



Pro-Family Bills: Signed into Law

Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005 – S. 193 – House passed 6/7/06 (379 – 35) Signed into law 6/15/06 Increases fines for indecency violations to up to \$325,000.

Fetal Farming Prohibition Act of 2006 – S. 3504 – House passed 7/18/06 (425 – 0) Signed into law 07/19/06 Prohibits “farming” of human fetuses for research purposes.

Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005 – H.R. 42 – House passed 6/27/06 (Voice vote) Signed into law 7/24/06 Prevents condominiums or homeowners’ associations from prohibiting displays of the American flag.

Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005 – H.R. 2520 – House Passed 5/24/05 (431 – 1) Signed into law 12/20/05 Provides federal funding to increase availability of cord blood units to treat patients. Cord blood is a rich, non-controversial source of stem cells that can be matched to patients and have already been used to treat at least 72 diseases.

Children’s Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Act of 2005 – H.R. 4472 – House Passed 7/25/06 (Voice Vote) President expected to sign into law 7/27/06 Reforms sex offender registration laws and strengthens laws preventing child pornography.

Pro- family Bills: House Consideration

Marriage Protection Amendment – H.J.Res. 88 – House vote 7/18/06 (236 – 187) States that marriage in the United States consists of the union of one man and one woman. Allows states rather than courts to grant benefits of marriage. Picked up 9 votes over last year’s vote of 227-186.

Sustaining Presidential Veto of Embryonic Stem Cell Bill – H.R. 810 – House sustained the veto 7/19/06 (235 – 193) Bill would have allowed tax payer funding for research that requires the destruction of human embryos.

Pledge Protection Act – H.R. 2389 – Passed the House 7/19/06 (260 – 167) Bars certain courts from ruling on the phrase “under God” in the pledge and invokes Congress’ constitutional right to define the jurisdiction of the lower courts.

Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act –H.R. 4411 – Passed the House 7/11/06 (317 – 93) Provides tools to law enforcement to enforce the ban on internet gambling.

Abortion in Military Facilities – Andrews Amendment to Defense Authorization Act – Defeated 5/10/06 (191-237) Amendment would allow abortion at military facilities. Picked up 4 votes over last year’s vote of 194-233.

Earmark for Gay and Lesbian Center – King amendment to TTHUD appropriations bill – Passed 6/14/06 (Voice Vote) Blocks a \$300,000 earmark for a multipurpose gay and lesbian facility in Los Angeles, CA.

Medical Marijuana – Hinchey amendment to SSJC appropriations bill – Defeated 6/28/06 (163 – 259) Amendment would have prevented the Department of Justice from enforcing ban on marijuana usage.

Preserving the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial – H.R. 6583 – Passed 7/19/06 (349 – 74) Allows the federal government to acquire the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial, including a 29-foot cross, to protect it from destruction.

Resolution Supporting Responsible Fatherhood – H.Res. 318 – Passed the house 6/13/06 (407 – 0) Supports responsible fatherhood, promotes marriage, and encourages greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children.

Pro- family Bills: Pending Consideration

Human Cloning Prohibition Act – H.R. 1357 Prohibits the creation of human clones for reproductive purposes and in order to destroy them for research.

Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act – H.R. 356 Requires notification that unborn children feel pain and the option of anesthesia prior to an abortion.

Public Expression of Religion Act – H.R. 2679 Provides that when state or local officials are sued over public expressions of religion, no monetary damages, costs, or attorney’s fees may be awarded.

Marriage Penalty Tax Relief – H.R.293 and H.R. 3384
Permanently extends the marriage penalty tax relief.

Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act – H.R. 748 – House Passed 4/27/05 (270 – 157) Senate Passed 7/25/06 (65 – 34) Prohibits transportation of a minor girl across state lines for an abortion to circumvent parental notification or parental consent laws in the girl’s home state. Requires an abortion provider in a state without a parental notification requirement to notify a parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.