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AROUND THE STATE

Session Draws to a Close

The last day to pass bills for this year is September 9. All bills that have passed both houses are now being sent to the governor for his signature or veto; however, if he fails to sign a bill but doesn't veto it, the measure will become law after 30 days.

At press time there is just one week of legislative activity left. Below is a list of several key measures and their status as of September 1. Please visit the California legislation section of our Web site (<http://casd.cwfa.org>) for the current status and suggested action on targeted bills. Unfortunately, given the liberal leanings of our state legislature, the primary activity for this month will be asking Gov. Schwarzenegger to veto many bills.

Bill still pending a vote in the Senate

AB 723 requires the State Department of Education to develop a tolerance curriculum for grades K-12.

Action: Ask your state senator to oppose this bill.

Bills still pending votes in the Assembly

AB 849 legalizes same-sex "marriage" in California. (This bill failed in the Assembly twice as AB 19. The new bill passed the Senate on September 1, but must now be returned to the Assembly for concurrence.)

SB 644 creates legal duty of pharmacists to fill prescriptions with vaguely worded restrictions on their right of conscience.

Action: Ask your assembly member to oppose these bills. To find your legislators, call (916) 319-2800 or visit <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>.

Bills now on the governor's desk

AB 866 limits free speech concerning sexual orientation and same-sex "marriage" during campaigns.

AB 1400 adds sexual orientation as a "civil right" to business and real estate codes with exceptions for moral or religious convictions.

SB 161, a measure to allow schools to post on campuses actions students can take without their parents' permission (like leaving campus for confidential medical services)

Action: Ask Gov. Schwarzenegger to veto these bills. They have passed both houses on largely party-line votes. Please contact him as follows: E-mail: governor@governor.ca.gov; Sacramento office (916) 445-2841 (Dial "0" to reach staff); fax (916) 445-4633

Marriage Matters

Whether AB 849 succeeds or fails, marriage is in danger in California. It is imperative that the will of the people to protect this vital institution from redefinition be placed in our state constitution. The Protect Marriage Amendment does that – and more. The amendment's language denies any counterfeit relationship equal recognition,

protecting not just the name, but the rights and responsibilities of marriage.

September is a great time to schedule a petition drive at your church as families settle into the routine of the school year.

Everything you need is available in the "[Protect Marriage](#)" section of our Web site. Short form petitions may be downloaded from the Protect Marriage Coalition Web site

(www.protectmarriage.com) or

you may contact the coalition office to obtain longer petition forms for your church or other organization at (916) 446-5031. Please do not photocopy petition forms. The signatures may be invalid!

Please pray for the success of this initiative effort and consider making a donation to aid the process. We must obtain 600,000 *valid* signatures by late December (This means collecting approximately 1,000,000 signatures!).

THE NATIONAL SCENE

"You Don't Speak for Me, Dianne"

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) recently addressed the Los Angeles County Bar Association where she said, "It would be very difficult for me to vote to confirm someone to the Supreme Court whom I know would overturn *Roe v. Wade* and return our country to the days of the 1950s." In that speech Feinstein indicated that, as the sole woman on the 18-member Senate Judiciary Committee, she would be representing the "concerns of 145 million American women during this hearing process." She vowed to ask Supreme

Our Founders' Wisdom

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

~ Daniel Webster

Court nominee John Roberts about his views on many issues, including *Roe v. Wade*.

If Sen. Feinstein were to accurately represent the approximately 145,000,000 American women and girls (In reality she more accurately represents the 17.5 million women and girls in California.), she would support limiting or overturning *Roe*. A January 2003 CNN/Time poll found that 59 percent of all Americans and 62 percent of women personally believe that abortion is wrong, while 34 percent and 32 percent, respectively, disagree. This finding was reiterated in April, when a Gallup poll found that 59 percent of all Americans oppose all or most abortions.

Action: *Please contact Sen. Feinstein and respectfully inform her that she doesn't speak for you – or any of the majority of women who are pro-life. We encourage the gentlemen among our membership (and they are many!) to share your pro-life views with our California senator as well. Regardless of whom she purports to represent, her role as part of the Judiciary Committee is an important one. Capitol switchboard: (202) 224-3121.*

NEWS DESK

Bias Revealed in Fetal Pain Study

The results of a recently-published research study on fetal pain in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* suggest that unborn children do not feel pain until the third trimester. This contradicts the findings of scientists who suggest that the structure for pain responses begins as early as six to seven weeks, maturing to a coordinated pain perception by 20-22 weeks.

A closer look at those involved with the study reveals a vested interest in promoting abortion. The lead author is a medical student who formerly worked for NARAL Pro-Choice America and other contributors are involved in abortion training and at hospitals that perform abortions. All are associated with University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

From its first sentence, the report is clear in its purpose to block the "Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act" now before Congress, which CWA strongly supports. It states, "Proposed federal legislation would require physicians to inform women seeking abortions at 20 or more weeks after fertilization that the fetus feels pain." Wendy Wright, CWA's senior policy analyst remarked, "[The study's authors] are fully invested in the abortion agenda, minimizing any evidence that would dissuade medical students and doctors from performing abortions. UCSF is gaining a reputation for pumping out so-called medical studies that always seem to side with the view of radical abortion activists. The Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy at UCSF was created to recruit, train, and provide apologetics for abortion. Its goal is to 'mainstream' abortion, to make it acceptable and available within the medical community, which has historically shunned abortionists."

Group Offers Vital Parent Resource

With September comes the new school year. Do you know what your rights are? [Pacific Justice Institute](#) (PJI) has prepared a valuable resource for parents. The booklet "Public Education: Religious Rights and Values in California Schools" is available at no cost, but donations are gladly accepted for the good work PJI does on behalf of religious freedom. Send your request to P.O. Box 276600, Sacramento, CA 95827 or call (916) 857-6900.

California Egg-citing Tourist Destination

No, it's not science fiction, but it sure sounds like it. As if California didn't have enough cultural conundrums already, apparently we are also the leader in the burgeoning industry of "reproductive tourism." Canada's *Calgary Herald* reports that, while many other countries make it illegal for infertile couples, single women, and lesbians and homosexuals seeking surrogates to buy human eggs, no such prohibition exists in the U.S., and particularly in California. Air and hotel deals are even available for destinations such as the Center for Surrogate Parenting in Encino. The program coordinator there proclaims, "We're like the Disneyland of the fertility world, or the Egg-o-land, if you will."

While payment for egg donors is intended to merely cover expenses, as much as \$9,500 has been paid, leading to some young women even selling their eggs to help pay for college. Some clinics will help the parents choose the child's sex. Besides the moral and ethical questions arising from such a practice, the *Herald* article hints at a potential immigration concern when offspring resulting from U.S. egg donors but conceived by foreigners claim U.S. citizenship. Oh, what a tangled web we weave when we play creator to conceive!

PRAYER POWER

Pray for the victims of Katrina, the devastating hurricane that has left hundreds of thousands without homes, power, water and essential services in our nation's southeastern region. May God protect them from accidents and illness in the dangerous conditions that still exist and give them His peace and comfort during this difficult time. Record my lament; list my tears on Your scroll – are they not in Your record? Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will know that God is for me. (Psalm 56:8-9)

Praise God for the faithfulness of our CWA volunteers in working to protect and promote Biblical values. Pray that new volunteers would rise up and help build our grassroots network of concerned citizens. If you would like to help, please call us at (760) 929-0352. *May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:17)*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please note: When sending e-mails, always reference the action you wish the recipient to take in the subject line (ex. "Veto AB 123"). Even if the e-mail is not opened, your message has been seen!

You may also use the Citizen Action Program on our Web site. Visit www.cwfa.org; click on "Legislation," and quickly share your views with your senators and representative on many key federal bills.

Federal Officials

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CA Senators: Call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 225-3121 or toll free at (877) 762-8762

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All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. ~ Edmund Burke

If you are concerned about the future of the American family, you can make a difference by becoming involved with Concerned Women for America in your state and community.

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