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Senate Repeals Policy on US Tax Money for Overseas Health Clinics

By Susan Jones CNSNews.com
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(Editor's note: Pro-life groups had not weighed in on the Senate vote as of press time.)

(CNSNews.com) - In a blow to pro-life Americans, the U.S. Senate voted 52-46 on Tuesday to repeal a Reagan-era policy that blocks U.S. aid from flowing to foreign groups that perform or advocate abortion. Supporters call it the Mexico City Policy, while critics call it the global gag rule.

The policy, imposed by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, was renewed by President George H.W. Bush, rescinded by President Bill Clinton, and reinstated by President George W. Bush.

"It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortions or advocate or actively promote abortion, either here or abroad," Bush stated when he re-imposed the policy in 2001.

The amendment that passed on Tuesday was attached to a State Department funding bill. It was sponsored by Democrat Barbara Boxer of California and Republican Olympia Snowe of Maine.

Comment: We need to get on the horn (telephone) and tell our Senators that this action must be reversed. Action is necessary as soon as possible. **Call the numbers below** for the Senators. Ed.

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you." - Pericles.

A 'Living' Constitution?

"Many law professors, and others who hold contempt for our Constitution, preach that the Constitution is a living document. Saying that the Constitution is a living document is the same as saying we don't have a Constitution.

For rules to mean anything, they must be fixed. How many people would like to play me poker and have the rules be 'living'? Depending on 'evolving standards,' maybe my two pair could beat your flush." --Walter Williams in the Federalist.

"Jane Fonda just won't shut up. And her crocodile tears will not stop flowing. She has contracted an acute case of Aging Celebrity Hippie Syndrome. ... Fonda's cynical non-apology 'apology' keeps making headlines, just as she and her book publicists had hoped. This isn't about making amends. This is about making money. Me! Me! Me! Hanoi Jane rides again." --Michelle Malkin. from the Federalist <http://FederalistPatriot.US>

Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

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I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for

nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! All right ... "When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?!!" Author unknown.

Blogging Dwarfing Print Media

Blogging is already dwarfing the print media in terms of content generation. Technorati is now monitoring up to 500,000 posts each day. That means several hundred thousand people each day are spending anything from a few minutes to a few hours writing content for public consumption. From Politics-on-line.

Nuclear Option

After months of taunts and threats, Republicans and Democrats are preparing to escalate a conflict that each side describes as the "nuclear option": changing the rules for confirming federal judges. The countdown began April 4, when Congress returned from a two-week spring break. According to some scenarios, it could reach legislative Armageddon by the end of the month. Ed.

Sandy Berger's Crime

- Washington Times

Martha Stewart went to jail for lying to federal investigators.

But for lying after stealing highly classified documents from the National Archives--in an apparent attempt to alter the historical record on terrorism, no less--former Clinton national security adviser and Kerry campaign adviser Sandy Berger

will get a small fine and slap on the wrist.

Call at these numbers:

Senator John Warner
202-224-2023 (DC office)
202-224-6295 (DC fax)
(757) 441-3079 (Local)
(757) 441-6250 FAX

Senator George Allen
202-224-4024 (DC office)
202-224-5432 (DC fax)
(757) 518-1674 (Local)
(757) 518-1679 fax

Congresswoman Thelma Drake
202-225-4215 (DC Office)
202-225-4218 Fax
757-495-6859 (Local)
757-497-5474 Fax

Liberal Agenda

The toll-free number is 1-866-808-0065. Ask to speak with your Senator. When finished leaving your message, call your other Senator.

Here is the agenda the liberals want to achieve.

1. They want Senators to filibuster any judicial nominee who will not support this agenda.
2. Approval of homosexual marriage & Legalizing euthanasia
3. Banning prayer in school
4. Banning the public display of the Ten Commandments
5. Banning the Pledge of Allegiance
6. Basing our laws on the laws of other nations
7. Maintaining abortion on demand
8. Forcing the Boy Scouts and similar organizations (including churches) to place homosexuals in positions of leadership
9. Complete protection for all kinds of pornography
10. Creating hate crimes laws to punish those who believe homosexuality is wrong

11. Denigrating Christianity to a secondary status
 12. Making secularism the only legitimate religion
- Call today! Get others to call!
from American Family Association

"DAY OF TRUTH"

...A California high school senior says his group is countering the pro-homosexual "Day of Silence" with a pro-family "Day of Truth." Tim Bueler is the founder and president of the High School Conservative Clubs of America. Today (April 6) and tomorrow, students from the group's first chartered club -- located at Rancho Cotate High School in Rohnert Park -- will participate in the "Day of Truth." Bueler says they will wear sweatshirts stating that homosexuality is a sin and displaying scriptural references against homosexuality. He says the students in the club have been threatened by some faculty members for participating in the protest. "We've had teachers come up to us, warning us that we are going to be suspended for wearing the pro-family, pro-marriage sweatshirts, and that people are going to find that offensive," the young conservative says. "So we are expecting to probably get suspended from our high school, all 50 of us who attend Rancho Cotate High School." Bueler says. From AGAPE PRESS
Comment: We must get behind these movements and make them work, we must never, never give up. Ed.

CAFTA Is A Bad Deal For The United States

By Eagle Forum

Those who believe in American sovereignty and/or our unique principle of federalism are waking up to the damage that CAFTA will do to both. Its fate in Congress is uncertain and bipartisan opposition is growing. The United States signed CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement) in May 2004 with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. On August 5, 2004, it was expanded to include the Dominican Republic (sometimes called DR-CAFTA).

The real purpose of CAFTA is to allow multinational corporations to exploit the abundance of cheap labor and the scarcity of taxes and safety

regulations in CAFTA countries. CAFTA will increase our \$58 billion job-killing U.S. trade deficit and further weaken our already suffering dollar.

CAFTA includes hundreds of pages of grants of vague authority to foreign tribunals. It wouldn't take a very activist foreign judge to read his own interpretation into language that requires us to use the "least trade-restrictive" regulations and to change our laws so they are "no more burdensome than necessary."

It's not as though we weren't warned. In line with the ancient axiom that coming events cast their shadows before them, the shadows of CAFTA's harm have been visible for years from the anti-American decisions of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the 1995 World Trade Organization (WTO).

The Geneva-based WTO's tribunals have ruled against the United States in 24 cases. Some of those decisions were very costly to the U.S. economy.

Former Congressman (D-IL) and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Abner Mikva, who served on a NAFTA panel in 1998, said, "If Congress had any idea what they were voting on back then, they never would have passed NAFTA."

Congress should defeat CAFTA and reassert the primacy of our Constitution, which states that only Congress has the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations" and that treaties are valid only if ratified by two-thirds of Senators. *This is an abstract, for the full report call Vernon.*

Comment: I agree with Phyllis Schlafly totally. We need to defeat CAFTA and it's bigger brother FTAA. Call your reps listed on this page and express your strong disapproval. Ed.

GET MORE INFO ON CAFTA & FTAA

Come to hear Mr. Jasper Monday April 18 at 7:00 PM at the Philippine Cultural Center in Virginia Beach. He is an expert on the UN and an excellent speaker. Ed. Call 495-1541 for info.

NAFTA was 3 countries, US CANADA & MEXICO.

CAFTA is 5 more. See above.

FTAA is all 32 countries in the Western Hemisphere.

WE LOSE IN ALL THREE--SAY NO!

"GET THE US OUT OF THE UN!!!"