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Pray for Our Nation

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chron. 7:14)

This Thursday, May 7, marks the 58th annual National Day of Prayer. Please plan to participate, whether alone, with a small group, church meeting or community corporate event. For more information and to find an event near you, visit the official National Day of Prayer Task Force website at <http://www.ndptf.org>.

Home Stretch in the House of Origin

This month bills will move from policy committees to fiscal committees (for those measures that require funding) and to the floor of their originating house. Any fiscal bills that did not clear their policy committees by May 1 are now dead. Those requiring funds must clear their policy committees by May 15. All bills must complete the journey through their first house by June 5 to stay alive. *This is a critical time to start contacting your assemblymember or state senator to ask them to support or oppose important measures.*

Some bills have already met their fate. One of these is AB 974 authored by Audra Strickland. The bill that was merely intended to protect student speech and activities from discrimination against religious viewpoints was defeated in the Judiciary Committee on a party line vote.

Several troublesome bills continue to move forward:

SB 572 ("Harvey Milk Day" in schools) is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Education Committee on May 6, having passed the Senate Governmental Organization Committee last month (see more below).

SB 60 (Drivers' licenses for illegal aliens) and SB 160 (Taxpayer-funded college financial aid for illegal aliens) are both in the Senate Appropriations suspense file.

SB 810 (Universal health care) is awaiting a hearing in Senate Appropriations, having passed the Senate Health Committee last month. This bill would require all Californians to be part of a huge new healthcare bureaucracy with a single payer and single standard of care.

In good news, two important measures to fight the terrible scourge of sexual trafficking passed their first hearings in the Assembly Public Safety Committee and are awaiting appropriations hearings. Both AB 16 and AB 17 increase penalties for pimping, pandering, or procuring minors, and AB 17 also helps ensure grants are available for victim rescue and restoration.

A total of three bills (AB 67, AB 120 and SB 374) that threatened the right of conscience for health workers and pharmacists have all been gutted of their original language and no longer pose threats – an important victory.

For continually updated status on key California bills, please see our "[Targeted Bills](#)" list. You will find links to bill text, sample letters and more.



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Help Stop "Harvey Milk Day" in Our Schools

A dangerous education bill attempting to normalize homosexuality using our schools will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on May 6. SB 572, Sen. Mark Leno's (D-San Francisco) bill asks schools to declare each May 22 "Harvey

Milk Day." It [passed](#) its first committee on April 14. The bill calls for a day of "special significance" honoring the late Harvey Milk and his accomplishments as the "first openly gay elected official."

Action: *SB 572 will be heard in the Senate Education Committee on May 6. [Click here](#) to see members of the committee. Though it is very likely they will pass this bill to the Senate floor, please pray for wisdom and reason to prevail. Ask that the committee would see that our schools should not be used for social engineering, diverting much-needed classroom time in core subjects to controversial topics without parental permission.*

Please begin now contacting your state senator and asking him or her to oppose SB 572 if it reaches the Senate floor, which could be soon. [Find your state senator here](#). Find a sample letter [here](#).

Special Election Looms



On May 19, California voters will decide six important measures impacting our state budget. According to recent polls, most measures appear headed to defeat. If most of the six initiatives fail, the budget deficit, already at an estimated \$8 billion, could swell to \$14 billion. Our website's "[Election Tools](#)" section offers helpful links for more information on the ballot initiatives ([click here](#)). **Please note that the last day to request an absentee ballot is May 12.**

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Thank you for making a difference! Visit our California website at <http://ca.cwfa.org> to find other helpful information for you and your family.

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