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## The 2012 General Assembly: Major “defensive kills”; No significant “offensive victories”

*Consistent with recent years, the House of Representatives is once again the graveyard of pro-life, pro-marriage and pro-family legislation.*

While two major legislative initiatives detrimentally affecting families went down in high profile defeats, a number of pro-family bills bit the dust just as hard in the 2012 session of Kentucky’s General Assembly.

After his gubernatorial defeat of Sen. David

Williams (R-Burkesville) last November, Gov. Steve Beshear thought he would be able to steamroll the politically weakened Senate president on the issue of casino gambling. But it was not to be.

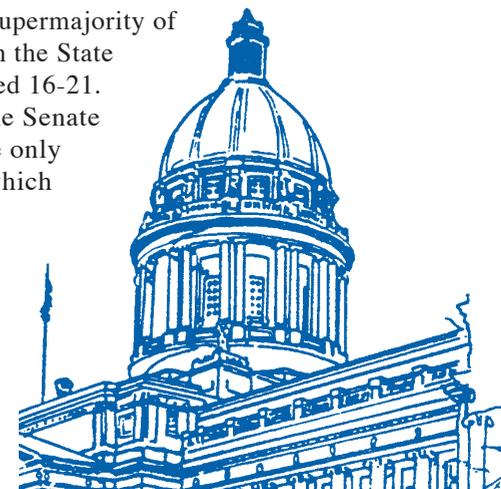
Beshear proposed changing the Kentucky Constitution to write in licenses for seven casinos, two of which would have to be over 60 miles away from any horse track. But despite the governor’s higher political standing, the bill received a cold reception from the Republican State Senate.

“This bill was a way for the governor to pay off his campaign contributors,” said Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst with The Family Foundation, the group which led the opposition to the bill. He pointed out that the very people who had supported Beshear—race track owners and casino interests—were the ones getting what he called “orchestra seats” in the Constitution with the promised licenses.

The Beshear administration made the issue its number one priority, and the governor even made a visit to the committee to testify for the bill, a risky political procedure that could easily blow up in the face of the state’s chief executive officer. It did. Only several days after the governor testified, the bill, which

needed a supermajority of 23 votes in the State Senate, died 16-21.

But the Senate wasn’t the only place in which a bad bill met its death. In the House several weeks later, the so-called “Bullying Bill” (HB336) was defeated in a House committee after chairman Rep. Carl Rollins (D-



Midway) refused to hear opposition testimony. Far from being a school safety bill, it was designed to put gay rights language into public school law. The legislature passed bullying legislation in 2008, which has been lauded by

national organizations such as *bullypolice.org*.

The anger of proponents spilled out into the hallway when Fairness Campaign Director Chris

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### Major Pro-Family Legislation

*“SB” means originated in the Senate; “HB” in the House.*

#### **“Defensive Kills”**

#### **SB151 - Major Expansion of Casino Gambling**

*Killed in the Full Senate 16-21 on Feb. 23*

#### **HB336 - Special “Gay Rights” Bullying Bill**

*Surprisingly, this bill died in its own House Committee*

#### **“Offensive Failures”**

#### **SB102 - “Face-to-Face” Abortion Consultation**

*Passed Senate 32-5 Feb. 8; died in House Committee*

#### **SB103 - The Ultrasound Bill**

*Passed Senate 32-4 Feb. 14; died in House Committee*

#### **HB164 - Heartbeat Bill**

*Died in House Committee with Senate pro-life bills*

#### **SB158 - Religious Freedom Amendment**

*Passed Senate 34-4 March 15; never heard in House*

#### **HB77 - Legislation Creating Charter Schools**

*Heard in House Committee, but no vote allowed*

**“This bill was a way for the governor to pay off his campaign contributors.”**

*– Martin Cothran  
The Family Foundation*

# Cave to give oral argument before Appeals Court

*“Instant Racing” case arguments to be made April 25. The Court’s decision will have major ramifications on gambling and government.*

Denied discovery, confronted with irregular court motions and regulatory decisions, and pitted against 13 other attorneys, Stan Cave has his work cut out for him before the Court of Appeals three-judge panel on April 25 in Frankfort. But he has created quite a record that he believes will ultimately carry the day as this 20-month-old “Instant Racing” case moves through the court system.

“If the rule of law still applies in Kentucky, then I am confident we will prevail when all is said and done,” said Cave, attorney for The Family Foundation.

Cave served as a state representative for 8 years, argued as an attorney before the Kentucky Court of Appeals and the Kentucky Supreme Court and has served in the highest levels in the Executive Branch. He

understands as well as anyone the ebb and flow of government in this Commonwealth.

The race tracks and the gambling interests are powerful. Their influence caused a Department, a Commission and two Cabinets of the State Government to join with eight race tracks and gambling interests to an unprecedented “judicial expansion” of gambling when their efforts in the legislature failed. The law was unchanged. Only the venue is different. Assuming Kentucky remains a government of laws and not of power and influence, Instant Racing should soon become a memory.

Cave has argued that “Instant Racing” is not “live racing” or “pari-mutuel wagering” as are statutorily required. He has also argued that the process by which

“Instant Racing” was approved by the Racing Commission was highly irregular.

Perhaps the most profound twist and damaging fallout if this case is misjudged concerns the balance of powers of Kentucky government. Will one judge be empowered to legislate by adjudging that words have meanings opposite that what they say?

A dangerous thought indeed.



**Stan Cave vs. 13 gambling and government attorneys**

## “Leverage” explains the blockage in the House

*This analysis is jarring. Leverage is very simple, very legal and very powerful . . . but very, very wrong! Understand for yourself . . .*

There are 100 members of the Kentucky House of Representatives and 59 of them are Democrats, making the Democrats the Majority Party of the House. (Republicans make up the Majority Party of the Senate.) Those 59 House Democrats decide who will be in the five “seats of power” in that Chamber: the Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Floor Leader, the Majority Caucus leader and the Majority Whip.

Here’s where it gets interesting because it only takes 30 votes from the 59-member caucus to install someone into one of the Leadership positions.

Enter the “liberal Democrats.” Originally made up of eight very liberal female representatives, some of whom have moved on and some of whom have been replaced by very liberal men, this “caucus within the caucus” of 10 representatives wields unusual power over the Chamber. Here is how: imagine if you were running for a Leadership position, say for Speaker, and your opponent (from within your Party and your Caucus of 59) has already secured 29 votes while you had only 20 – all you would have to do is *make a deal* with the “liberal caucus” and they would vote as a 10-vote block and secure your needed 30 votes to become Speaker. *They* actually would control who is elected into Leadership!

What would it take to be awarded their 10-vote block?

Simply a promise not to let “right-wing” legislation come to the floor where it would likely pass. This includes bills that would limit or shed light on abortion (like The Ultrasound Bill); bills that would frustrate the pro-gay/pro-lesbian agenda; and bills that would promote that old-fashioned concept of decency.

No pro-life legislation has been on the floor of the House in eight years. The Public Decency Act has *not even been heard* in a House Committee in this century, and certainly not on the House floor. Similarly, there has been no “anti-gay rights” legislation *considered* in a House Committee since the state passed the Marriage Protection Amendment in 2004.

And, of course, the 2004 Marriage Protection Amendment was the key. The passage of that amendment so enraged the liberal ten that they went into a “control-at-all-cost” mode. And they have been successful in that mode!

But the problem is actually bigger than the House: Since legislation must pass *both* Chambers to become law, then those “liberal ten” control not just the

House, but the legislative process and, therefore, the entire General Assembly.

Yes, as said before this is all very legal . . . but it is also very, very wrong. Why? Because the will of the people is being thwarted by a handful of ideological elite.

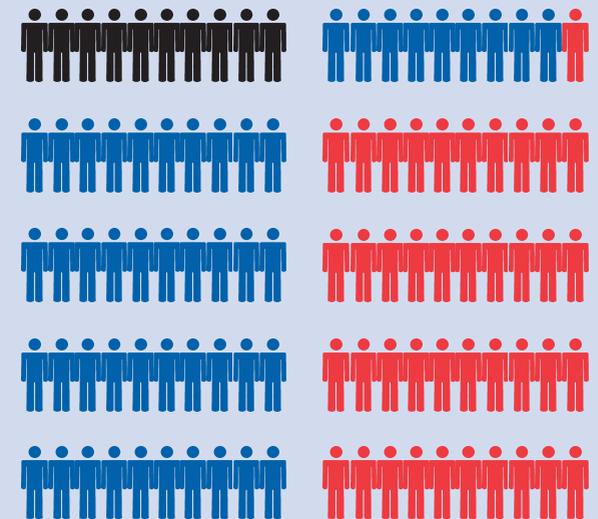
Kentuckians have not been experiencing democracy in the Commonwealth, or even a republic form of democracy – they have been experiencing a form of tyranny . . . and right now, regarding bills like those previously mentioned, we must wait to see if the rest of the caucus is content with this kind of “arrangement.”

### “Leverage” in the House

*There are 59 Democrats  
and 42 Republicans,  
but 10 control the  
entire Chamber.*

**Blue and Black icons  
represent the Democrat  
Caucus (59 members) and  
Red represents the  
Republican Caucus**

**(41 members). Because the 10 very liberal members (Black icons) of the Democrat Caucus *demand* their way, they end up controlling the Democrat Caucus, which controls the Majority Party and House Leadership. That, in turn, controls the entire Chamber and as a result, the whole General Assembly – all bills must pass House AND Senate. The Assembly has not passed any pro-life legislation since 2004 – more than eight years.**



# KCIS available for primary election after May 15

The *Kentucky Candidate Information Survey* has been serving Kentuckians with candidates “in their own words” for 20 years.

The *Kentucky Candidate Information Survey* (KCIS) is available once again to provide Kentucky citizens with reliable information on where the candidates stand on various issues. This year’s primary edition will include information on all contested congressional and state legislative races within Kentucky.

One of the hottest and most crowded battles will be for the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional seat. There are two Democrats and seven Republicans facing off for the seat left open by Republican Congressman Geoff Davis, who chose not to seek re-election. Democrat primaries will also be held in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts, while the only other primary race for Republicans will be in the 6<sup>th</sup> District. (Congressmen Whitfield, Lewis, and Rogers did not draw primary opposition.)

Half of the State Senate’s 38 districts are up for re-election, but only eight districts will have primaries. In the State House, there are 67 primary candidates vying for seats in 29 different districts.

Sarah Roof, project coordinator for the KCIS, is encouraged by the opportunity the survey allows both candidates and voters. “We use the survey not only as a tool to assist candidates in getting their message out in their own words, but also as an effective resource to educate voters,” said Roof. “Without doubt, it’s important for Kentuckians to know where the candidates stand so they can make an informed decision when they head to the polls on Tuesday, May 22.”

“This is one of the most valuable tools voters have to be able to determine what candidates really believe,” wrote one incumbent legislator. “Obviously, the other key for voters to consider is how well elected officials ‘walk the walk’ instead of merely ‘talking the talk.’”

The KCIS is a non-partisan, educational project that has been produced by The Family Foundation since 1993. The survey will be made available for use by community newspapers and posted on the KCIS website – [www.votekentucky.us](http://www.votekentucky.us). Citizens are encouraged to visit the website and download survey responses, which can then be distributed to friends, co-workers, relatives and fellow church members. Other voter resources are also available, including sample ballots and voter registration cards.

“We’ve set up the website to be a one-stop resource for citizens to get the voter materials they need,” said Roof.

Candidates’ responses will be available online after May 15.

## Kentucky Candidate Information Survey



Get information about the candidates  
*in their own words!* After May 15, go to:

[www.votekentucky.us](http://www.votekentucky.us)

# Spring fundraising opens for The Foundation

This organization is funded entirely by citizens who care about Kentucky families and family life in the Commonwealth.

It is only appropriate that I open this note with a word of thanks to all who have assisted The Family Foundation. We opened our doors in January of 1990, but for a year and a half before that date, many were contributing in any way they could to create this pro-family synergy for Kentucky. Since that time, we have had tremendous victories and I can say confidently that the Commonwealth is a better place because of our work.

But there is always more work to do.

Today, after 22 years of service, we have the opportunity to move forward again both in the public policy realm and in the cultural realm. Clearly the culture needs a focus on marriage and successful family life. Our plan and our desire is to place a regional policy analyst in every area of the state so that we can coordinate efforts from one end of the state to the other. That goal is indeed a possibility if everyone could contribute *something* . . . even simply covering the cost of the *CITIZEN* newsletter would be huge. Giving more moves us just that much farther down the road.

Please, kindly consider our work now as we attempt to replenish our resources and move forward. I will end where I began: Thank you for your past, present and future support.

Most sincerely,



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is the  
executive  
director of  
The Family  
Foundation**

P.S. We have always tried to be non-intrusive as we ask for support. We ask only twice each year because we know that individuals like you are already giving generously to other worthy causes. This way we protect you from feeling badgered.

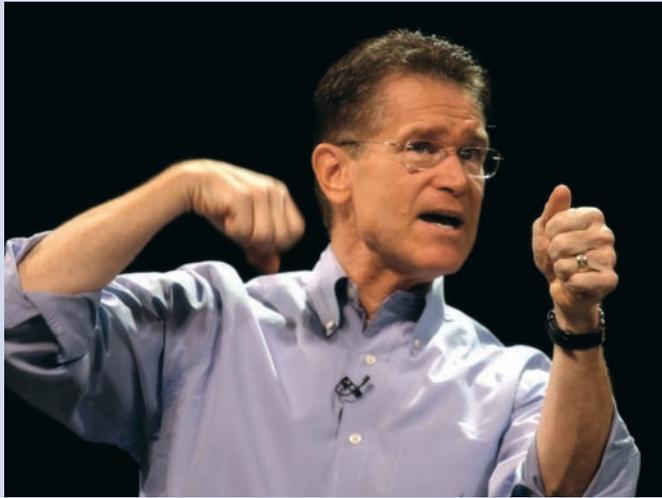
**If you can give, please do.**

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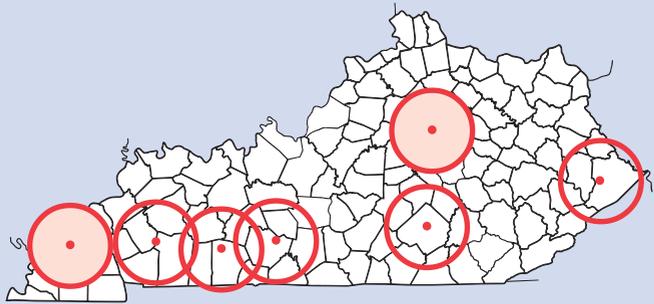
**A \$25 or \$30 gift empowers us to work in Frankfort and do projects like The Kentucky Marriage Movement.**

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# Love & Respect



*This national ministry has these remaining  
video presentations in Kentucky*

*( Listed below are the dates/places )*

## **Central Kentucky, May 4-5**

Woodford Community Church  
320 Hope Lane, Versailles, KY 40383

## **Paducah, May 18-19**

Heartland Worship Center  
4777 Alben Barkley Dr. Paducah, KY 42001

**For more or to register, call (859)255-5400 or go to [www.kentuckymarriage.org](http://www.kentuckymarriage.org)**

### **A Note from the Director**

“How can we get this in our church?” “How do we get this to more communities?” “Can we bring this to our college to help encourage the couples there and to impact future generations?”

These are just a sampling of the questions we receive regularly from those who have attended the Love and Respect video conferences we are hosting across Kentucky. It is our desire, vision and mission to encourage and challenge marriages across the Commonwealth and to hold high the institution of Marriage so that our families, churches and communities are blessed.

We cannot do this alone, nor is that our desire!

We need the people of God to come alongside us as individuals, couples and churches to see God’s design for marriage and the family.



**Greg Williams is Director of Marriage Outreach for The Family Foundation**

The Family Foundation and Kentucky Marriage Movement have already hosted five Love and Respect conferences this Spring and we have two remaining –

Woodford Community Christian Church in Versailles/Central Kentucky and Heartland Worship Center in Paducah. (See above for more details.)

I would love to see you there as I know that you will be encouraged, challenged, blessed and/or motivated in your marriage and to help others in theirs . . . which is *exactly* what the Lord has called us to do and we are excited to see happening throughout Kentucky.

# TFF files ethics complaint

*The Kentucky Human Rights Commission has been pushing radical Gay rights efforts, but that is not in its charter.*

The Family Foundation filed a complaint with the Executive Branch Ethics Commission in the last week of April concerning the activities of the Kentucky Human Rights Commission in promoting gay rights initiatives around the state.

According to its website, the HRC is chartered to “encourage fair treatment and foster mutual understanding and respect, and to discourage discrimination against any racial or ethnic group or its members.” It is also charged with enforcing “the policies set forth in The U.S. Civil Rights Act, The U.S. Fair Housing Act, The U.S. Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal civil rights laws.” It also enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966.

But in recent years, says Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst for The Family Foundation, the group has gone way beyond the role it was intended to have to become a center for taxpayer-funded gay rights activism. “The Human Rights Commission is now putting its name on activist special interest politics that has nothing to do with its stated mission,” Cothran said.

Cothran pointed specifically to literature distributed during the 2012 General Assembly Session in which HRC joined forces with the Fairness Alliance, the ACLU, and Lexington Fairness to push for a so-called “bullying bill” that put sexual orientation language into state school law, and a gay rights bill that would have included sexual orientation provisions in employment and discrimination law.

Cothran said HRC Chairman George Stinson signed his name to flyers promoting the legislation that were sent to legislators. “The chair of HRC signed his name to support legislation that has nothing to do with the commission’s mission,” Cothran said.

## Logan County “pole dancing” plan creates stir

*The question focuses on whether the county’s sexually oriented business regulations cover the proposed change in activity.*

“Exotic dancing will never come to a sleepy Kentucky community.” If that is a common myth, then the second is that there is nothing you can do about it. Just don’t tell that to residents of Adairville, a tiny community in West Kentucky’s Logan County.

On April 1, over 300 concerned citizens gathered at Calvary General Baptist Church for a prayer vigil to lift up their community and the owner of a bar who wants to bring in pole dancing. Sheila Haley, proprietor of Tenn-Tucky State Line Tavern, applied for an entertainment permit earlier in the year to bring in more income. Community residents told local media that there is a better way to do that. “I don’t think anything good can come from it,” Marsha Orndorf told the *Bowling Green Daily News*. “I’m not against anybody making a living. But this is not something that’s beneficial to our community.”

Haley claims that since women will wear bikinis and boots, that it is not a sexually oriented business and therefore does not fall under current regulations. She also believes that pole dancing is harmless and not much different from what you see when you go to the beach. Richard Nelson of The Family Foundation disagreed. “When you put barely clothed women on a stage dancing with a pole in order to increase revenue, that is called a sexually oriented business, not ‘going to the beach.’”

Nelson points to a 2004 ordinance that bans total nudity and regulates semi-nudity, which is what pole dancing falls under. “These laws are on the books to remind us that women aren’t sex objects and shouldn’t be exploited as such,” Nelson said. “Communities have the right to regulate sexually oriented businesses regardless of what the proprietors want to call them. Nelson said that 117 of 120 Kentucky counties have ordinances that restrict sexually oriented businesses. “Logan County is fortunate to have a law on the books that restricts these kinds of business, and Adairville citizens have a right to see the law upheld.”

Another hurdle Haley must jump is that the ordinance imposes a minimum distance

Cothran pointed out that none of the laws the HRC is responsible for enforcing have anything to do with gay rights. “The anti-discrimination laws the HRC deals with are things



like familial status, race, religion and national origin. They have nothing to do with the policies set forth in The U.S. Civil Rights Act, The U.S. Fair Housing Act, The U.S. Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal civil rights laws.

“Not only is this kind of left-wing activism outside the mission of the HRC,” said Cothran, “but the laws the HRC is pushing would actually change the group’s mission. Since when do we allow state boards and commissions to engage in lobbying to change their own mission? The mission of these organizations is set out very clearly. They shouldn’t be allowed to go rogue and do whatever they want.”

“This is an example of a state commission that is operating completely outside the boundaries of any kind of real accountability.”

The Family Foundation not only filed the ethics complaint against the group, but called on the Beshear administration to rein the group in. “If the Beshear administration wants to promote gay rights laws, then they need to come out publicly and do it. But letting a state commission, whose mission is limited to enforcement of current anti-discrimination laws, run rampant is not acceptable.”

requirement of 1000 feet between a sexually oriented business and a church, school or library. But as Calvary Pastor Brent Johnson notes, “The bar is just a Tiger Wood’s tee shot from the church.”

Despite the ordinance, a defiant Haley told the *Russellville News Democrat* that there are no grounds for County Judge Logan Chick to deny an entertainment permit. “There has to be a legal reason for him not to allow it,” Haley said. “He can’t deny my entertainment license just because the churches don’t want me to have it. There’s no reason why he shouldn’t allow it.... The only people against it are that church group.”

However, Nelson pointed to a similar situation in Graves County where an entertainment permit was denied because such a business would threaten the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Charges that churches should not be involved has not stopped 16 area pastors across denominational lines who have banded together to oppose the pole dancing. Mark Bond, pastor of Adairville Baptist Church, believes Christians have a role in upholding community standards. “Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount we are to be the salt of the earth and the light of world. He didn’t ask us if we want to be salt and light; he commanded us to be salt and light,” Bond said. “We are to preserve that which is good and cast light on that which is evil. That has never been an option for the church. When we stop being salt and casting light, we stop being the church.”

A decision to grant the entertainment permit had not been made as of press time.



**Dancing or sexually oriented business?**

*An Eye-Witness Account: What someone says and what they intend to legislate are often two different things.*

# The anti-bullying legislative forces resort to bullying inside the State Capitol

Bullying is popular in the media. Disguised as a measure to protect students from harassment and intimidation, most onlookers are not aware that it is LGBT groups that are aggressively backing anti-bullying legislation. Groups use such legislation to make inroads into schools, targeting children with their agenda.

Behind the veil of innocence, groups backing this language push for what is typically called a “distinguishing characteristics” provision to the bill.

The bill has troubling implications for free speech and religious liberty. The law will result in religious or moral objections to homosexuality being turned into a crime. By a wave of the legislative hand, deeply held beliefs could be punishable by law.

The Family Foundation condemns all forms of bullying against all persons—for whatever reason. In 2008, the General Assembly passed “The Golden Rule Act,” a bill that calls upon students to treat each of their peers—regardless of any particular distinguishing characteristic—with kindness and respect, the pillars of civility.

No student ought to be bullied. But turning laws into a platform for someone’s political agenda and encouraging disrespect for those whose opinions do not agree with the politically

correct dogmas does nothing but detract from the effort to stamp out bullying.

On March 13, the House Education Committee heard testimony on HB 336, the “anti-bullying bill.” Whereas in 2011 the bill passed out of committee with a 21-1 vote, the 2012 bill died in committee, leaving onlookers stunned.

Lacking the support of professional educational organizations, the *only* group to lobby on the bill’s behalf was The Fairness Campaign, an activist homosexual group based in Louisville that has lobbied for such legislation in the past.

The Family Foundation lobbied for the bill’s defeat. The fallout has been nothing short of a display of liberalism’s militant intolerance towards those in disagreement.

After the bill’s defeat, The Fairness Campaign’s director and the bill’s sponsor became irate. Mary Lou Marzian (D-Louisville) denounced the actions of legislators who voted against it.

“I’m astounded at the lack of compassion among Republicans who claim to care about people, but obviously they don’t,” Marzian said. “It’s typical of their ‘all talk and no action.’”

As expected, proponents of the bill blame the conservative Christians for its defeat.

But it was The Fairness Campaign’s director whose frustrations escalated. Chris Hartman became verbally and physically abusive with Bryan Beauman, an attorney with the Alliance

Defense Fund, and myself.

Hartman obstructed my path and began interrogating me in an intimidating manner. Several minutes later, Hartman cornered me again and began verbally bullying me with charges of being opposed to student safety. Once Beauman and I began leaving to avoid the confrontation, Hartman yelled to reporters in the hallway about his disenchantment with opponents of the bill.

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**“If you are really opposed to bullying, the last thing you probably want to do is engage in it in plain sight after a meeting in which a bill prohibiting it was just discussed.”**

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*Martin Cothran*  
*The Family Foundation*



**Andrew Walker is the Louisville policy analyst for The Family Foundation**

bullying, the last thing you probably want to do is engage in it in plain sight after a meeting in which a bill prohibiting it was just discussed,” said Family Foundation spokesman Martin Cothran.

The incident occurred in front of the press and others who had just left the committee meeting. A state policeman began moving toward Hartman, but backed off once I left the scene.

“These actions were all things that, had they occurred in a school, would have constituted bullying under the present school safety laws,” said Cothran. “It is just bizarre to see proponents of so-called bullying legislation using bullying tactics themselves in plain sight.”

*Andrew*

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# Pro-Life bills killed by House . . . **AGAIN!**

*It has been eight years since any pro-life bill has passed the House . . . and therefore the entire General Assembly.*

On March 22, predictable outcomes were once again the story as the House Health and Welfare Committee killed all pro-life legislation.

This year, three pro-life bills were introduced in the Kentucky legislature. SB 102, commonly known as “The Ultrasound Bill,” would require abortionists to ask a woman seeking an abortion whether she would like to see the image of the unborn child on the ultrasound. The bill does not mandate that the woman “shall” view the image, but that she “may” if she elects to.

Abortionists already perform ultrasounds prior to the abortion to determine the size of the unborn child, and thus the cost to perform the procedure. The cost of an abortion increases as the age of the unborn child increases.

The sponsor of SB 102, Sen. Joe Bowen (R-Owensboro) described the bill as being about “information, not influence.” The intent of the measure is to further reduce abortions because statistics indicate a stronger likelihood of a woman choosing to keep a child if she is allowed to see the image of her unborn child. Bowen noted that approximately 18 women choose to terminate their pregnancies every day. “We know there are woman who regret their abortions, and had they had the opportunity to see their child, the result could have been different,” said Bowen. “It could reinforce their decision to have an abortion, or it could change their mind.”

Rep. Tim Moore (R-Elizabethtown) drew the

comparison between The Ultrasound Bill and an earlier piece of legislation in the 2012 session that required restaurant owners to inform customers of the origin of location for catfish sold by the restaurant. “Many on this committee voted in favor of the catfish bill as an information bill,” Moore said. “Surely, if we can vote to allow people to know where their catfish came from, we can recognize that allowing women to see their child is of the same argument, but drastically more important.”

The bill, as expected, did not receive the required amount of votes to move onto the House and died in committee.

## 2012 General Assembly

Hartman cornered Andrew Walker, policy analyst for The Family Foundation, pointing his finger threateningly in his face and accusing him of endangering children by opposing the bill. (*See full account on page 6.*) Hartman’s behavior, which was the same kind of behavior prohibited in the bill he supported, was conducted right in front of reporters standing in the hallway, resulting in several embarrassing news stories for gay rights groups who had supported the bill.

But while bad bills were dying, so were good ones. All of them died in the Democratic House. A bill that would have restored a higher standard of protection for free expression of religion (SB 158) passed the Senate only to be buried in the

Senate Bill 103, the “Face-to-Face Consultation Bill” amended existing language to a 1998 law. That law mandated that women seeking an abortion have a 24-hour consultation with a representative from the abortionist’s office prior to the abortion. Kentucky’s abortionists have maneuvered around the law, interpreting the law to mean that a woman can have a consultation via a pre-recorded phone message. SB 103 clarifies the law and mandates that women seeking an abortion have the consult in person.

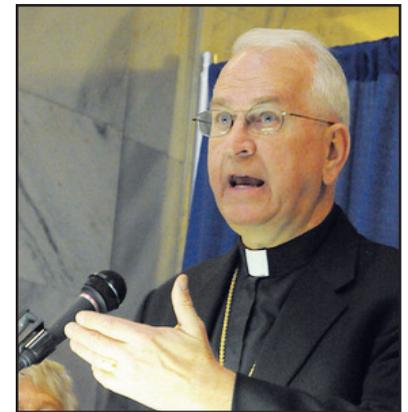
Finally, HB 164, the “Fetal Heartbeat Bill” stipulated that abortionists determine whether the unborn child has a heartbeat and mandates the abortionist to tell the woman of the heartbeat. If a heartbeat is detected, the law prevents an elective abortion from occurring.

Each of these three bills failed to receive the needed vote and died in committee. SB 103 had a last-ditch effort to pass as its language was amended to HB 274 and was subject to a “concurrence” vote by the House. On the last day of the regular portion of the Session, House Leadership reneged on earlier promises to pass such legislation and never considered the bill for a concurrence vote, thus killing the bill.

On April 12, the very last day of the Session, which is considered the “Veto Override Day,” several hundred citizens, joined by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of the Archdiocese of Louisville, gathered in an “Eight Is Enough Rally” in the Capitol Rotunda, hoping to jar the House Leadership into action. This, too, failed to move the House to action.

Sadly, 2012’s outcome fulfilled what has become a routine occurrence. All pro-life legislation is sent to Rep. Tom Burch’s (D-Louisville) Health and Welfare Committee where the make-up of the committee is not by accident. Kentucky’s staunchest abortion rights legislators make up the majority of seats on the committee, therefore guaranteeing defeat.

This year marks the eighth year that Kentucky has gone without passing a single piece of pro-life legislation. With House Democrats expected to lose seats in the November election, the lack of pro-life legislation only accelerates potential losses. Kentucky’s pro-life Democrats will find themselves again on the campaign trail without the opportunity to boast of pro-life victories.



**On April 12, in an effort to save pro-life bills, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz exhorts a united gathering of Protestants and Catholics at the “Eight Is Enough Rally.”**

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House Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.

Charter School legislation (HB77) also was passed by the Senate, but, although heard in the House Education Committee, was not allowed a vote.

Finally, several pro-life bills (*See full account above*) – a bill requiring face-to-face consultation with a physician before abortion (SB102), a bill requiring an ultrasound (SB103), and a bill to prevent abortions in cases in which a heartbeat could be detected (HB164) – all died for lack of action in the House, despite statements by House leaders prior to the session that a pro-life bill would be considered.



**“Eight Is Enough” was the rally slogan and the sticker that participants wore**

Opinion: They are attempting to force people to agree with them.

# Witch Hunt in Lexington

There is a witch hunt currently in progress over a Lexington Christian businessman's refusal to print T-shirts with a message that contradicts his religious views. The man is being hauled before the Lexington Human Rights Commission, which is being called upon to throw him into the political water to see if he floats.

Taking up their torches, the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization, and Lexington Mayor Jim Gray are chanting the political equivalent of "Burn him!"

The University of Kentucky too has added its increasingly anti-religious voice to the din. This is the same university that refused to hire a science professor on the grounds that he was an evangelical, resulting in a complaint to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, which was completely ignored.

The members of this mob are arguing that the business, Hands on Originals, has violated the Lexington Fairness Ordinance, an ordinance which includes "sexual orientation," along with race, religion, gender, and national origin to anti-discrimination laws governing housing, employment, and public accommodations.

The ordinance prohibits a business from refusing to serve a person on the basis of his sexual orientation.

In a famous scene in Monty Python



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and the Holy Grail, a woman is accused of being a witch. The reason? "She looks like

one." To the witch hunters, Hands on Originals looks like it's discriminating, even though it's not.

What the mob hasn't noticed in the midst of their

frenzied denunciations is that Hands on Originals did not discriminate against any customer on the basis of sexual orientation.

In fact, the business has an expressed policy against it. What it *did* do was refuse to print a T-shirt with a message that went against its religious convictions.

It didn't refuse to print the T-shirts *because of who was asking it to print them*; it refused to print them *because of what the T-shirts*

said. This is not prohibited by the ordinance. Had the group come to Hands On to print a shirt that said "I love the Wildcats," there would have been no problem.

Ironically, the people really discriminating are the University of Kentucky and

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any other organization that pulls its business from the T-shirt company, since they are doing so on the basis of the owner's religious beliefs. If they were providing the service rather than receiving it, they would be the ones violation anti-discrimination laws.

It used to be witches who were supposed to contort themselves into strange positions, but now gay activist groups, marching under the banner of "tolerance," are twisting themselves into the Tolerant Police, intent, not on preventing discrimination against individuals, but using the power of government to force others to agree with them.

But in their increasingly intolerant crusade, they have apparently failed to take note of the consequences.

Imagine that you ran a T-shirt business and a White supremacist group came to you to print T-shirts that said, "Down with N—s!" According to the reasoning of the mob, anti-discrimination laws would require you to print them. Not to do so would be to discriminate against a racial group: in this case, Aryans.

The bizarre mob reasoning doesn't end there. In the *Herald-Leader*, Tom Eblen ventures into the issue of what

Christianity actually says about homosexuality, saying that, the way he reads it, the Gospels aren't against it. Notice the subtle avoidance of the rest of the New Testament, in which Paul leaves little doubt about the issue. Or the Old Testament, which doesn't exactly ready like a gay rights tract.

Then, as if to amuse those of his readers who have actually read the thing, he charges those who disagree with him with selectively reading the Bible!

Might as well burn the Bible along with the witch.

I've got a new slogan for a T-shirt: "Down with the Tolerance Police!" I'll take it to a gay-owned T-shirt company and point out that, according to the groups who say they represent them, they have no choice but to print it.