

## It's (Some) Women's Fault

By Brenda Zurita

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. --Romans 12:10*

I take the bus to work and am thankful for the bus drivers who get me to and from the office safely. Because the bus gets crowded after 7:30 in the morning, I get up early and try to catch a bus around 6:30 a.m. I do this because the odds of getting a seat are much higher on the earlier buses.

Today I did not get a seat. And as I stood tightly gripping the bar in front of me, I looked around at the young, able-bodied men sitting comfortably in their seats reading a paper or listening to music. Not one of them offered me their seat. On the rare occasion that a man gets up and offers a woman his seat, you can see other women on the bus smile and look on with approval. Sadly, that occurs maybe two or three times a year. It is most disturbing when an obviously pregnant woman gets on the bus and the people offering her a seat are other women.

For the first five minutes of the ride I fumed and, I must admit, made disparaging remarks in my head about the character of the men on the bus. But then I had to admit that the past several decades have been a confusing time for men. When the "second-wave" feminist movement kicked into high gear, many women strove to show how independent they were and refused men's offers of assistance or common courtesy. And to add insult to injury, in our brave new world of science, women are so independent that they no longer believe they need an actual man to have a baby.

I am reminded of the C.S. Lewis quote from *The Abolition Man*, "In a sort of ghastly simplicity we remove the organ and demand the function. We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honour and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful."

Feminists have moved past wanting equal opportunities to demanding equal outcomes. As much as some want to insist, men and women are not created the same; men and women complement each other in having different strengths and innate abilities. This is something that should be celebrated and embraced, not rejected and denied.

In the Bible, God defined roles so that men are normally

the providers and women the nurturers. Feminism disparages these roles and does so to the detriment of our society. Today the roles of men and women are so blurred that there is no discernable difference.

And yet, Hollywood churns out chick flicks left and right wherein the apparently independent, self-made woman yearns to meet a man who will take care of her and marry her — to complete her. Hollywood makes these "Cinderella-type" films because women flock to them. The movies geared towards men are usually action-adventures where the main character is a macho guy who's usually out to save a woman and the world from imminent disaster. So as much as feminism wants to ignore the differences, people understand them and pay to watch them on the big screen — perhaps nostalgically.

If only we could get that depiction of traditional roles translated into real life again. There are many women in America today who want a man to open the door for them, and I'm sure there are many men who want to show women that courtesy. I bet the men who take the same bus as I do would be surprised to know that most of the women on the bus would be delighted, and not offended, if you offered us your seat.

Maybe we need a slogan — "Real men practice chivalry, and real women graciously accept."

So, to all the men who have been confused and, frankly, insulted by the mixed messages feminism conveys, I apologize. Now sir, may I have your seat?

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### Director's Notes

*For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.*

--Psalm 139:13

The Sioux Falls abortionists themselves revealed shocking information regarding their practices and procedures at Planned Parenthood. Their deposition was in response to the 2005 *Planned Parenthood v. Rounds, et al.* Eighth Circuit Court informed consent case (HB1166).

Utilizing that information, this year Rep. Roger Hunt (R-District 10) and Senate sponsor Al Novstrup (R-District 3) brought HB1217, *An Act to establish certain legislative findings pertaining to the decision of a pregnant mother considering termination of her relationship with her child by an abortion, to establish certain procedures to better insure that such decisions are voluntary, uncoerced, and informed, and to revise certain causes of action for professional negligence relating to performance of an abortion.*

Sixty-four percent of abortions are not voluntary, but rather are coerced by the father of the child, parent, etc. HB1217 seeks to remedy coercion and rule out statutory rape by requiring that the abortionist "physically and personally" meet with the pregnant woman. Currently at Planned Parenthood, the woman first meets the abortionist only after she has signed the consent form, has paid for the procedure, and is undressed and prepared for a less than ten-minute surgery.

The legislation states that the abortionist "shall" consult with the woman and perform an *assessment of her medical and personal circumstances* to determine risk factors or rule out potential complications. According to the 2005 deposition, "patient educators" at Planned Parenthood conduct a five-to-ten minute "counseling" session in which no information regarding fetal development, physical or emotional risk is offered. These "patient educators" are not licensed or certified, have no training, and have no knowledge of fetal development. They, along with the Planned Parenthood director, testified that they "did not think fetal development was relevant to the pregnant woman's decision whether or not to have an abortion." It was revealed that during these "patient education" sessions, 25 percent of the women cry and "sometimes the women weep openly and bawl." Nevertheless, Planned Parenthood generally moves ahead and performs the abortions without counseling.

Rep. Hunt stated that according to the deposition, Dr Carol Ball, Planned Parenthood's medical director, has never read or reviewed any journal studies in the last 20 years that address "the risk of psy-

chological harms that abortion poses for women. As a result, she was totally unfamiliar with the major studies of the previous ten years that provide evidence that an abortion places a woman at risk for psychological harm, depression and suicide."

"Itinerary surgery" is the norm at Planned Parenthood. The abortionist is flown in from another state, commits abortions, and flies home that same day leaving local doctors to deal with complications from the abortions.

Equally egregious is the language used by Planned Parenthood. They purposely dehumanize the unborn child by using terms like "remove the pregnancy," "the pregnancy tissue," and "contents of the uterus."

Section 3 of HB1217 presents the most polarizing part of the bill. According to state law, the waiting period for an abortion is now 24 hours. This legislation would extend that to 72 hours during which time the pregnant woman must visit a South Dakota Department of Health registered pregnancy help center such as the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls or the Black Hills Crisis Pregnancy Center in Rapid City. HB1217 states that *the pregnancy help center shall inform her about what education, counseling, and other assistance is available to help her to keep and care for her child.* The center *shall* be permitted to rule out coercion to have an abortion.

"For too many women, abortions are the result of uninformed consent. The mother's ability to freely exercise her right to her relationship with her child depends entirely upon new legal protections to ensure that if a woman wants to relinquish her right, it is done under circumstances that are unequivocally informed." (*Report of the South Dakota Task Force to Study Abortion*, December 2005, page 65)

See page three to learn how your legislators voted.

—Linda Schauer, State Director



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# POINTS from PIERRE

Legislative Report

EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION, LEGISLATIVE ASSMEBLY, 2011

January 11 was opening day of session at the State Capitol where State Director Linda Schauer and Legislative Liaison Cindy Flakoll represented your interests as volunteer lobbyists with a physical presence 31 of the 38 days. The bill directory consisted of 256 House bills, 202 Senate bills, 5 proposed constitutional amendments, and various resolutions. View bills at <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2011/BillList.aspx>

On-the-ground lobbying efforts combined with grassroots prayer and action are essential in CWA's battles for "putting families first." God was surely present in decisive victories. Without calls and e-mails from CWA members and friends, successes would have been even more difficult to achieve.

What was striking about this year's session was that numerous bills appeared to be the result of legislators' desires to find some way to deal with the effects of various Obama administration policies. Since *national sovereignty* is a CWA core issue, it was necessary to be involved with these bills.

## BILLS CWA SUPPORTED:

**SCR 1**, a resolution "Honoring pregnancy care centers," passed with nearly unanimous support in both House and Senate. The sole opponent was Sen. Angie Buhl of Sioux Falls. A concurrent resolution expresses opinions and principles of the Legislature, though it does not have the force of law.

**SB 65**, "allow nonpublic schools accredited by certain accrediting agencies other than the Department of Education to become members of the South Dakota High School Activities Association." This would eliminate the necessity for "double-accreditation" for nonpublic schools who would like to join this association. SB 65 passed the Senate 33-1 and the House 62-8.

**SB 156**, "prohibit the employment of unauthorized aliens, and to provide penalties therefor." This bill passed the Senate 23-12, but died in the House 33-35. Attempts were made to reconsider, but the House was unable to garner the votes to take up the bill again. SB 156 had been watered down over time to simply deal a light penalty to an employer who "knowingly" hires illegal aliens; but it appeared that some South Dakota businesses continued to fear prosecution, even though they claimed to be checking the status and filling out necessary documents for hires coming from other nations.

**SB 176**, "provide for the crime of human trafficking, to establish the elements and degrees of the crime, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof." SB 176 creates a framework for strengthening South Dakota laws against labor and sex trafficking. There was some disagreement about whether our statutes already cover this crime under other laws in the criminal code. Look for a beefing-up of this law in future years. SB 176 passed the House 67-3 and the Senate 35-0.

**HB 1133**, "revise certain provisions relating to the excusal of a child from school." HB 1133 was a common sense approach to preventing homeschool children from being considered "truant" at the beginning of the school year, before the child's school district has reviewed the "form requesting exemption from public school attendance." As long as the form has been filed with the proper "school official," the family is in compliance. HB 1133 passed the House 63-4 and the Senate 33-0.



## Our Core Issues

Definition of the Family  
CWA believes that marriage consists of one man and one woman. We seek to protect and support the Biblical design of marriage and the gift of children.

Sanctity of Life  
CWA supports the protection of all innocent human life from conception until natural death. This includes the consequences resulting from abortion.

Education  
CWA supports reform of public education by returning authority to parents.

Pornography  
CWA endeavors to fight all pornography and obscenity.

Religious Liberty  
CWA supports the God-given rights of individuals in the United States and other nations to pray, worship and express their beliefs without fear of discrimination or persecution.

National Sovereignty  
CWA believes that neither the United Nations nor any other international organization should have authority over the United States in any area. We also believe the United States has the right and duty to protect and secure our national borders.

## Words of Appreciation

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." --Philippians 1:3

- To our members who opened their homes to Cindy and Linda while they lobbied at the Capitol
- To all who faithfully responded to our e-mail alerts by contacting your state legislators
- To those who participated in our Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign

God bless you for your faithfulness

**HB 1153**, "prohibit the Board of Education from adopting certain standards for the subject of history." This bill was to prohibit adoption of **Common Core Standards in history, an initiative you can read more about here:** <http://www.worldviewweekend.com/worldview-times/article.php?articleid=5819>. The bill went down to defeat in Senate Education Committee 6-1 after passing the House 43-26. Some legislators felt that the South Dakota Legislature should not be a "super school board," telling the South Dakota Board of Education what their policies should be.

**HB 1171**, "provide that the use of force by a pregnant woman for the protection of her unborn child is an affirmative defense to prosecutions for certain crimes." (This is the title before the bill was "hoghoused" or substantially changed. CWA testified on the original bill.) **This good bill created quite a stir here and around the nation when anti-lifers put forth totally deceptive information claiming that HB 1171 would allow a woman or others to "kill the abortionist."** Pro-abortion advocates were calling this the "Shoot the Abortionist Bill!" Obviously, **abortion is legal, so their claim was blatantly false.** This bill would have re-affirmed that a woman who is viciously and criminally attacked by someone wishing to harm her unborn child must be allowed to defend her unborn child by using whatever means she has at hand. HB 1171 was tabled at the request of the bill's sponsor.

**HB 1217**, "establish certain legislative findings pertaining to the decision of a pregnant mother considering termination of her relationship with her child by an abortion, to establish certain procedures to better insure that such decisions are voluntary, uncoerced, and informed, and to revise certain causes of action for professional negligence relating to performance of an abortion." (See page 1 for analysis of HB 1217 from CWA State Director, Linda Schauer.) **HB 1217** passed the House 49-19 and the Senate 21-13. This bill gives us a voting record on new legislators regarding CWA's core issue of sanctity of human life.

**Voting FOR HB 1217 were Representatives** Bolin; Brunner; Carson; Conzet; Cronin; Feickert; Gosch; Greenfield; Haggar; Hansen (Jon); Hickey; Hubbel; Hunt; Iron Cloud III; Jensen; Juhnke; Kirkeby; Kirschman; Kloucek; Kopp; Liss; Lust; Magstadt; Miller; Moser; Munsterman; Nelson (Stace); Novstrup (David); Olson (Betty); Rozum; Russell; Schaefer; Schrempp; Sly; Solum; Steele; Stricherz; Tornow; Tulson; Turbiville; Van Gerpen; Vanneman; Venner; Verchio; White; Wick; Willadsen; Wink; Speaker Rausch and **Senators** Begalka; Brown; Frerichs; Fryslie; Garnos; Hansen (Tom); Heineman; Holien; Hunhoff (Jean); Kraus; Krebs; Lederman; Maher; Novstrup (Al); Olson (Russell); Putnam; Rampelberg; Rave; Rhoden; Schlekeway; Sutton  
**Voting AGAINST HB 1217 were Representatives** Blake; Boomgarden; Deelstra; Dennert; Dryden; Elliott; Fargen; Feinstein; Gibson; Hawley; Hunhoff (Bernie); Jones; Killer; Lucas; Perry; Romkema; Sigdestad; Street; Wismer and **Senators** Adelstein; Bradford; Buhl; Cutler; Haverly; Hundstad; Johnston; Nelson (Tom); Nygaard; Peters; Tidemann; Tieszen; Vehle

**HCR 1004**, "making certain legislative findings about the constitutionality of the federal health care system." This resolution made a statement that **South Dakota believes authority for healthcare lies with the states** due to the ninth and tenth amendments to the U.S.

Constitution, etc. HCR 1004 passed the House 42-26 and the Senate 28-5, mainly along party lines.

## BILLS CWA OPPOSED:

**SB 104**, "require each school district to develop a policy to prohibit bullying that meets certain requirements." As in previous years, CWA knows that the goal of bills like this one are to **further the homosexual agenda by bringing in claims of greater bullying of students with "gender identity," and "sexual orientation" issues.**

Senate Education Committee sent this bill to the 41st day, killing the bill by a vote of 4-3. This bill will continue to be seen here and in most other states.

**SB 128**, "require the **Commission of Human Rights** to meet no less than annually." Again, this bill was brought for the purpose of furthering the homosexual agenda. The Commission has not met since 2008, so apparently it does not need to meet more often! Common sense was followed when House Health and Human Services killed the bill 6-1.

**SB 138**, "enact the agreement among the states to elect the president by **national popular vote.**" CWA—and most South Dakota legislators—do not like the idea of **tinkering with the Electoral College** for our national presidential elections. Sen. John Thune visited with legislators in Pierre about this flawed bill as well. SB 138 was tabled in Senate State Affairs, 9-0.

**SB 161**, "prohibit certain unfair or **discriminatory practices** based on veteran or military status." Another attempt at opening up our anti-discrimination statutes and adding "sexual orientation" and "gender identity," **the sponsors of this bill set out to "use" our dedicated military veterans** to start the list, then planned to come back later to **further their anti-Biblical homosexual agenda.** Stealth work by CWA was able to bring down this bill. SB 161 died on the Senate floor by a vote of 9-25.

**HB 1142**, "to repeal certain tort liability arising out of causes of action based on seduction, abduction, and alienation of affections." Alternatively known as "The **Alienation of Affections Bill**," this piece of legislation was reminiscent of a similar attempt in 2002 to repeal a good South Dakota law. CWA believes this law is **one of the last "traditional marriage" laws** that allows an injured spouse to receive compensation in certain cases. HB 1142 died in House Judiciary 7-5.

Questions? Please e-mail or call us. Also, if you have met people who were moved to action on any of our issues, now is a good time to send Linda their contact information so they can receive a complimentary newsletter. Let's continue to grow CWA of South Dakota!

We wish to thank you for your dedication in contacting legislators, alerting others, and for your faithfulness in prayer for us, the legislators and the entire process that was our 2011 South Dakota Legislative Session. God has indeed blessed us! May our dear Lord bless you all!

—Linda Schauer, State Director  
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