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Halftime in Sacramento - Counting the Score

We have now reached the halfway point in this year's California legislative session. Bills that did not pass their house of origin are either dead or, in some cases, may be brought up again next year. Among the dead are many good measures that died in committee, having had no real chance of survival with the liberal majority. (Committees reflect the fact that Democrats have a supermajority in both houses.) Some bills were pulled prior to a vote in order to keep them alive until next year when they can be considered again, perhaps with amendments and additional support. Among these was the CWA-targeted SB 693, a measure to provide state tax credits for public or private education expenses.

In California, the vast majority of Democrats are united in supporting abortion and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender affirming laws, but it is worth noting that in the case of AB 1266, two Democrats – Assemblywoman Cheryl Brown (D-San Bernardino) and Assemblyman Rudy Salas, Jr. (D-Bakersfield) – split from their caucus and voted to oppose the bill. This bill requires schools to allow students to participate in gender-segregated activities like sports teams, as well as use school facilities such as rest rooms and locker rooms, irrespective of the sex noted on their school records – but consistent with their "gender identity." This is a radical idea that, were it to be considered, should be debated at the local district level, not at the State Capitol.

Salas also opposed AB 154 and AB 980, bills that seek to make abortions more accessible and less costly to abortion providers while increasing the risk to women's health. A few other Democrats either abstained or did not vote on these bills. Likewise, a few Republicans have left their generally united caucus to vote with the majority party. You can check the vote links on our [Targeted Bills](#) list to see how your assembly member or state senator voted when the bills reached the floor of their house of origin and take appropriate action as they advance in their second house.

This points out how important it is for you to communicate with your assembly member and state senator, regardless of party. Don't assume. They need to hear that there are Californians who support Biblical values! *Pray* and then call, fax or e-mail your concerns. Our bill list has sample letters to help you.

While it may be halftime, unlike in sports there is no real break from the action in Sacramento until the summer recess during the month of July. Bills that passed their first house are already being assigned to committees in the second house, and some hearings are occurring this week and next! Please check our [Targeted Bills](#) regularly for the current status of the measures we are following. The list is updated often.

Learn more about communicating with your elected officials [here](#).

Hearings on the horizon:

AB 926 requires women to be compensated for their "time, discomfort and inconvenience" when providing human eggs for medical research. Egg harvesting can create serious health complications, and the payment for egg donations creates potential for exploitation of young women who see this as an opportunity to make money. The bill will be heard in the [Senate Health Committee](#) on June 12.

Action: *Please ask the members of the committee to oppose AB 926. Fax an opposition letter to (916) 324-0384 (sample [here](#)).*

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AB 1266 requires public schools to allow students to participate in sex-segregated school programs, activities, and facilities, including athletic teams and competitions, consistent with their "gender identity," irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records. Such a policy would create a confusing and potentially threatening environment for students and conflict with moral and religious beliefs. Any such decisions should be made at the local, not state, level. The bill will be heard in the [Senate Education Committee](#) on June 12.

Action: *Please ask the members of the committee to oppose AB 1266. Fax an opposition letter to (916) 445-7799 ([sample here](#)).*

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Dear Boy Scouts: Don't Count on Compromise

The Boy Scouts were probably hoping that their recent deplorable decision to allow openly homosexual boys into Scout membership, but hold fast to their formerly strict moral code for adult leaders, would be an acceptable compromise for their critics. Really? So when a Scout who has "come out" turns 18, then what? You have a lawsuit waiting to happen, that's what. Thus, while the move may have appeased some corporate donors, it was not enough for activists desiring to change the venerable organization's core values.

And what about SB 323, Senator Ricardo Lara's (D-Long Beach) bill to strip the tax-exempt status of the Scouts and any non-profit youth organization in the state that fails to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" in their non-discrimination code? The Scouts' decision was not enough. John O'Connor, executive director for Equality California, the bill's sponsor, said, "While they took an important first step [on May 23], the failure of the Boy Scouts of America to move fully into the 21st Century proves the necessity of the Youth Equality Act [SB 323], showing organizations like the BSA that any form of discrimination has a real cost."

SB 323 passed the Senate floor with the 2/3 majority it needed to move to the Assembly. The bill now awaits committee assignment.

There is more important action to take now. Please see a complete list of all our targeted California legislation [here](#).



Prayer Power

Please continue to pray for the U.S. Supreme Court justices as they prepare to announce their decisions on the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposition 8. Pray that God's definition of marriage would prevail in their hearts. *The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes. (Proverbs 21:1)*

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