

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

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## Pro-Choice Liberals Win the Day

Richmond---The Senate Education and Health Committee Thursday voted to protect frogs. Just after that, they methodically rejected every bill before them that would have protected unborn children or women's health. The debate during today's long committee meeting was passionate, and at many points, very heated.

Some members of the committee, comprised of eight Republicans and seven Democrats, showed their hostility toward pro-life measures, not just through their votes, but by a complete lack of respect toward witnesses. The actions of some members of the committee, particularly its chairman, Senator Russ Potts (R-27, Winchester), got so bad at one point that Senator Bill Bolling (R-4, Mechanicsville) had to ask the chairman and others to follow the normal decorum standards in the Senate, to which Senator Potts replied angrily, "We are!"

The three bills rejected were:

HB 1403 - The bill, patroned by Delegate Kathy Byron (R-22, Lynchburg) would have required parental consent for a minor to receive emergency contraception. The bill was rejected by a vote of 9-4-2.

HB 116/HB 1290 - these bills, patroned by Delegate Bob Marshall (R-13, Manassas) and Delegate Jack Reid (R-72, Richmond) would have required abortion clinics in Virginia to meet the same safety and health standards as similar outpatient surgery centers. One witness, Carol Everett, described her experiences as an abortion clinic operator in Texas. She told of doctors who did not sanitize instruments or wash up between procedures and other hideous acts. The bills was rejected by a vote of 9-6.

HB 1315 - This bill, patroned by Delegate Dick Black (R-32, Sterling), would have required doctors to administer anesthesia to any child being aborted during the second or third trimester. During testimony, the individual representing Planned Parenthood's opposition to the bill stated that he was 100 percent sure that an unborn child could not feel pain. However, after being extensively questioned by Senator Bill Mims (R-33, Leesburg), he not only admitted that he was not a doctor, but indicated it is "possible" that the unborn feel pain. The medical facts were dismissed, however, and the committee rejected the bill by a vote of 9-6.

Voted against The Family Foundation on every bill: Potts, Quayle, Houck, Lambert, Saslaw, Lucas, Howell, Edwards, Whipple

Voted with The Family Foundation on all bills: Senators Blevins, Bolling, Ruff, Martin

Voted with The Family Foundation on HB 116, HB 1290 and HB 1315 Senators Newman, Mims. Senator Newman and Senator Mims abstained on HB 1403.

*By Victoria Cobb in the Family Foundation Alert of Friday March 5, 2004. Phone: 804-343-0010, Fax: 804-343-0050 [www.familyfoundation.org](http://www.familyfoundation.org)*

**Comment:** Betty Hansel and I went to Richmond Thursday to lend support to the Family Foundation. What a disgusting spectacle. Not only did I hear false and misleading testimony, but when one very credible (pro-life) witness, a Nurse that had flown in from Texas, was giving her testimony the liberal Senators tried their best to discredit her, failing to do that they proceeded to impugn her personal character. The liberal committee members were also very disrespectful of Mrs. Victoria Cobb of the Family Foundation. It was a troubling experience. I saw first hand the raw power and arrogance of the liberal legislators that support the abortion industry. Remember the old adage, "Follow the Money!", well it sure was true there. Nobody knows how much money is made in the abortion industry, much of it is unreported. But Planned Parenthood, the biggest abortion provider makes hundreds of millions, and they also take Federal and state monies too, your tax dollars, and they **were** represented in Richmond.

You need to remember that not all of the liberals are Democrats, some are Republicans, so you have to be careful of using the labels Democrat or Republican when you mean Liberals or Conservatives.

As Christians we need to redouble our efforts and become more active in this fight. Editor.

**Without faith, nothing is possible.  
With it, nothing is impossible.  
Mary M. Bethune**

## The FTAA Deception

*From a speech by William Norman Grigg, Senior Editor for The New American magazine*

**FTAA will create a EU type alliance in the Western Hemisphere of 34 Nations, the United States will have ONE vote. It will be controlled by U.N. type bureaucrats and it will be a socialistic form of government. I continue this article from last week as it is so important to be aware of the significance of this treaty. We must begin now to fight it, so that when it comes up for a Senate vote in January 2005 it will be defeated. The alternative is the total loss of our sovereignty and the United States of America would be no more. Take heed. Editor.**

Once again, NAFTA is just a preview -- a down-payment -- on the continent-wide regime that would be created through the FTAA. "Upward harmonization" of government power inevitably produces a corresponding phenomenon -- "downward harmonization" of living standards, sometimes called the "race to the bottom." As governing elites pool their power across borders, those they rule lose a corresponding amount of freedom and

prosperity. This is happening already under NAFTA as over-regulated American industries lose market share to less expensive competitors abroad. On the tenth anniversary of the NAFTA accord, the Christian Science Monitor noted that the agreement, "while opening the doors for U.S. exports and helping Americans get low-cost consumer goods, has also shaken entire industries from textiles to cars."

As our economy has been merged with socialist Canada and corrupt Mexico, "NAFTA has displaced American workers and devastated entire towns. It's evident from the job-training centers in southern Texas to the 'NAFTA ghost towns' of North Carolina, with their shuttered textile plants." Economist Jorge Gonzalez of San Antonio's Trinity University claims that NAFTA has done "exactly what it is supposed to do.... We've basically taken two economies with vastly different resources [those of the U.S. and Mexico] and integrated them. That helps the whole region become more competitive." Economist Russell Roberts of George Mason University agrees that the political benefits of integrating North America more than compensate for the hardships NAFTA has inflicted on American workers: "The bottom line is this -- NAFTA has caused hardship for some Americans in certain sectors, but it's made for a more stable and integrated Mexican political system -- and that's a real good thing for the world."

Scant comfort such glib assessments will provide to Americans whose lucrative manufacturing jobs have fled the country. Breadwinners seeking to provide a decent standard of living for their families, and perhaps even leave an inheritance for their children, have little interest in regional "competitiveness," or in helping Mexico become "stable and integrated." But they are the ones paying the price of the Power Elite's grand designs.

And it's important to recognize that while American workers have endured hardships as a result of NAFTA, the political class is prospering as never before. Indeed, the Power Elite benefits directly by inducing "downward harmonization" on the middle class. This is illustrated by the existence of the so-called "Trade Adjustment Assistance" program -- a \$1.3 billion federal welfare program for Americans who lose their jobs as a result of NAFTA and other socialist "free trade" initiatives.

Once again, all of this is merely the faintest foretaste of what the FTAA will do to our economy -- if the pact goes through as planned. President Bush's plan to grant amnesty to an estimated 6-12 million illegal aliens underscores another element of the FTAA drive: The de facto abolition of our southern border with Mexico. Amnesty was a key agenda item during the 2001 visit of Vicente Fox to the U.S., and it may already have been implemented were it not for the 9-11 terrorist attacks -- which offered a tragic and bloody illustration of the costs of open borders. *To be continued.*

**Comment:** Plan on writing to the President and both of our Senators at least once a month until the vote is taken next January 2005. Let them know you do not want this treaty, the FTAA. Ed.

### Bush Supports UN Classroom Indoctrination

"The Bush administration has begun issuing grants to help spread a United Nations-sponsored school program that aims to become a 'universal curriculum' for teaching global citizenship, peace studies and equality of world cultures," reported the January 18 *Washington Times*.

The European-based International Baccalaureate (IE) program professes to teach "a set of culturally universal values to which all people aspire"; that culture includes human rights,

equality of the sexes and "open-mindedness to obligation to environmental protection and sustainable development."

Announcing the program in 2003, Education Secretary Rod Paige declared: "We are ever mindful of the lessons of September 11, one of which is that all future measures of a rigorous K-12 education must include a solid grounding in other cultures, other languages and other histories. In other words, we need to put the 'world' back into 'world-class' education."

According to the *Times*, "The IE curriculum has been adopted by about 1,450 schools in 115 countries, including 502 schools in the United States. The program is in 55 primary, middle and secondary schools in [Washington, D.C.], Maryland and Virginia."

**Comment:** Do you want a One-World United Nations-sponsored 'universal curriculum' for global citizenship? If you DO NOT then write/call/fax the President and express your outrage. Frankly I feel powerless to fight this new thrust of the Administration. Ed.

What was it President Washington stated? ---"We should make NO entangling treaties..." It seems to me we should go back and study his instructions some more. Editor

## BILL OF RIGHTS

### Amendment [III.]

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

### Amendment [IV.]

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

### Amendment [V.]

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

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**Football combines the two worst features of American life; violence and committee meetings. George Will**

Correction: Last week we put the wrong month on the date, please change it to February. Ed.