

## CWA of Missouri Capitol Report

April 22, 2015

Please take a few minutes to both pray and take action on these important issues. Then, forward this e-mail on to like-minded friends, family, churches and associates.

### THE LAST WEEK IN REVIEW

#### Tuesday, April 14

##### *Education*

State Director Bev Ehlen and Legislative Liaison Linda Laird participated in the Legislative Day sponsored by the Missouri Coalition Against Common Core. They started out in Hearing Room 7 where the attendees heard from Sen. Bob Onder (R-District 2), who is the sponsor of one of the data bills, **SB530**, and Rep. Dean Dohrman (R- District 51), who is the sponsor of **HB1110**; they spoke about the education bills they are carrying. Dr. Mary Byrne made an up-to-date presentation on the SBAC testing. After that the people were sent out to visit with their own state representative and state senator on this issue and to drop off their "lobbying cards" to specific key members of the Missouri General Assembly. The next Legislative Day regarding education is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5. Details will follow. *Mark your calendars!*

**SB530** enacts multiple provisions to protect the privacy of student data. One of the biggest concerns we have with the Common Core State Standards Initiative is the data collection and privacy violation of the students. This bill will go a long way to protect students in that regard. *CWA of Missouri supports SB530.*

Action Item: Please contact [Sen. David Pearce](#) (R-District 21) at 573-751-2272 and ask him to hold an executive session on SB530 and then turn it in with full support to be placed on the formal calendar for debate and vote. Then contact [Sen. Ron Richard](#) (R-District 32) at 573-751-2173 and ask him to support SB530.

**HB1110** establishes term limits for State Board of Education members. Please call Rep. Mike Lair (R- District 7) at 573-751-2917 and ask him to turn in the bill. Rep. Lair is the chairman of the Select Committee on Education. This committee voted "do pass" on HB1110 on April 14. *CWA of Missouri supports HB1110.*

The Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee voted "do pass" on **HB104** on Tuesday, April 14. HB104 sponsored by Rep. Isaac Haahr (R- District 134) creates the Student Freedom of Association Act which would prohibit an institution of higher learning from taking any action or enforcing any policy that denies a religious student association any benefit available to other student organizations or from discriminating against a religious student organization with respect to the benefit based on any of the religious requirements or leadership standards placed on the organization. *CWA of Missouri supports HB104.*

Action Item: Please call the office of Sen. Bob Dixon (R-District 30) who is chairman of Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee at 573-751-2583 and ask him to turn in HB104 to be put on the calendar for debate and hopefully passage in the Senate. The House has already passed it.

### ***Constitution History***

That evening CWA of Missouri hosted Massey Campos to speak at the Pillar Foundation. Massey is with The Institute on the Constitution's *The American View*. Massey and his colleagues at *The American View* are making a special effort to reach out to high school students.

### **Wednesday, April 15**

#### ***The Truth Project***

CWA of Missouri and Missouri Alliance for Freedom hosted the *Truth Project* on Wednesday mornings for the members of the Missouri General Assembly, staff members and individuals living near the Capitol. The week's lesson was **The State: Whose Law?** Of all the social spheres, the state, to which God grants the power of the sword for the punishment of evil and the preservation of the good, has the greatest potential to go awry if it oversteps its authority. The civil magistrate must always remember his place under the sovereignty of God – otherwise, havoc will ensue.

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#### ***Prescription Drug Monitoring Program***

[HB130](#) sponsored by Rep. Holly Rehder (R-District 148) was heard in the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety. HB130 establishes the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Act (PDMP). *CWA of Missouri opposes establishing a PDMP for many reasons.* The main reason is PDMPs are an invasion of the privacy of individuals, and they do not solve the problems they are purported to address - "doctor shopping" and the illegal use of prescription drugs.

Action Item: Please contact your State Senator and tell him/her to oppose Missouri establishing a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Act. Click [here](#) and go to "Legislator Lookup" to find out who your state senator is as well as their contact information.

#### ***Religious Discrimination***

[HB407](#) sponsored by Rep. Stephen Webber (D-District 46) was heard in the Civil and Criminal Proceedings Committee. HB407 changes the laws regarding complaints filed with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights regarding discrimination based upon a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. This would create an atmosphere statewide where Christians who hold their

Biblical beliefs dearly in every area of life including their businesses would be targets of those who would want to silence these individuals and close down their businesses. *CWA of Missouri opposes HB407.*

Action Item: Please call Rep. Robert Cornejo (R-District 64) at 573-751-1484 and ask him to not hold an executive session on HB407 so the bill can stop in Civil and Criminal Proceedings Committee for which Rep. Cornejo is chairman.

### **Wednesday, April 15**

#### ***Educating the Legislators***

Legislative Liaisons Linda Laird and Sherry Kuttenkuler delivered the weekly handouts CWA of Missouri prepares to leave in each office of each member of the Missouri General Assembly.

#### ***Prayer/Action Chapter Activity***

Bev Ehlen was in Washington, Missouri, on Wednesday evening to help the local CWA Prayer/Action Chapter with their study on [The Five Thousand Year Leap](#). This is a basic study on the twenty eight principles our founders used to frame our Republic and write our Constitution.

Action Item: If you would like to host a study like this in your area, find out if there is a local CWA Prayer/Action Chapter in your area and/or find out how to start a chapter, contact Bev Ehlen at [director@missouri@cwfa.org](mailto:director@missouri@cwfa.org). We have this study and other DVD-based studies available to borrow.

#### ***Partner with Us***

We ask for your prayers, [financial support](#) and participation. We are an all-volunteer organization. Each of the ladies travel to the Capitol, pay for gas for their cars and overnight stays, food away from home, etc. It would be great to have some individuals step up and "Sponsor a Legislative Liaison." This money could go directly to reimburse a Legislative Liaison for some of her expenses. Think about it, pray about it and contact us should the Lord move you to "Sponsor a Legislative Liaison."