



Concerned Women for America of North Dakota

March 13, 2009 Legislative Alert

We are nearing the home stretch of the 2009 Legislative Session in Bismarck, and listed below are bills that need your urgent attention. Thank you for emailing or calling your Senators and Representatives on the bills listed below. These bills are all being heard in Committee this coming week, and we need everyone to contact these Committee members in regards to these bills. The Committee members may not be from your district, but while the bill is being considered by them, any North Dakota citizen may contact them to voice their opinion on these bills. After the Committee votes on the bill, it then goes to the floor of the Chamber and then we need to contact our local legislators to urge them to either support or oppose. Below you will find the bills CWA supports, and one very urgent bill that CWA opposes. Remember that prayer is key! Pray for our lawmakers to make righteous decisions!

Bills that CWA supports:

HCR3015, a resolution directing Congress to refrain from passing the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) in its entirety, or any individual component of it. I personally took this resolution, after it passed the North Dakota House of Representatives, and presented it to our Senators in Washington DC. They need to be fully aware of the wishes of their constituents to protect our laws and the sanctity of life of North Dakota citizens. It is urgent that this also passes the North Dakota Senate. It will be heard in Senate Human Services on Tuesday, March 17.

- [Click here](#) for more information on FOCA.
- Action: Contact your State Senator before March 17 and ask him/her to oppose HB1371. See Senate contact information at the bottom of this document.
- Action: Contact the Senate Human Services Committee before March 17 and ask them to oppose HCR3015. Committee information below.

HB1371, the Ultrasound bill, requiring that a woman seeking abortion has an opportunity to view an ultrasound, is up for hearing in the Senate Human Services Committee. The hearing on this bill will occur Tuesday March 17.

- Action: Contact your State Senator before March 17 and ask him/her to oppose HB1371. See Senate contact information at the bottom of this document.
- Action: Contact the Senate Human Services Committee before March 17 and ask them to oppose HB1371.

Senate Human Services Committee:

-  [Judy Lee](#) - Chairman
-  [Robert S. Erbele](#) - Vice Chairman
-  [Dick Dever](#)
-  [Joan Heckaman](#)
-  [Richard Marcellais](#)
-  [Jim Pomeroy](#)

HB1445, the informed consent bill directing the abortionist to inform the woman contemplating an abortion “that the abortion will terminate the life of a whole separate, unique, living human being.” The hearing for this bill will be in Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday March 16.

- Action: Contact your State Senator before March 17 and ask him/her to oppose HB1371. See Senate contact information at the bottom of this document.
- Action: Contact the Senate Judiciary Committee before March 16 and ask them to oppose HB 1445.

Senate Judiciary Committee:

-  [Dave Nething](#) - Chairman
-  [Curtis Olafson](#) - Vice Chairman
-  [Tom Fiebiger](#)
-  [Stanley W. Lyson](#)
-  [Carolyn Nelson](#)
-  [Mac Schneider](#)

SB2265, the Coercion Signage bill states the illegality of any coercion of a women to have an abortion against her will, and requires the posting of this law at the facility of an abortion service provider.

- Action: Contact your House members and ask them to support SB2265. See House contact information at the bottom of this document.
- Action: Contact the House Human Services Committee and ask them to support SB2265. Contact information below.

Bills that CWA opposes:

SB2278 is the sexual orientation bill. This bill would establish sexual behavior, heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, as a specially protected group under North Dakota law. CWA firmly opposes this bill on the grounds that all North Dakota citizens already are equally protected under current law, and we do not believe sexual preference qualifies for special protection. It is time to stand up and say NO to the equalization of our public square through unnecessary legislation that eventually takes freedom of religion and speech away from our citizens!!

- Action: Contact your House members and ask them to oppose this bill. See House contact information at the bottom of this document.
- Action: Contact the House Human Services Committee and ask them to support SB2265.

House Human Services Committee:

-  [Robin Weisz](#) - Chairman
-  [Vonnie Pietsch](#) - Vice Chairman
-  [Tom Conklin](#)
-  [Kari L. Conrad](#)
-  [Chuck Damschen](#)
-  [Robert Frantsvog](#)
-  [Curt Hofstad](#)
-  [Richard G. Holman](#)
-  [Robert Kilichowski](#)
-  [Michael R. Nathe](#)
-  [Todd Porter](#)
-  [Louise Potter](#)
-  [Gerry Uglen](#)

If you have questions on where CWA of North Dakota stands on HB1572, the “personhood bill”, please contact me. (Contact information below.)

Please contact your Legislators listed above. Please urge friends and family to do likewise. We will get more alerts out in the coming week or two, as we need to pray and work diligently to assure laws that protect the unborn and North Dakota family values.

How to contact your state legislators:

[Click here](#) to find out what district you are in.

[Click here](#) for contact information on all state Senators based on district.

[Click here](#) for contact information on all state Representatives based on district.

For Life,

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