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AROUND THE STATE

One House Down, One to Go

The first half of this session is over and bills surviving their first house will have committee hearings in their second house this month. The legislature is set to adjourn at the end of business on July 7, provided the budget has been passed, and will reconvene on August 7. It will then be a sprint to finalize the legislative process before the end of August, when all bills must be handed to the governor for his decisions.

Measures move quickly, so be sure that you check a bill's current status on our "Targeted Bill List" before making your contacts. See the "How Do I Find It?" box below to click your way to the information you need!

May They Rest in Peace

A number of bills died in committee over the past couple of months. These can be found on our Web site legislation section in the "Bill Graveyard." Unfortunately, this is the final resting place for most of the "Good Bills" we've supported this year. Among the dead are bills prohibiting starvation and dehydration of incapacitated persons (SB 1280) and the promotion of homosexuality in our schools (AB 2311). While this has been the general outcome of California's pro-life and pro-family bills in recent years, it is frustrating nonetheless.

The positive news is that a number of bad measures succumbed to this fate as well, mostly due to fiscal constraints. These measures come under the heading "Good Riddance Bills." They include AB 2003, which was an attempt to braid social services into our schools, and SB 1600, which would have created a child care union.

How Do I Find It?

- ◆ Go to our Web site: <http://ca.cwfa.org>
- ◆ Click the "Legislation" link
- ◆ Click the "Targeted Bill List"
- ◆ Scroll through the "Top Ten" or "Other Key Bills" to find the bill you're looking for!

Need to find your state legislators? Go to:
<http://leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

You can also check your phone book, call your Registrar of Voters office or call (916) 319-2800. The Rules Committee should connect you.

Our Founders' Wisdom

It does not take a majority to prevail ... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.

~ Samuel Adams

Good News Doesn't Stop the Fight

The "gay curricula" bill, **SB 1437**, passed the full Senate and is scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Education Committee on June 14. Recently, the governor indicated that he would veto this bill if it is presented to him. Adam Mendelsohn, Schwarzenegger's director of communications, said, "The governor believes that school curriculum should include all important historical figures, regardless of orientation. However, he does not support the Legislature micromanaging curriculum." While the governor's rationale may be faulty in terms of school children needing to

know the sexual proclivities of historical figures and searching to find those that fit the agenda of alternative sexual lifestyles, the anticipated veto is certainly good news.

Still, the fight is not over. The bill's author, Sheila Kuehl (D-Los Angeles), continues to move ahead. She indicates she will talk to the governor if SB 1437 reaches

the floor and fully expects him to sign it. Remember, in addition to the required inclusion of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered individuals into social science textbooks and all instructional material, SB 1437 prohibits any textbooks, materials or activities from "reflecting adversely" on any persons because of their sexual orientation. This broad prohibition could mean that, for example, discussions of the value of traditional marriage or the physical and emotional dangers of homosexual activity would not be allowed.

Action: Please thank Gov. Schwarzenegger for promising to veto SB 1437 and ask him to stand firm. Call (916) 445-2841 (Dial "0" to reach staff.) or fax your letter to (916) 445-4633.

Write your letter opposing SB 1437 to the Assembly Education Committee before June 9. Address it to: The Honorable Jackie Goldberg, Chairwoman, Assembly Education Committee, 1020 N Street, Room 159, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may also fax your letter to the committee at (916) 319-2187. Our targeted bill list includes a link to a sample committee letter.

More Dangerous Education Bills Advance

AB 606 and AB 1056 will both be heard in the Senate Education Committee this month. Individual action items appear below. **AB 606** requires school districts to establish and publicize antidis-

crimination and antiharassment policies based on transgenderism and sexual orientation. Also included is a "Trojan Horse" provision that repeals an exemption in prior legislation that protected schools from being forced to include positive images of homosexuality, bisexuality, transgenderism and similar issues in curriculum. Such curriculum modifications could be required if this bill becomes law. Further, under AB 606, the superintendent of public instruction can withhold state funds from the school district if he feels they are not in compliance!

AB 1056 is a "Tolerance Education Pilot Program" that will be implemented in the history/social science curricula of ten schools (kindergarten through grade 12). Despite an amendment that attempts to define tolerance, this program is simply a moral mine field in our schools, particularly since in developing their curricula, schools are encouraged to partner with organizations involved in addressing discrimination based on sexual orientation, among other categories. Bear in mind that history has borne out the fact that pilot programs often become universal ones, just as recommendations eventually become requirements.

Action for AB 606: *AB 606 will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on June 21. Please write your letter opposing AB 606 to the Senate Education Committee before June 16. Address it to: The Honorable Jack Scott, Chairman, Senate Education Committee, State Capitol, Room 2083, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may also fax your letter to the committee at (916) 445-7799. Our targeted bill list includes a link to a sample committee letter.*

Action for AB 1056: *AB 1056 will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on June 29. Please write your letter opposing AB 1056 to the Senate Education Committee before June 23. See AB 606 instructions for the address and fax. Our bill list includes a sample committee letter.*

Note: *Please also ask Gov. Schwarzenegger to veto AB 606 and AB 1056 if they reach his desk. Call (916) 445-2841 (Dial "0" to reach staff.) or fax your letter to (916) 445-4633.*

Help Save the Mt. Soledad Cross

A cross has stood atop San Diego's Mt. Soledad since 1913. The current 43-foot cross has been at the center of controversy for 17 years, since Philip Paulson, an atheist, was "offended" by its presence at the war memorial that also features over 3,000 plaques honoring our valiant veterans. Paulson filed suit, beginning a series of

cases and appeals that continues today. The San Diego city council recently voted to appeal the May 3 order by Federal District Judge Gordon Thompson that the cross must be removed by August 1, or the city of San Diego will be required to pay a fine of \$5000 per day. While attempts at judicial remedies continue, there are currently solutions being proposed and reviewed by the White House. Pray for wisdom for all concerned.

Action: *Please contact President Bush and ask him to take action now on behalf of religious freedom and the people of San Diego. Ask him to use whatever means are within his power to save the cross on Mt. Soledad. Phone (202) 456-1414, e-mail President@whitehouse.gov, or fax (202) 456-2461.*

THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

Topping the "You Can't Make This Stuff Up" file is the new Dutch pedophile political party called the "Charity, Freedom and Diversity Party." No, you saw it right – the *pedophile* party. The platform for this very real organization includes lowering the age of consent, recognizing pedophiles as a legitimate minority group, and decriminalizing child pornography.

Warnings were sounded years ago about the ramifications of embracing homosexuality as a culture and there being no logical stopping point once the floodgates of deviant behavior are opened. First, it was homosexual characters in nearly every sitcom. Now, HBO is airing "Big Love," a show based on polygamy. The more we are "entertained" by "alternative" behaviors, the more desensitized we become. Is pedophilia next? When will we say as a society, "Enough is enough?" Will the church rise to the task?

PRAYER POWER

Pray that a federal marriage amendment might gain support in the federal House and Senate, receiving the two-thirds majority it needs to pass. Unfortunately, the Marriage Protection Act is currently worded in a way that leaves it open to misinterpretation. Since the Senate has, once again, been unable to bring an amendment to the floor for a vote, please pray that clear, concise language will be presented for passage in the near future. *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it." (Genesis 1:27-28)*

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