

Why You Can't Stay Silent

A fear of God and pride in America are two attitudes everyone should maintain. The birth of America was fueled by a belief that everyone should have the freedom to openly serve the Lord and established on Biblical principles.

It may not feel like it because the temperatures are so cold but spring will soon be here. My family will plant a garden with great expectations of a harvest. The harvest will never happen unless we continually weed and water the garden.

Unless we labor to maintain just and upright laws this nation will totally lose its moral foundation. America's moral garden is full of weeds but the plants are still in tact. Now is the time to work to save our freedoms and our moral foundations. The 100th legislative session of Nebraska is now meeting. I am asking everyone to let your voice be heard on bills that affect Nebraska families and morality.

Bills to watch and voice your opinion:

LB 475, (Introduced by Sen. Chambers) would prohibit employment discrimination based on one's sexual orientation. The bill was given a public hearing before Judiciary Committee. I am concerned this bill will be voted out of committee and come before the full legislature. The bill does not allow for a religious or church exemption and it does not define sexual orientation. Thus, this bill could have a major impact on society if it would pass. Potentially all legal sexual behavior would become a protected class. The message this would send to our children would be morally devastating. It would also put many churches in a legal versus moral dilemma.

LB 571, (Introduced by Sen. Kruse) this bill would allow for the adoption of a child by any two adults, two adults who are not married could then adopt. This could be very harmful and an insecure placement for adopted children. They could be placed in an adoptive situation where two adults have no formal commitment to one another. This bill will soon have a public hearing before the Judiciary Committee.

LB 696, (Introduced by Sen. Christensen) this bill would encourage individuals to receive 8 hours of pre-marriage education before receiving a marriage license. A number of states have passed this type of legislation with positive results on marriages. It is an interesting statistic that over 40% of first time marriages are ending in divorce, over 50% of second time marriages and nearly 75% of third time marriages end in divorce. The marriage license fee would increase to \$100 with a 30 day waiting period under this bill. Individuals who attend a pre-marriage education class would have the waiting period waived and the license fee reduced to \$15. This bill will have a public hearing before Judiciary Committee in early March.

LB 700, (Introduced by Sen. Mark Christensen) would Adopt the Human Cloning Prohibition Act. No Human Cloning research would be allowed with the passage of this bill. The sanctity of human life is under attack. Human Cloning is a process that brings forth the conception of a child for the purpose research resulting in its death. This bill will have a public hearing before the Judiciary Committee in March.

We have a Biblical mandate to be salt and light in our culture and to pray for our government leaders.

For more information on these and other bills or information on contacting your State Senator you can call Nebraska Family Council toll free at 1-888-777-5188 or go on our web site which is www.NebFC.org.