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AROUND THE STATE

Bills Sit in Limbo during Budget Blame Game

At the close of the 2007-08 session on August 31, state lawmakers had broken the budget impasse record by going 62 days past the deadline. At this writing there is still no agreement over a gap of \$15 to 17 billion and neither side of the aisle cares for the governor's plan that includes a temporary sales tax hike and spending restraints.

Before the close of the session, Gov. Schwarzenegger vowed not to sign any bills until an agreement had been reached. The budget battle delay provides an opportunity to contact the governor with your concerns about bills before he begins taking action. He has until September 30 to sign or veto bills. If he takes no action on a bill it will automatically become law after that date.

Pray and Act: *Please pray for the governor at this crucial time. He has decisions to make that will profoundly affect our families' finances, education and lives. Ask God to give him ears to hear the voices of concern about these ill-conceived measures so that he will veto them.*

Act soon by contacting Gov. Schwarzenegger and asking him to veto the bills listed below. You will find sample letters and talking points on our "[Targeted Bills](http://ca.cwfa.org)" list at <http://ca.cwfa.org>. For the greatest impact, send a hand-written note addressed to:

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

You may also call the governor's offices at (916) 445-2841, fax him at (916) 558-3160 or e-mail him through <http://gov.ca.gov/interact>.

Targeted bills for action:

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

AB 2654 Sexual Orientation in Business – Requires local agencies to deal only with contractors and subcontractors who include "sexual orientation" in their equal employment criteria. Various business and insurance company codes are also affected.

AB 2747 End of Life Options – Sponsored by the organization formerly known as the Hemlock Society, AB 2747 is an interim step toward assisted suicide. It requires health care providers who diagnose a terminal illness to provide the patient, at a very emotional time, with end-of-life options including withdrawal of nutrition and hydration.

SB 37 Electoral College – Ratifies the interstate compact to change the electoral college system so that all presidential electors in the states would be determined by the national popular vote. This strikes at the heart of our federalist structure.

SB 60 Drivers Licenses for Illegal Aliens - Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue licenses, not acceptable for federal identification, under the federal REAL ID Act to persons who are not legal residents of the United States.

SB 1301 Financial Aid for Illegal Aliens – Requires California's state-funded colleges and universities to offer tuition assistance (grants, scholarships and student loans) to some students who are in this country illegally, increasing our state budget in a time of severe deficits.

SB 1729 Sensitivity Training – 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.

Stand with Us in Support of Prop 8 Now!

Activist judges must not overrule the voice of the people! Same-sex couples already have the benefits of marriage in this state through domestic partnerships. California law requires health class curriculum to include lessons on the importance of

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marriage. It is up to each of us to protect our children from being taught that a same-sex "marriage" is equivalent to the complementary relationship between a man and a woman. Help restore the definition of marriage supporting Prop 8.

If you have not already done so, join this very winnable battle today by visiting the official www.protectmarriage.com website and signing up to volunteer, contribute, find resources and receive updates. Stop by www.iprotectmarriage.com for a great interactive site especially oriented to youth and with information about the important upcoming iProtect Rally simulcast on October 1.

THE NATIONAL SCENE

Bill Helps Parents with Special Needs Kids

The Senate is currently considering bringing **S. 1810** to the floor for a vote as an attachment to another bill. **S. 1810, the Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act**, helps ensure parents receive up-to-date information and support services as well as real alternatives to abortion when there has been a positive diagnosis of Down syndrome and other conditions.

Action: *Our CWA [Project 535](#) lobby team will be in Washington, D.C. visiting the Capitol on Wednesday, September 17 on behalf of S. 1810. Please ask our U.S. senators to support the bill.*

Sen. Barbara Boxer – Phone (202) 224-3553, fax (415) 956-6701

Sen. Dianne Feinstein – Phone (202) 224-3841, fax (202) 228-3954

Visit www.senate.gov and click "senators" for web mail links.

COMING EVENTS

Put a WRAP on Pornography – This year's White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) campaign runs from **October 26 to November 2**. Plan ahead and order items to show your stand against this scourge that takes so many victims – from those involved in its production to the individuals who use it and whose families pay the price. Visit <http://www.wrapfamily.com> and www.moralityinmedia.org for more information.

Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for the Victims of Human Trafficking – Forty days of prayer and fasting in support of restoring and protecting marriage through Prop 8 begins on September 24 and continues through election day, November 4. As you are praying and fasting for marriage, please remember the Third Annual International Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Human Traffick-

Our Founders' Wisdom

Four activist judges arrogantly cast aside the votes of over 4.6 million Californians in May and would not allow the people to vote before implementing their disastrous decision. Thomas Jefferson articulated his concerns about the power of the judiciary in a letter to Monsieur A. Coray on October 31, 1823.

At the establishment of our constitutions, the judiciary bodies were supposed to be the most helpless and harmless members of the government. Experience, however, soon showed in what way they were to become the most dangerous; that the insufficiency of the means provided for their removal gave them a freehold and irresponsibility in office; that their decisions, seeming to concern individual suitors only, pass silent and unheeded by the public at large; that these decisions, nevertheless, become law by precedent, sapping, by little and little, the foundations of the constitution, and working its change by construction, before any one has perceived that that invisible and helpless worm has been busily employed in consuming its substance. In truth, man is not made to be trusted for life, if secured against all liability to account.

ing on the weekend of **September 26-28**. Ask God to abolish this modern-day slavery that devastates hundreds of thousands of lives. Many are children in our own country who are abducted or drawn into lives of forced prostitution, abused in unspeakable ways. CWA is providing a church bulletin insert, which will be available on our national website (www.cwfa.org) in early September, to help raise awareness about sex trafficking.

Stand for Life – Join the thousands across the country who will stand for life from conception to natural death at Life Chain 2008 on **October 5**. Find a Life Chain event near you by visiting <http://lifechain.net/> and clicking "California."

PRAYER POWER

Please pray for a return to righteousness in our homes, schools, media and culture and for the success of programs like WRAP that shine the light of truth on the pervasive evil of pornography. *I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness. (Psalm 101:3-4)*

Please pray that God would protect all those involved in "Yes on 8" and bless their efforts.

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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