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SENATE TO VOTE ON FMA

"Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman."

Polls have shown that as many as 72 percent of Americans support traditional marriage, say FMA proponents, and Capitol Hill needs to represent that view. In addition, we now know that homosexual couples from 46 states have been "married" in Massachusetts, and there are lawsuits pending in at least 11 states seeking to strike down the definition of marriage. This is a national problem, proponents say, and it requires a national solution -- an amendment to the U.S. Constitution protecting traditional marriage.

Wherever you stand on this issue, patriotic conservative Americans have a DUTY to make their voices heard by their legislators. Now YOU can join in with millions of others this coming Monday by calling YOUR Senators to let them know how they should vote!

TAKE ACTION: Supporters of the FMA have rallied significant numbers of people to voice their opinions to the Senate. Today, a coalition of groups presented over TWO MILLION petitions of support at a press conference on Capitol Hill.

And this coming Monday (7/12) has been unofficially dubbed "Call Your Senator Day" -- literally hundreds of thousands of your fellow patriotic conservatives nationwide will be calling in to tell their Senators how to vote on the FMA. YOU need to be one of them!

Go to our website below to find YOUR Senator's contact information, or call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121, and ask to speak with your Senators this coming Monday: *Extracted from...*

<http://www.rightmarch.com/congress.htm>

Comment: Call Senator Warner and Senator Allen. Last I heard Senator Warner was on the fence or leaning left. Senator Allen in a letter sounded like he was going to vote for the FMA. Call them Monday.

Some Phone numbers:

Senator Allen is 518-1674; 202-224-4024

Senator Warner is 441-3079; 202-224-2023

Cong. Ed. Schrock, 497-6859; 202-225-4215

Cong. Randy Forbes 547-1000, 202-225-6365

Senators Kerry and Edwards, the presumptive Democratic nominees for president and vice-president, are ranked numbers one and four of the most liberal Senators respectively.

According to the non-partisan National Journal

Cost of Government Day Commemorated, Lamented

by Keith Peters, correspondent

Tax reformers and Congressmen held a press conference yesterday on Capitol Hill to highlight a day that affects you and your budget very directly.

The average working person toiled 189 days this year just to meet the costs imposed upon them by all levels of government -- federal, state and local. It is one day earlier than last year.

Daniel Clifton of Americans for Tax Reform said the reason for the earlier date is President Bush's tax cuts. "However, the growth from those tax cuts is threatened by the rise in federal spending," Clifton said. "This is the fourth consecutive year that federal spending has increased."

Tom Schatz, a spokesman for Citizens against Government Waste, said Congress is not tightening its belt. "In the last two weeks, Congress has shown that it simply will not take the steps necessary to get federal spending under control," Schatz said.

Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, said it affects every American family. "Since I was born, the federal budget has grown seven times faster than the family budget, as measured by median income," Hensarling said. "I think that is an unsustainable and unconscionable growth rate." The congressman said the federal government needs to live the way a family lives. "As families live by their budget, is the government going live by their budget or are we going to be disingenuous?" He said until Congress draws a line in the sand and stops taking excess amounts of money from American families, there is no real incentive to root out the wasteful spending. He believes the first priority must be to protect the American family budget -- and that includes yours. *From CITIZEN Jul 8, 04.*

Comment: That's July 14, 2004 or over half the year. As much as I like President Bush we must be aware of the fact that he has outspent all other Presidents including Clinton. This year's deficit is over \$500 Billion. We all need to work on Congress to cut way back on spending. Ed.

NEA – Pro-Homosexual

...A conservative leader in the National Education Association (NEA) has been removed from office because she chose to criticize a homosexual. Diane Lenning, chairperson of the National Republican Educators' Caucus, was removed from her position because she objected to the NEA giving a special award to Kevin Jennings, the head of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Educators group. Bob Knight of the Culture and Family Institute says Jennings is a very controversial figure. "This is a man who is a

homosexual activist, who covered up an incident of molestation, who presided over a session in Massachusetts in which kids as young as 14 were exposed to graphic descriptions of homosexual sex acts, [and who has said he wants kindergartners acquainted with homosexuality," Knight says, adding that Jennings has "used foul language to describe Christians who oppose his agenda." Knight says it is bad enough that the NEA honored Jennings, but even worse that Lenning was removed from her post for objecting. According to the CFI spokesman, her removal is just another example of the NEA's long anti-family track record. "Over the past few years, the NEA has forgone all pretense of objectivity and has become entirely pro-homosexual," he says. "Resolutions have been debated about introducing gay historical figures to kids, having pro-homosexual education starting as [early] as kindergarten, [and] treating people's religious views as bigotry and hatred." Knight describes the NEA as a "hard-core, pro-homosexual outfit." *From AGAPE PRESS 7/8/04.*

Comment: How do we rescue all our teachers from the NEA and VEA? If we could throw out the bad union and maybe elect a good union, would that help? I'm sick of reading reports like this(above). Ed.

Vatican's Role at UN Unanimously Endorsed by UN General Assembly

In a development that is sure to distress pro-abortion groups such as "Catholics" for a Free Choice (CFFC), the General Assembly (GA) of the United Nations last week decided unanimously to confirm and expand the status of the Vatican at the United Nations. CFFC and its allies, including International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Marie Stopes International, have been engaged in a multi-year campaign to have the Vatican ousted from the UN, a campaign that now seems dead and buried.

The GA document adopted last week was the first major clarification of the prerogatives of the Vatican as a "permanent observer state," which has held this status at the UN since 1964. Not only did the General Assembly endorse the long-standing role of the Vatican, it decided to grant it new privileges, "in order to enable the Holy See to participate in a more constructive way in the Assembly's activities," according to a UN press release. *From C-FAM 7/9/04.*

Comment: The Catholic Church has been the most ardent Pro-Life presence at the UN and all the UN meetings. A Pro-Choice (read pro-death) group has been trying for two years to get the Vatican thrown out. It is good that the GA of the UN did not. Ed.

UNESCO VOTE

A minor victory...but a victory just the same. Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) introduced a bill that would stop U.S. funding for UNESCO...one of many United Nations boondoggles. Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-Colo.) was a key leader in the floor fight. Amazingly, the bill actually passed on a voice vote.

Unamazingly (is that a word?) and unfortunately, the Kerry-type internationalists immediately demanded for a recorded vote and twisted enough arms to kill the bill. But this minor victory...as short-lived as it was is still an indication that the tide is turning against the notion of the U.S.'s continued support for the U.N. under the current terms. We just need to keep the pressure on. *From GOP-NEWS 7/9/04.*

Comment: We could help by calling Cong. Forbes and Schrock and urge them to unfund the UN. It would die a quick death without US monies. Ed.

"Get the US Out of the UN."

COLORADO GUV GOIN' WOBBLY?

"In Colorado, Governor Bill Owens is riding high after having been selected as co-chair of the Republican platform committee at the New York convention. But back home, he is avoiding serious budget restraints and instead pursuing a deal to weaken the state's Taxpayer Bill of Rights, or TABOR. Adopted by voters in 1992, TABOR holds state spending to the annual growth in inflation and population. Surplus revenues must be returned to taxpayers, and taxes can't be raised without voter approval. Its provisions are one reason Colorado has emerged from the recession in much better shape than other states.

"Now some state legislators worry that the governor is getting ready to exempt all education spending from the restraints of TABOR. The deal would be pushed through the legislature and then placed before the voters with 'bipartisan' support against which it would be difficult to mount an effective attack.

"Colorado's TABOR is the model that conservatives around the country use when promoting legal restraints on government spending. If Governor Owens becomes an accomplice in watering down TABOR, his stock with conservatives -- and perhaps the White House -- will plummet." - *John Fund, Political Diary, 7/8/04*

Comment: Boy this law, the TABOR, sounds like something we should have here in Virginia where the legislators can't seem to get enough of our money. We should ask Delegate Leo Wardrup and my buddy Del. John Welsh to see if they could get it passed. Hee Hee. Ed.

Financial footnote:

On the subject of poverty, John Kerry, already the wealthiest member of Congress, is really raking in the bucks. Campaign Kerry has dwarfed the Bush campaign's cash intake this year, reporting more than \$175 million in donations -- much of it from his Left elite cadre of Hollywonk glitterati. In addition to all the free Leftmedia advertising, Kerry also gets a bounce from America-hating fiction films like Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*. *From the FEDERALIST.*

Comment: Not only is he the richest, but the most left leaning liberal by far. Ed.

DON'T FORGET, CALL YOUR SENATOR!