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BILLS ADVANCING GAY AGENDA WERE D.O.A. IN 2007 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Several bills were filed during the 2007 Florida Legislative Session that sought to advance the homosexual agenda. However, thanks to the conservative leadership in the Florida House and Senate these bills died in committee without making it on committee calendars.

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DR. D. JAMES KENNEDY'S "CENTER FOR RECLAIMING AMERICA FOR CHRIST" CLOSES SHOP

Please pray for this situation.

Fort Lauderdale, FL - The Center for Reclaiming America for Christ, founded a little more than ten years ago, closed its doors on April 26, 2007.

Coral Ridge Ministries informed the Associated Press that they are "streamlining" their operations.

"We're getting back to our core competency, the production of media," said Brian Fisher, executive vice president at Coral Ridge, which was founded by the Rev. D. James Kennedy. "Our heart and soul is the teaching of Dr. Kennedy, and getting it to more people than those who come to church."

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SHELL OIL ALLOWS PORN SALES AT INDEPENDENT STORES

Shell Oil Company is the first and only major oil company to define Penthouse and Playboy magazines as "not pornographic." Shell Oil Company made this policy change to allow Circle K Stores to sell pornographic magazines at two hundred forty (240) independent Shell branded stores that Circle K recently purchased.

Florida Family Association (FFA) has worked since 1997 to influence every major oil company to prohibit their branded independent stores from selling pornography. FFA influenced BP-Amoco, Exxon-Mobil, Chevron-Texaco, Citgo, Marathon, Murphy and Sunoco to add restrictions to their marketing agreements with independent retailers to prohibit the sale of pornography.

Shell Oil Company also adopted these restrictions. However, earlier this year Shell Oil Company declined to enforce those no-porn marketing agreement restrictions at Circle K Stores that sell Shell branded gasoline. Circle K Stores recently purchased two hundred forty Shell branded stores. The overwhelming majority of these stores did not sell pornography before being purchased by Circle K Stores.

FFA communicated concerns regarding the continued sale of pornography under Shell signage at Circle K Stores. Shell Oil slowly responded with ambiguous answers. However, the last email received from Shell Oil made their position very clear.

"In regard to your inquiry about specific Circle K locations, our investigation has concluded that these stores are not selling pornography as one would think the general public defines it, but rather 'adult sophisticate' magazines such as Playboy and Penthouse," Otto O'. Meyers, III, GM, U.S. Retail Operations Support, Shell Oil Company.

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AS LONG AS YOU HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Many people have expressed concern regarding the closure of the Center for Reclaiming America for Christ. This news surprised many people.

However, in hindsight we should all be able to understand the concerns that must have developed at Coral Ridge Ministries following Dr. D. James Kennedy's heart attack in December of 2006. He has been absent since being hospitalized.

Please remember Dr. Kennedy, the former staff of the Center and the current staff of Coral Ridge Ministries in your prayers.

I want to assure you that Florida Family Association will stand strong and continue in our mission to improve and protect your moral environment. I made the commitment nineteen years ago that as long as FFA made a difference and concerned people supported our efforts that we would continue our mission. We are thankful for the Lord's mercies and blessing on this ministry and your support.

Your prayers, letters and gifts have made this ministry successful for nineteen years.

Please mail the enclosed postcard or send an email to Shell Oil Company.

Please help all of our efforts to be strong this month by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Caton

Executive Director

Your prayers and gifts keep us strong.



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SHELL OIL CHANGES POLICY TO ALLOW PORN SALES AT INDEPENDENT BRANDED STORES

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Shell Oil Company has made it clear that they do not consider the hardcore content of Penthouse and the explicit content of Playboy to be pornographic. The likely reason, the money they make or would lose from the two hundred forty Circle K Stores that sell Shell branded gasoline.

After four months of emails and phone calls FFA asked Shell Oil Company officials to meet with several pro-family organization leaders to discuss their new policy position. Shell Oil Company officials ignored this request.

Florida Family Association launched an email campaign urging Shell Oil Company to reconsider their policy change. The American Family Association and Citizens for Community Values also sent an email encouraging their supporters to contact Shell Oil. Citizenlink.org (Focus on the Family) and Worldnetdaily.com also reported Shell Oil Company's policy change.

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED POSTCARD, WRITE A PERSONAL LETTER OR SEND AN EMAIL to encourage Shell Oil Company to return to the standards and definitions established and enforced by all other major oil companies that define and treat Playboy and Penthouse as pornography. Encourage Shell Oil Company to strictly prohibit the sale of Playboy, Penthouse and other magazines that feature full nudity and explicit sexual conduct at all Shell branded stations including Circle K Stores.

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CENTER FOR RECLAIMING AMERICA CLOSES AFTER 10 YEARS

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Dr. Kennedy has been absent from the public view since suffering a heart attack in December 2006. He founded the Center for Reclaiming America in 1996.

Coral Ridge Ministries, which produces TV and radio programs and publishes books, still has more than 120 employees.

PLEASE PRAY for Dr. Kennedy, the former staff of the Center and the current staff of Coral Ridge Ministries

CAMPAIGN INFLUENCES THE MAN SHOW TO BE MOVED TO LATE (3:00) IN THE MORNING

Florida Family Association's monitoring efforts appear to have influenced another change in the scheduling of The Man Show. Comcast moved The Man Show from the 1:00 – 2:00 AM time slot to 3:00 – 3:30 AM shortly after FFA launched an email campaign regarding this show.

G4TV, a game show channel watched by millions of kids, airs The Man Show. The Man Show is one of the most pornographic, disgusting and degrading television shows ever aired on unrestricted advertiser supported television. Florida Family Association has written to advertisers ever since the show first aired on Comedy Central.

FFA's monitoring efforts and email campaigns have influenced over of a hundred companies to stop advertising on The Man Show. It appears that FFA's campaign influenced Comcast to first cut the number of episodes being aired in half several months ago. Comcast just recently moved the late night episodes even later into the night. We will continue to write companies that advertise on this disgusting show.

GAY AGENDA D.O.A. IN 2007 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

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Your emails and postcards made a difference. Three Florida Family Association (FFA) email and postcard campaigns during the past fourteen months appear to have influenced legislative leadership's resolve to keep pro-homosexual bills off their agendas.

In November 2006, FFA sponsored an email campaign that urged Florida Senate President Ken Pruitt to delete the word "sexual orientation" from a question in the "Revision of the Gubernatorial Appointment Biographical Questionnaire." FFA opposed adding "sexual orientation" as criteria that allowed candidates for employment to be excluded from working in the governor's administration because homosexual extremists filed a complaint against them. Adding such criteria would have advanced homosexual activism at the expense of limiting social conservatives.

In February and March 2007, FFA asked readers of the February and March newsletters to send emails, postcards and letters to the Florida Senate President and Speaker of the House to oppose eight specific bills and any legislation that sought to give a special legal status to "sexual orientation" or authorize homosexuals to adopt children.

In March 2006, FFA launched a postcard and email campaign after a February 28, 2006 Associated Press story reported the chairman of Future of Florida's Families Committee would consider scheduling a vote on legislation that would allow homosexuals to adopt children.

"We believe FFA's three postcard and email campaigns during the past fourteen months helped influence legislative leaders to keep pro-homosexual bills off their agendas." David Caton, Florida Family Association Executive Director noted. "There was not even an appearance of support by the legislative leadership or committee chairs for the six bills described below that clearly sought to advance the homosexual agenda."

House Bill 639 - Senate Bill 2628 - Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.

House Bill 789 - Senate Bill 1012 Provides that a person who is homosexual is eligible to adopt child.

House Bill 609 - Prohibits discrimination against students and employees on basis of sexual orientation.

Senate Bill 330 - Prohibits sexual orientation profiling.

Additionally, the Bullying and Harassment Bills HB575 and S114 which homosexual activists were trying to amend with "sexual orientation" provisions died in the Florida Senate after it made it all the way through the house without being amended. Senator Stephen Wise decided not to calendar the bill in the Education Pre-Kindergarten-12 Appropriations Committee which he chaired. As a result, Senator Wise received a lot of negative calls from homosexual activists.

**PLEASE SEND A LETTER OR EMAIL TO
THANK THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS for
preventing bills which seek to advance the
homosexual agenda from being considered in the
2007 Florida Legislative Session.**

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