

FLORIDA FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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FLORIDA LEGISLATURE REJECTS ALL BILLS PROMOTING HOMOSEXUAL LIFESTYLE

All of the bills introduced into the 2009 Florida Legislative Session that promoted the homosexual lifestyle have failed. Not one of the six bills promoting Domestic Partnerships (Same-sex unions), Special Rights for Homosexuals and Homosexual adoption were even scheduled to be considered in any committee of the Florida Legislature.

The six pro-homosexual bills which failed are listed on page 3. Please note the language for the House Bills "*Last Event*" states "*Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration on Saturday, May 02, 2009 12:00 AM.*"

Last year, the Commerce Committee of the Florida Senate passed a Ted Kennedy styled special rights for homosexuals bill on April 8th. Four Republicans voted in favor of this special rights for homosexuals legislation. Republican Senators Victor Crist from Tampa, Rudy Garcia from Miami, Burt Saunders from Ft. Myers, Alex Dias Del La Portilla from Miami voted to approve Senate Bill 572.

Given the fact that the Republican lead Florida Legislature allowed Senate Bill 572 to be heard in the 2008 session Florida Family Association did not want to take any chances in the 2009 session. Therefore, when Equality Florida, the leading homosexual activist group in Florida, sent out an email on Wednesday, February 18th which proclaimed "*Historic Domestic Partnership Legislation Introduced*" Florida Family Association responded the next day with an email campaign that opposed this legislation.

Florida Legislative leaders received over 10,000 emails opposing Domestic Partnerships and legislation that promotes the homosexual lifestyle. FFA supporters' emails to Florida Governor Charlie Crist and Legislative Leaders made a difference.

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COCA COLA SAYS NO TO RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE AND FAMILY GUY

The Coca Cola Company has responded to Florida Family Association's concern regarding the company's advertisements on the television shows RuPaul's Drag Race and Family Guy.

TVGuide.com describes RuPaul's Drag Race show as: "*Drag queens compete in weekly challenges in an elimination contest hosted by the noted drag performer and featuring celebrity judges. The winner is crowned 'The Next Superstar Drag Queen of the World.'*" This transvestite program which airs on MTV's all gay, lesbian and transgender LOGO network shows these men in various stages of dress with modified breasts and other objectionable content.

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FFA'S EFFORTS INFLUENCE LOGO TO DROP SORDID LIVES

TVGuide.com describes Sordid Lives as a "*Comedy about dysfunction in a Republican Baptist Texas family, much of it gender-bending.*" The program depicts various Baptist family members as transgender, lesbian, bi-sexual and gay.

Sordid Lives was written by Del Shores who won the 2001 GLAAD Media Awards Outstanding LA Theatre Production for the play "*Southern Baptist Sissies.*" Del Shores left his wife and two daughters and later married (in California) his partner Jason Dottle, who was the lead actor on Sordid Lives. The all gay LOGO channel, owned by ultra-liberal left MTV, paid a man who left a real family for other men to write a show attacking Christians.

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YOU ARE THE REASON FOR OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Writing this month's newsletter was such a blessing.

It encouraged me to write this month's newsletter because it reminded me again that our efforts can and still do make a difference.

You are the reason for our accomplishments. Your prayers and support are the reason for our continued success.

Thank you for blessing this ministry with your support.

Please pray for our strength, protection and continued success.

And please help all of our efforts to be strong this month by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope.



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Sincerely,

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Florida Leaders Reject All Bills Promoting Gay Lifestyle

The following six bills failed to move anywhere in the 2009 Florida Legislative Session:

Domestic Partnerships – Same-sex Unions

HB 1067 - Domestic Partnerships by Steinberg (Co-Sponsors) Gibbons; Kiar; Kriseman; Pafford; Porth; Randolph; Reed; Schwartz: Provides requirements for formation of domestic partnership; provides for registration of declaration & issuance of certificate of domestic partnership; provides that persons declaring domestic partnership consent to jurisdiction in this state for specified purposes; prohibits individual in domestic partnership from filing new declaration or entering marriage recognized in this state with someone other than individual's registered partner unless partnership has been dissolved or domestic partner has died; prohibits domestic partnerships between certain individuals; provides for rights & responsibilities of persons in domestic partnerships; provides that provisions of state law concerning domestic partner rights & responsibilities law do not conflict with rights & responsibilities provided under federal law; provides for fees; conforms provisions.

Last Event: Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration on Saturday, May 02, 2009 12:00 AM

Senate 1642: Relating to Domestic Partnerships

by Sobel; (Co-Introducers) Rich Requires the DOH to create and distribute the Declaration of Domestic Partnership and Certificate of Registered Domestic Partnership forms to each clerk of the circuit court. Describes the required contents of the declaration. Requires two individuals who wish to become partners in a domestic partnership to complete and file a declaration form with the clerk of the circuit court, etc.

02/17/09 SENATE Filed

02/26/09 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

03/03/09 SENATE Introduced, referred to Health Regulation; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means -SJ 00113

Special Rights for homosexuals

HB 397 - Prohibited Discrimination by Skidmore

(Co-Sponsors) Abruzzo; Brandenburg; Brisé; Bullard; Chestnut; Clarke-Reed; Fitzgerald; Garcia; Gibbons; Gibson; Heller; Jenne; Kiar; Kriseman; Long; Pafford; Porth; Rader; Randolph; Reed; Rehwinkel Vasilinda; Roberson, Y.; Rogers; Sachs; Sands; Saunders; Schwartz; Scionti; Soto; Steinberg; Taylor, P.; Waldman: Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, familial status, & marital status; defines terms; conforms terminology.

Last Event: Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration on Saturday, May 02, 2009 12:00

SB 2012 - Prohibited Discrimination

by Deutch (CO-SPONSORS) Smith; Gelber; Rich; Ring; Joyner; Justice; Sobel: Revises provision to include sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, and familial status as impermissible grounds for discrimination and discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments, etc.

Last Event: 03/05/09 S Introduced, referred to Commerce; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations -SJ 00148 on Thursday, March 05, 2009 1:30 PM

Homosexual Adoption

HB 413 - Adoption by Brandenburg (CO-SPONSORS) Abruzzo; Brisé; Bullard; Culp; Garcia; Gibbons; Gibson; Heller; Jenne; Kiar; Kriseman; Long; Pafford; Porth; Rader; Randolph; Reed; Rehwinkel Vasilinda; Sachs; Sands; Saunders; Schwartz; Scionti; Skidmore; Steinberg; Waldman: Repeals provision relating to prohibition against adoption by homosexual.

Last Event: Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration on Saturday, May 02, 2009 12:00 AM

SB 500 - Adoption by Rich (CO-SPONSORS) Smith; Gelber; Sobel; Justice; Aronberg; Joyner: Repeals provision relating to the prohibition against adoption by a homosexual.

Last Event: 03/03/09 S Introduced, referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary -SJ 00048 on Monday, March 02, 2009 6:02 PM.

SORDID LIVES DROPPED

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The Florida Family Association (FFA) office sent emails to the CEOs and Marketing VPs of sixty seven (67) companies that advertised on Sordid Lives to inform them of the program's depraved, anti-Christian content. FFA also sent out several email alerts that resulted in supporters sending thousands of emails to the most frequent and determined advertisers. Sordid Lives rapidly lost many advertisers.

FFA had scheduled to record numerous episodes of Sordid Lives during the past three weeks based upon search results from TVGuide.com. However, the episodes did not run during their scheduled dates and times. For several weeks now the LOGO channel has routinely dropped one scheduled date and replaced it with a later date for an unspecified episode before it ever had a chance to air.

Sordid Lives which once aired several times a week has not aired for weeks and appears to be cancelled.

There was evidence only after two months of contacting advertisers that Sordid Lives may be in trouble. Sordid Lives star Jason Dottley posted a page on Utube.com in January calling on fans to send emails and make phone calls to FFA and the show's advertisers. Del Shores' (alleged) mother contacted FFA.

Numerous fans called and sent emails to FFA. Del Shores' (alleged) ex-wife called David Caton, Florida Family Association Executive Director on his cell phone on several occasions. This frenzy of opposition lead by the show's writer Del Shores and lead actor Jason Dottley (also Del Shores' partner) against FFA's campaign to influence advertisers to pull off of Sordid Lives indicated that LOGO may have been threatening to drop this show two months ago.

"Why did Sordid Lives have such a short life compared to other programs that we monitor?" Remarks David Caton, Florida Family Association Executive Director. *"It is because in addition to the program's rank content, Sordid Lives maliciously*

COCA COLA REJECTS PROGRAMS

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Episodes of Family Guy, a Fox network cartoon which airs on Sunday evenings, have denounced God, mocked the Born Again Experience and embraced perversion to "entertain" viewers.

The Florida Family Association office sent emails to The Coca Cola Company CEO and Marketing Vice President regarding advertisements for Vitamin Water on RuPaul's Drag Race and Coca Cola on Family Guy. Coca Cola owns the Vitamin Water brand.

The **Vitamin Water** email response stated in part *"We choose to advertise on programming that is generally acceptable to a broad audience, and we believe this particular program is improperly categorized as acceptable for all audiences by the network which carries it. We have contacted the network and reminded them that we are on a content-sensitive advertiser list that should prevent our commercials from airing during programs that may not be appropriate for all consumers."* **Eric Berniker, Vitamin Water Sr. VP Marketing.**

The **Coca Cola Company** email response stated in part *"Thank you for contacting us at The Coca-Cola Company regarding our involvement with "Family Guy. You may be pleased to know that we do not anticipate any future advertising of our brands during this show."* **Elizabeth, Industry and Consumer Affairs, The Coca-Cola Company.**

Florida Family Association office will to continue to send emails directly to the CEO's and Marketing VP's of companies that advertise during RuPaul's Drag Race and Family Guy.

attacked the Christian faith. We believe that was too much for an overwhelming number of advertisers to handle and that is why the show failed."

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. Florida Family Association will continue to closely monitor this situation. Additionally, FFA will continue to monitor numerous other television programs on the all gay, lesbian, transgender LOGO channel and contact advertisers when appropriate