered “biased” against homosexuality or bisexuality, *K-12*. SB 777 could stifle any speech supporting traditional values on our campuses. The bill could also have serious consequences for Christian colleges and universities, which would be required to add “sexual orientation” to their antidiscrimination policies unless they are specifically part of a “religious organization.”

THE NATIONAL SCENE

Help End ENDA Now!

Supporters of the federal "hate crimes" bill were recently able to pass that dangerous bill through the back-door effort of attaching it as an amendment to the unrelated defense funding measure for the Iraq war. Now the president faces having to veto the entire bill because of the "hate crimes" provision. Fresh from that win, backers of the homosexual legislative agenda are bringing up H.R. 2015, the Employment Nondiscrimination Act of 2007 (ENDA). Under ENDA all businesses with 15 or more employees must include "sexual orientation" among the nondiscrimination criteria in their hiring practices. Much to the activists' chagrin openly homosexual Reps., Barney Frank (D-MA), and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), likely sensed potential problems in its passage and have recently removed the original transgender and transvestite protections from this workplace bill. Conscience exemptions are only available to a "religious corporation, association, educational institution, or society."

CWA opposes the concept of granting suspect minority status to any group based on behaviors, as opposed to immutable characteristics. Matt Barber, CWA's Policy Director for Cultural Issues says, "ENDA would essentially force employers to check their First Amendment protected rights to freedom of religion, speech and association at the workplace door."

Action: Ask your representative to oppose ENDA, H.R. 2015. Call (202) 224-3121, find all contact information by zip code at www.house.gov or click "Write Your Representative" to send an e-mail message.

AT ISSUE

Put a WRAP on Porn

Morality in Media's White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) campaign has set aside the week of **October 28 to November 4** to call special attention to the scourge of pornography. WRAP's purpose is to, "educate the public about the extent of pornography problem and what can be constitutionally done about it." There are many ways you and your church or neighborhood can participate, like wearing a white ribbon during the week and talking to your pastor about placing white ribbons outside your church or handing them out to your congregation. Visit www.cwfa.org for press releases to send to your local paper as the event approaches, and find WRAP resources at www.wrapfamily.com and www.moralityinmedia.org.

Register Now for CWA of California's

Culture Conference

Friday evening and Saturday

January 25 - 26, 2008

Fairmont Newport Beach

Go inside the issues with experts including...

CWA President Wendy Wright

Matt Barber, CWA Policy Director for Cultural Issues

David Kupelian, author of *The Marketing of Evil*

Michael Cutler, Center for Immigration Studies

Rep Steve King (R-Iowa), Ranking member of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security

Check our website for a complete flyer and registration form.

No Internet? Call (626) 227-4266.

Preventing Abuse Conference

Protecting Women and Children from

Trafficking and Abduction

Thursday, November 15, 2007

7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Universal Hilton Hotel in Universal City

\$49 per person (in advance), includes lunch

Excellent speakers discuss topics including:

- Internet safety · Effects of human trafficking
- Protecting children from abduction
- National security and much more

For information & registration call toll free (866) 454-1776 or visit www.preventingabuse.org

PRAYER POWER

Thank God for men of courage and integrity like Marine Gen. Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who are willing to stand for Biblical truth when it is deemed unpopular by many. As Gen. Pace steps into retirement, pray for God to continue providing men and women cut from similar cloth to protect our land and preserve our foundational freedoms and principles. *Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech... (2 Corinthians 3:12)*

Ask God to raise up new CWA leaders throughout California. Perhaps you have been praying about an opportunity to use your skills to help uphold Biblical values in our state. Contact us (see below). *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)*

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, send a tax-deductible gift of \$25 or more to CWA of California, P.O. Box 660894, Arcadia, CA 91066

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