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NOMINEE JUDGE JOHN ROBERTS

By Jody Brown and Bill Fancher, AGAPE PRESS, July 21, 2005

One side labels him an "anti-choice activist" and a threat to women's health and safety. The other describes him as a "lawyer's lawyer" and a humble public servant. It appears the honeymoon period for Supreme Court nominee John Roberts was short-lived.

Almost as if the press releases were prepared ahead of time with a "fill in the blank" for the name, liberal groups wasted little time in ripping into President George W. Bush's first appointment to the high court. The American Civil Right Union says it has "deep concern" about some of the nominee's positions in the area of civil liberties -- particularly about briefs he authored that call for the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, support prayer at high school graduations, and seek to criminalize burning of the American flag.

Pro-abortion groups also hit the ground running, saying only a nominee who supports abortion -- that is, "committed to protecting women's health and safety," as they put it -- should be confirmed by the Senate.

Not Unexpected

Such responses from the liberal side of the spectrum don't surprise Jan LaRue. "Their outrageous behavior is completely predictable," says the chief counsel for [Concerned Women for America](#). "We've said all along that no matter who the president was to appoint, the liberals would use the 'five Ds': dismay, demand, distort, defame, and delay -- and right on schedule, the liberals are doing it again."

Roberts, says LaRue, is a "brilliant choice" who does not give the liberal opposition much ammunition, and who should present a real challenge for those who would attempt to defame him. Nevertheless, she predicts the attacks will come.

The nation's oldest and largest association of Christian lawyers and law students is impressed both by the appointment and by Roberts himself. The executive director of the [Christian Legal Society](#) says Judge Roberts is respected as a "lawyer's lawyer."

Comment: Since the liberals are on the attack the choice must be good. We need to write/call the White House (202-456-1111) and thank President Bush for his choice and then write/call both of our Senators and encourage them to push hard for a quick full vote. Ed.

and one woman, The Chicago Sun Times reported.

Alex Munter, spokesman for Canadians for Equal Marriage was thrilled. "It is a signal to the world," Munter said, "that Canada is an open and inclusive society that believes in the notion of full citizenship for all."

The Roman Catholic Church and Christian groups in Canada have opposed the legislation for years and voiced extreme disappointment. Canada joins the Netherlands, Belgium and Spain in allowing same-sex couples to marry. From CITIZENLINK.

GAMBLING SNEAKING INTO HAWAII

by Aaron Atwood, assistant editor CitizenLink

Move to designate Hawaiians as Native Americans would open state to casinos. Hawaii is on its way to becoming the next great American gambling destination. The vehicle for change? The Native Hawaiian Government Recognition Act, proposed by Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii. The bill recognizes native Hawaiians as a self-governing entity -- essentially making them an Indian tribe. Lawmakers are expected to vote any time this week.

Experts worry the creation of a Hawaiian tribe will bring more problems than solutions.

"The Akaka Bill would grant native-Hawaiian descendants federal recognition, which would make them 'Native Americans,' and grant them access to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act," said Chad Hills, gambling analyst for Focus on the Family Action.

The bill, S.147, gives native Hawaiians autonomy in internal affairs, self-governance and the "right to become economically self-sufficient."

The legislation circumvents the Bureau of Indian Affairs procedures and criteria for American Indian tribal recognition. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has spent nearly \$7 million to support that move, according to Hawaii Channel Online.

Hawaii and Utah are the only states without some form of legalized gambling.

President Threatens to Veto Attempt to End 'Mexico City' Policy

by Bill Wilson, Washington, D.C., correspondent in CITIZENLINK

Each year Congress tries and fails to repeal a policy that prohibits funding abortions overseas. The White House has delivered a formal message to the Senate Appropriations Committee: the president will veto the foreign operations appropriations bill if it overturns the Mexico City policy.

Carrie Gordon Earl, senior bioethics analyst for Focus on the Family Action, applauded the president's firm

stance. "To say that our tax dollars are not going to be used overseas to be given to groups that either coerce or lobby for or do abortions, that is a bright line that has been drawn by the Bush administration and by the Reagan and Bush administrations before him," she said. "The president's not compromising and we applaud him in that."

Canada Legalizes Gay Marriage Nationally

Canada on Wednesday became the fourth country to legalize gay marriage, granting same-sex couples the full legal rights of the traditional union of one man

"Hawaii, being one of our nation's top tourist destinations, is fertile ground for the gambling industry," Hills said. **TAKE ACTION:** Contact your senators and ask them to **vote "No" on S.147, the Native Hawaiian Government Recognition Act.**

"The deterioration of every government begins with the decay of the principles on which it was founded." --C. L. De Montesquieu

WHAT AFRICA NEEDS

"What Africa needs, foreign aid cannot deliver, and that's elimination of dictators and socialist regimes, establishment of political and economic freedom, rule of law and respect for individual rights. Until that happens, despite billions of dollars of foreign aid, Africa will remain a basket case." --Walter Williams in the *Federalist*.

Comment: What we need to do is overhaul foreign aid. It could be cut by 90% and remain effective. Just quit propping up dictators, etc. Ed.

The Supreme Court

"[S]even of the nine current Justices were appointed by Republican Presidents. ... Earl Warren, the father of modern judicial activism, was an Eisenhower appointee. So was William Brennan, who inherited Warren's mantle as the Court's liberal giant. Harry Blackmun, the author of *Roe v. Wade*, was a Nixon appointee. The most liberal member of the current court, John Paul Stevens, was a Gerald Ford selection. David Souter, a George H. W. Bush and Warren Rudman choice, told the Senate he saw himself in the tradition of the great Justice John Harlan, who revered precedent. But on the court he's arguably been more of a liberal activist than either of Bill Clinton's two justices (Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer). Anthony Kennedy, selected by Reagan after Robert Bork was defeated, was said at the time to share 80% of Mr. Bork's philosophy. But Mr. Kennedy's jurisprudence has proven to be nearly as malleable as Justice Souter's, especially on the cultural and church-state issues where the Court has become the de facto national legislature. ... Our objection to *Roe* and to *Lawrence*, the Texas sodomy case, isn't on the underlying policy. It is

that the Court has hijacked those social disputes from democratic debate, preventing the kind of legislative compromises that would allow a social and political consensus to form. ... But there are many other issues on which the post-Warren justices have arrogated to themselves an almost legislative authority: overturning voter-passed Congressional term limits by 5-4, dictating racial and gender preferences in law, extending the Commerce Clause to encompass virtually any federal authority as in last term's *Raich* medical-marijuana decision, or expanding eminent domain in *Kelo*. ... But the larger goal should be to...restore the High Court to its more restrained historical role. In a phrase, this means putting an end at last to the judicial legislating that was unleashed in the Warren era and that has slowed only on occasion ever since." --*The Wall Street Journal*

The Death Tax

After taxing you in almost every conceivable way throughout your lifetime, the taxman follows you to the grave for one final reach into your wallet. Worse, the death tax is a tax on virtue -- living frugally and accumulating wealth. It discourages saving and asset accumulation and encourages wasteful spending. It wastes the talent of able people, both those engaged in enforcing the tax and the even greater number engaged in devising arrangements to escape the tax.

The death tax is unfair and immoral, but due to Senate inaction, it remains in effect.

We need taxpayers to speak out now and to tell their Senators that it is high time to kill the death tax once and for all! **Please speak out today!** *From the National Taxpayers Union.*

Comment: Write or call your two Senators ASAP and urge them to end the death tax. Ed.

Plummeting Birth Rates

"The 'birth dearth' is what demographers call plummeting birth rates in most of the industrialized world. Throughout Western Europe and East Asia, the birth rate is well below 2.1 births per woman -- which is the minimum needed to maintain a stable population. ... Throughout history,

societies in demographic decline, usually as a result of disease, have faced two unattractive options: a decline in their standard of living or the replacement of their native population with a more fertile immigrant one. Europe has, essentially by default, chosen the latter. But as last week's bombings in London illustrate, turning millions of Islamic immigrants into 'Europeans,' however you define the term, is a dubious proposition. ... It's hard to imagine a better example of the importance of worldviews, and specifically in this case, the Christian one. [Mark] Steyn is right when he says that Europe's decline is directly linked to its hostility towards Christianity." --*Chuck Colson from the Federalist.*

Comment: We need to emphasize family, permanent family, and large ones to boot. In the US the birth rate for white women is only 1.4, far too low. We need to start having larger families, 6-8 kids and raising them up to be good Christians. Ed.

THE ARMED CITIZEN

Freeport, New York, woman has her boyfriend and his brother to thank for rescuing her from a rapist. First Squad Det. Lt. Andrew Fal of Nassau, New York, reported that the suspect was believed to have been hiding in the basement of the home for some time. When the woman's boyfriend left for work, the intruder hid his face with a surgical mask and went upstairs. He attacked the woman in her bedroom, punching her repeatedly in the face, and then tried to rape her. The boyfriend's brother, who also lives in the home, heard the commotion and thought his brother was having a fight with his girlfriend. He called the brother on his cell phone to see what was going on, and when his brother told him he was driving to work, the two realized the woman was in real trouble. The brother called the police and retrieved a 9mm pistol. The woman's boyfriend returned to the house where he and his brother confronted her attacker, holding him at gunpoint until authorities arrived and placed her attacker under arrest. (*Newsday*, New York, New York, 11/22/03)

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