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ANNOUNCEMENTS BRING REACTIONS

President-elect George W. Bush has named Andrew Card as White House Chief of Staff. The position is the most powerful in the White House. All policy directors report to the chief of staff and he has 24-hour access to the President. The chief of staff has the President's ear more than anyone else and he controls who else sees the President.

According to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Card, 53, is from Holbrook, Massachusetts. He was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature from 1974 to 1983. Pro-life leaders in Massachusetts recall that Card was not pro-life.

Governor James Gilmore, R-Virg., will head the Republican National Committee. Gilmore supports first trimester abortions. "I attended a meeting of conservative leaders several months ago where Chris Tyrrell, a member of our Board of Directors, asked Gilmore how he could justify opposing abortion in the second and third trimesters and not in the first," said Douglas R. Scott, president of LDI. "Gilmore quickly evaded the question, choosing instead to talk about his support of a ban on partial-birth abortion. This does not make Gilmore pro-life. It just means he is not a total barbarian. It also means he cannot defend his inconsistent position so he evaded the question."

Bush has named his preferred cabinet as well. When rumors swelled that he would nominate ardent abortion advocate Governor Christine Todd Whitman, R-N.J., to head the Environmental Protection Agency, Richard Lessner, executive director of American Renewal, the lobbying arm for the Family Research Council, said, "I suspect the President-elect has more sense than to invite that firestorm." Bush apparently does not have such sense as he did indeed nominate Whitman, who even embraces partial-birth abortion.

"How could anyone want to be politically associated with such a person?" Scott asks. "Have we no basic standards? Is there no limit to who is welcome in the 'big tent'? Republicans rightly distanced themselves from David Duke, but if a person believes it is acceptable to tear a baby apart, that is just a 'difference of opinion' in the Big Tent Party. The Republican Party and George W. Bush should be ashamed of their lack of moral leadership," Scott said. Scott is not alone. Former presidential candidate Gary Bauer said, "I believe her appointment is a terrible insult to the entire conservative base of the GOP."

Scott is critical of the nominations of retired General Colin Powell as Secretary of State and Paul O'Neill, former chairman of Alcoa, as Secretary of the Treasury. "The Powell nomination is disappointing for two reasons," Scott said. "First, Powell is pro-abortion. Second, the position of Secretary of State is critical in dealing with abortion policy overseas and with international organizations such as the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and so on."

The obvious questions are these," Scott said. "Will George W. Bush implement a pro-life policy in dealing with other countries or will he yield to the wishes of Powell? Will Powell virtually ignore a pro-life policy if espoused by the Bush Administration or will he actively enforce it?" Scott asked. "One cannot overstate the

important role persons appointed to key positions in a Bush Administration will play in policy. They can 'make or break' policy—literally. This is true even if it is the official policy of the Administration.”

As for O’Neill, Scott notes that “Alcoa had been a corporate supporter of Planned Parenthood for many years. Our efforts to convince O’Neill to end such support fell on deaf ears.”

“Even if the posts held by abortion advocates have little or nothing to do with abortion, they will still have a voice within the administration,” Scott said. “Moreover, it continues, legitimizes, or in some cases establishes political careers. There is no repercussion for being rabidly pro-abortion.”

“Anyone who believes George W. Bush is serious about establishing a pro-life administration is seeing things,” Scott said. “We expect he will do the minimum amount necessary to appease pro-life activists. This is unfortunate, but it is what we get for supporting Bush early in the process just because we thought he could beat Al Gore and/or because Bush is against campaign finance reform.”

Scott said he intends to be a vocal critic of Mr. Bush “when he does that which is wrong” and he will be “the first to praise Mr. Bush when he does that which is right.” Scott urged other pro-life leaders to do the same. “We work for the people who support us and the Cause of Life. We do not work for any politician, political party or presidential administration,” Scott said.

Scott did applaud the selection of Senator John Ashcroft, R-Missouri, as Attorney General. “Senator Ashcroft is a good man,” Scott said. But Scott expressed concern over the nomination of Governor Tommy Thompson, R-Wisc., due to his comments embracing the Republican “big tent” and his support of rape and incest abortions.

Scott said Bush is primarily surrounding himself with people who are pro-abortion or who do not care about abortion deaths. “I pray I am wrong, but I fear I am right,” Scott said.

There is one person who is highly supportive of many of Bush’s nominations—Kate Michelman. The leader of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) has praised Bush for his cabinet diversity. “It is notable that he [Bush] has put together a Cabinet that is of great diversity in terms of racial, ethnic and gender representation,” Michelman said. “I hope he will be sobered by the fact that this country did not put him in office to do away with a right it took women a century to achieve.”

“When Kate Michelman has something nice to say about the Cabinet appointments president-elect George W. Bush is making, it’s time for the pro-life movement to sit up and take notice!” wrote Mike Allen in *The Washington Post*. With but a handful of exceptions, the people named by Bush to cabinet positions are either publicly supportive of a mother’s right to kill her unborn baby or we have found no evidence that they are in any way pro-life.

In an article that appeared in *The National Post*, it is noted that during the campaign, Bush claimed to be “pro-life,” but he “said little more that might ignite the highly combustible abortion issue, and anti-abortion groups accepted his silence.”

While Michelman and Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), praise some Bush nominees, Colleen Parro of the Republican National Coalition for Life raises some basic questions for pro-life activists: “Are you happy with the way this administration is shaping up? If you voted for George W. Bush, did you have a cabinet like this in mind?”

“If this is the honeymoon phase between president-elect George W. Bush and pro-lifers, then it’s time for a divorce,” said Judie Brown, president of the American Life League, who blasted Bush’s appointment of pro-abortion Texas Supreme Court Justice, Alberto R. Gonzales, as White House counsel. “What is emerging in the Bush list of appointees is nothing less than a smorgasbord of pro-abortion Republicans who are well suited to a type of ‘compassionate conservatism’ that embraces the abortion of a child for the sake of political expediency,” Brown added. “It is clear that when president-elect Bush describes himself as pro-life, he is deceiving the public. Sadly, pro-life Americans expected a pro-life president but elected a counterfeit.”

PPFA's Feldt has urged pro-abortion Republicans to go to work: "I urge pro-choice Republicans, especially those whose votes for president were a matter of placing party loyalty over pro-choice conviction, to work to persuade Mr. Bush not to appoint Supreme Court justices who will overturn *Roe v. Wade*." But the way things are shaping up, Feldt may have nothing to worry about as an increasing number of pro-life leaders are privately expressing great concern. Many are surprised by the nominations made so far, even though most are still putting on an optimistic face in public.

"If George W. Bush were to nominate pro-abortion men and women to all cabinet posts and to every federal judgeship, pro-life leaders would really have little to say," Scott said. "Sure, pro-life activists helped get the man elected, but it is not as though Bush would be breaking a specific promise to us. Most pro-life leaders never insisted that Bush promise us anything and he didn't. And whose fault is that?"

SEEING THE "WRITING IS ON THE WALL"

It is clear that pro-abortion groups will attempt to "Bork" the nomination of Senator John Ashcroft, R-Missouri, to be Attorney General, predicts LDI's president, Douglas R. Scott. "Pro-family leaders need only look at press releases and other material to see the pattern," Scott said. "We need to prepare now so we are not caught by surprise." While pro-abortion groups also oppose the nomination of Governor Tommy Thompson, R-Wisc., to head the Department of Health and Human Services, Scott expects the primary target will be Ashcroft.

"Everything is looking just as it did when the Pro-Abortion Lobby attacked the highly qualified Judge Robert Bork when he was nominated to the Supreme Court," Scott said. "With a divided Senate, this is going to be a fight."

Scott believes Ashcroft will win the battle, but do not be surprised if pro-abortion legions resort to lies and innuendo to defeat the nominee. "Hey," Scott said, "if they will kill children, they will certainly lie. Look at what they tried to do to Clarence Thomas. It's time to prepare for battle."

ULTRASOUND FIGHTS ABORTION

"For almost three decades, ultrasound technology has provided parents with a miraculous window to the womb," reports *The Washington Times*. This common technique uses harmless sound waves, sent by a hand-held transducer rubbed over the mother's abdomen, which bounce off the unborn child. Echoes from the waves are converted into sonograms, which can be seen on video and captured in print. The latest advances produce amazing three-dimensional views.

Such pictures are having a remarkable result. "Ultrasound is an innovation that not only affirms life," *The Times* reports, "but also saves lives. Those who believe in protecting the unborn can do more good, more immediately by helping to spread this technology across the country than by counting on fair-weather politicians in Washington."

Using ultrasound machines donated by the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), pregnancy help centers have convinced an untold number of parents to say no to abortion. NIFLA's "Life Choice Project" empowers the centers with legal advice, technical support, and all the equipment and training necessary to be converted into medical centers that can perform ultrasounds.

According to the newspaper, anecdotal evidence of ultrasound's persuasive powers has been steadily accumulating since 1983, when researchers published an article in *The New England Journal of Medicine* on pregnant women who underwent ultrasound tests while considering abortions. Viewing their unborn children early in pregnancy, before movement is felt by the mothers, may "influence the resolution of any ambivalence toward the pregnancy itself in favor of the fetus," wrote Drs. John C. Fletcher, then of the National Institutes of Health, and Mark I. Evans, then of George Washington University Medical School. "Ultrasound examination may thus result in fewer abortions and more desired pregnancies."

Fletcher and Evans wrote that one woman who had been beaten early in pregnancy was given the test to see whether her child had been injured in the womb. When she saw the image of her child moving on the screen, she said: "I feel that it is human. It belongs to me. I couldn't have an abortion now." Another woman, ten weeks pregnant, said after her ultrasound exam: "I am going all the way with the baby."

A member of LDI's Board of Advisors, Thomas A. Glessner, J.D., is NIFLA's president.

U.N.I.C.E.F. OPPOSING PRO-LIFE LOBBYISTS

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking to restrict non-governmental organization (NGO) lobbyists at the upcoming ten-year review of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. UNICEF has announced that only two representatives of a NGO may participate at any one time in the governmental meeting. Given the small number of approved pro-life NGOs, this limit would severely reduce the number of pro-life activists who may lobby delegates.

"SERVICES" TO EXPAND IN FLORIDA

The Miami Herald reports that Planned Parenthood is set to expand its "services" in central Florida. Work begins this month to raise money to establish eight new offices in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Brevard Counties over the next five years. A new office could be opened in Osceola County by the end of this year.

Organizers are soliciting community grants and private donations to pay for the expansion plan. But some groups in Osceola are questioning the need for more "family planning services." The county already has two pregnancy prevention programs that offer an abstinence-only message.

As usual, Planned Parenthood officials are claiming the new offices will not commit surgical abortions or dispense the "abortion pill," in order to diffuse public opposition to the expansion plan. But as is most often the case, these "services" will eventually be added. Nevertheless, the lie is useful for Planned Parenthood to get what it wants.

BOYCOTT UPDATE

There are several changes to report to *The Boycott List* released in November 2000:

- **Tandy Corporation** has changed its corporate name to **RadioShack Corporation**;
- On page 7, strike "**Hewlett-Packard**" under Computer-Related and replace it with "**Sun Microsystems**;" and
- **Harley-Davidson** is no longer a boycott target.

To date, a minimum of 73 corporations have ceased funding Planned Parenthood.

Target Corporation is sending a letter claiming that the Dayton-Hudson Foundation had been responsible for funding Planned Parenthood and that the newly created Target Foundation has not done so. This is grossly misleading (nothing new for Target). The only thing that has changed at the Foundation is its name. The corporation changed its name from Dayton Hudson Corporation to Target Corporation. Consequently, the Foundation then changed its name to Target Foundation. Yet the Company is attempting to convince people that there has been some major change in the corporate structure. There has not. To date, the Corporation has not indicated that it will cease funding of Planned Parenthood.

Remember, we at LDI are expert at seeing through corporate rhetoric. If you have questions, please ask. Corporations on *The Boycott List* are placed there for a reason. Until a corporation qualifies to be removed from *The List*, it remains a target.

REMARKABLE WOMEN HONORED

Feminists for Life (FFL) has announced the "Remarkable Pro-Life Women," for 2000. Serrin M. Foster, Feminists for Life president said, "It was hard to choose among the notable women from various walks of life." But FFL has singled out actresses Patricia Heaton ("Everybody Loves Raymond"), Margaret Colin ("Madigan Men"), and Kate Mulgrew ("Star Trek Voyager").

Others honored by FFL are Corazon Aquino, former president of the Philippines, Dana Rosemary Scallon, a member of the European Parliament, Pat Lockwood and Mary Ellen Otremba, both of whom are state representatives, and journalists Michelle Malkin and Norah Vincent. Professor Sidney Callahan, Ph.D., disability activist Mary Jane Owen, Rebecca Wasser Kiessling, who was conceived through sexual assault, and Marion Syversen, who shares the story of her two abortions, miscarriage and domestic violence, were also honored.

Past honorees include Irish President Mary McAleese, Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Ambassador Lindy Boggs, Mother Teresa, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Professor Mary Ann Glendon of Harvard University, feminist historian Professor Elizabeth Fox Genovese, columnist Linda Chavez, former corporate chief executive officer and founder of The Nurturing Network Mary Cunningham Agee, and Dr. Pamela Smith.

“Young women today have so many role models to look up to women who celebrate our capacity to give life,” said Foster. “The good news is that they are everywhere.”

CHINA ENFORCES POLICY

Agence France Presse reports that Communist China will continue enforcing its one-child policy to limit its huge population to 1.6 billion by 2050. Zhang Weiqing, director the State Family Planning Commission, said his Red Government has “little choice” but to continue the 20-year-old practice.

“It would be unthinkable for a state which accounts for one-fifth of the world’s population not to have this family planning program,” said Zhang. If not, “China would forever stay in poverty and the poverty of China will be a disaster for the world.”

Zhang said the policy had led to forced abortions as well as selective abortion of female babies by couples who preferred sons, which has in turn led to a high ratio of 111.3 newborn boys to 100 newborn girls. And in some cases the policy had led to infanticide, he said.

“China is a country in which the relevance of several thousand years of feudal society is still extensively felt and in traditional Chinese thinking, men are more important than women,” Zhang said. “This kind of ideology has led to the abandonment of baby girls at birth and people are also making use of modern technologies to have selective abortions to get rid of unwanted baby girls.”

Zhang conceded that there have been problems with enforcement of the policy and for the first time he held out the prospect of incentives for families who obey by the rules rather than just punishments for transgressors. Incentives will include “tangible benefits” such as bonuses, retirement funds and a stronger social security system. Peasants, most of whom still prefer sons, will be given preferential treatment when dividing land to build houses and employment if they adhere to the policy.

Zhang confirmed a recent case in which three family planning workers in Wuhan were arrested on suspicion of causing the death of a newborn baby. The baby, the fourth child of a peasant couple, was reportedly drowned in a rice paddy.

For years, Planned Parenthood and United Nations agencies claimed that reports of forced abortions and other Draconian practices were nothing more than anti-choice propaganda.

GOD HELP THE QUEEN

Cybercast News Service, Ananova and Reuters report that the British Parliament has approved cloning and stem cell research. In an emotional debate, British lawmakers approved a government move to extend current legislation to allow research into the use of human embryos as a source of “stem cells.”

Scientists want government permission to kill unborn children—either those left over from in-vitro fertilization or cloned in a laboratory—for the special cells which form the building blocks of tissue, skin, blood and muscle. They believe these stem cells could be used to help treat serious disorders.

In an open letter from 48 members of the European Parliament, the British Government was criticized for its attempt to authorize the research despite considerable opposition from the European Union. Supporters of the Government included the biotechnology industry and the British Medical Association.

Members of parliament were allowed a free vote on the matter, releasing them from their usual duty of voting with their political party. Members voted 366-174 in favor of the proposal.

Since 1990, the Human Fertilization and Embryology Act has allowed licensed research using human embryos up to 14 days old, only for strictly limited purposes related to infertility. The new regulations would amend the law so that unborn children in their early stages of development could also be used in research into non-congenital diseases, before being killed.

German leaders condemned the House of Commons. Christian Democrat Member of Parliament Hubert Hueppe described the step as “nothing more than cannibalism.” He accused British Prime Minister Tony Blair of helping build “human factories.”

“We are united with all other European Union countries that the cloning of embryos steps over ethical and moral boundaries,” said Edelgard Bulmahn, Germany’s science minister. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said cloning embryo cells for research should remain banned in Germany until more is known about what could be achieved using stem cells extracted from the organs of adults.

Church leaders said embryo cloning is morally wrong and opens the door to the cloning of humans, and conservative lawmakers were also appalled. The British law, which must still pass the House of Lords, “completes the breach of an ethical dam feared by many Christians and other critics of biotechnology in Europe,” said Manfred Koch, the head of Germany’s Lutheran Church. In cloning embryos to seek to grow replacement tissue, “humans, as a biological spare parts store, are to be produced and destroyed,” he said.

Just in case there is any confusion, the ghost of Bill Clinton still lives. And its name is Tony Blair. In many ways, Blair is much more dangerous. And under the parliamentary system, there is much less chance to stop him.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

“Within a month after that clinic opened, my patient numbers dropped by 25 percent.”

— abortionist Warren Hern complaining about a Planned Parenthood abortion facility that began doing business in his territory

E.E.O.C. DECISION

In December 2000, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) decided that insurance companies *must* cover “each of the available options for prescription contraception” or they are guilty of discriminating against women under the 1978 Pregnancy Discrimination Act. The EEOC ruling warns all insurance companies that if they do not cover all types of contraception, they are liable under Civil Rights laws. It appears the ruling would require the morning-after pill and even RU-486 to be covered (no religious exceptions allowed).

This action is an assault on pro-life Americans and the Catholic Church. While LDI is neither Catholic nor Protestant (our top leaders come from both groups), we will be tackling this increasing problem. It is a top priority for LDI in 2001.

ABORTION “TRAINING” UP

USA Today reports the percentage of obstetrics and gynecology residency programs that routinely offer “training” in first trimester abortions nearly quadrupled between 1992 and 1998. Previous research suggested that the number of such had declined since the late 1970s. A 1992 study, for example, showed that only 12 percent routinely offered training in first trimester abortions. Another 58 percent offered it as an elective.

In 1996, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) adopted guidelines urging all obstetrics and gynecology residency programs to include abortion “training.” The study, published in the November-December issue of *Family Planning Perspectives* and conducted by the National Abortion Federation (NAF), is the first to assess the impact of those guidelines.

In 1998, all accredited obstetrics and gynecology residency programs in the United States about abortion “training.” Of the programs that responded, 46 percent said they routinely offer “training” in first trimester abortions, and 34 percent said they offer it as an elective. The authors caution that the programs not responding may be less likely to offer the “training.” Routine “training” in second trimester abortions rose from seven percent in 1992 to 44 percent in 1998.

“This study provides encouraging news about the ability of a new generation of ob/gyns to provide comprehensive reproductive health care to their patients,” said NAF executive director Vicki Sapporta. “We believe the ACGME training requirement has substantially impacted the availability of abortion training. We worked closely with other organizations to make the ACGME aware of the lack of access to abortion training for many residents. This survey confirms that the requirement was needed, and that it has made a difference. Not only are many more residency programs offering routine abortion training, but those programs that aren’t are contacting NAF and others to aid them in meeting the requirement.”

OPENING THE GATES OF WEALTH

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) has received an \$8.8 million grant from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The money, which will be spread over five years, will help the London, England-based group promote abortion and “family planning” in more than 180 countries.

“This grant will allow IPPF to translate the quality of care concept into reality,” Dr Carlos Huezo, the director of the IPPF Medical and Technical Unit, said in a statement. “The benefits of this project will have an effect not only within the IPPF network, but well beyond,” he added.

While some pro-lifers are seeking to “educate” Gates, LDI’s president says this is not what is needed. “Bill Gates is educated on this matter,” said Douglas R. Scott. “He knows exactly what he is doing. It is not education that Gates needs. Only the touch of God Himself can change this man.”

TOUCHED BY PRO-ABORTION "ANGELS"

On November 9, 2000, the CBS program “Touched by an Angel” dealt with the issue of post-abortion trauma. Many pro-family leaders sang the praises of the program’s writer and producer for tackling this subject.

While it is laudable that post-abortion trauma is even acknowledged, let us not forget that on at least one occasion these “angels” made their position clear—they are pro-abortion. In other words, let us not get too worked up about the program, but let us recognize and give thanks when good comes from pro-abortion people.

VOTING WITH YOUR WALLET

Co-op America, a national nonprofit organization, provides “economic strategies, organizing power and practical tools for businesses and individuals to address today’s social and environmental problems.” It seeks to educate and empower people and businesses to make significant improvements through the economic system. The Co-Op clearly states the reason for its existence:

Every time you make a purchase, the money that leaves your hands goes to work. Too often, this means your dollars exploit workers here and abroad, abandon hard-hit communities and dump toxins into our environment. But it doesn’t have to be this way. Your purchases can support businesses that create jobs, care about their communities, engage in fair trade and protect our environment. Co-op America helps you find those businesses and provides technical assistance to help those companies emerge and succeed.

Co-Op America offers several different programs:

Green Business Program—starts and supports small socially and environmentally responsible businesses; publicizes the success of these businesses and gives people access to the growing green business sector.

Consumer Education and Empowerment Program—informs people about how to vote with their dollars to effect change; helps people use their purchasing and investing power to create a more just and sustainable future.

Corporate Responsibility Program—encourages corporations to become socially and environmentally responsible; provides information about boycotts and shareholder resolutions against irresponsible companies.

Sustainable Living Program—provides information about practical measures people can take to make their personal, community, and work lives more meaningful and sustainable.

While Co-op America is far to the left on the political spectrum, you can say two important things about the organization. First, its leaders and members are dedicated. They truly believe what they claim they believe. Second, they know the impact of the dollar in the marketplace and they make no excuses. Here is a vote you can cast with no need for a recount.

THE PRAYER PROJECT

The Prayer Project encourages prayer for those in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions. Join us in daily prayer for: January—RU-486 advocate *George Soros*, president and chairman of Soros Fund Management LLC; February—RU-486 advocate and Planned Parenthood supporter *Warren Buffett*, chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway; March—“60 Minutes” correspondent *Mike Wallace*; and April—Rep. *James P. Moran, Jr.*, D-Virg.

EXCOMMUNICATIONS

Catholic World News reports that the Moldovan Orthodox Church will excommunicate pro-abortion politicians. The Moldova Parliament approved a first draft of a law on abortion and birth control, and a second favorable vote would advance the proposal toward legalization.

As a republic of the Soviet Union until the early 1990s, Moldova promoted taxpayer-funded abortion as a primary means of birth control, but the resurgent Christian faith embodied in the Orthodox Church, to which most Moldovan Christians belong, strongly opposes abortion.

“We will demand from the clergy not to give communion to those supporting abortions until they have changed their attitude to this crime,” Moldovan Metropolitan Vladimir said in an open letter to parliament. “Would you or your children like to be victim of an abortion?” he said. “Would we have parliamentarians then?”

ABORTIONIST WRITES OPEN LETTER

The notorious abortionist Henry Morgentaler has written an open letter to the recently reelected prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien:

Dear Prime Minister:

I wish to congratulate you on your spectacular victory in the Federal Election. Many pro-choice Canadians voted for your party in fear of the not-so-hidden agenda of the Alliance party against abortion rights.

I wish to remind you that Canadian women are denied access to abortion services under medicare in five provinces in a flagrant violation of the Canada Health act. These provinces are: Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. This amounts to a two-tier system for women in need of abortion.

Canadians will not tolerate much longer this blatant discrimination against women’s basic medical needs, and look to the Federal Government, and to you personally, to keep your promises to protect the right to choose.

With best wishes,

Henry Morgentaler, M.D.

cc: Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health Marilyn Wilson, Executive Director, Canadian Abortion Rights Action League, All Major Women’s Organizations, Premier of Manitoba, Gary Doer Premier of Quebec,

Lucien Bouchard Premier of New Brunswick, Bernard Lord Premier of Nova Scotia, John Hamm Premier of Prince Edward Island, Patrick Binns, All Major Canadian Media

Chretien is another ardently pro-abortion politician who *claims* to be Catholic. His Liberal Party was easily reelected late last year.

STICKING FOOT IN MOUTH--AGAIN

In July 2000, shortly before members of Congress stood for reelection, Rep. James P. Moran, Jr. (D-Virg.) stood on the floor of the House of Representatives and attacked the Catholic Church. (Moran *claims* to be Catholic.) Moran's comments came during debate of a provision attached to the Washington, D.C., budget by congressional Republicans prohibiting the D.C. city council from requiring health insurers to cover the cost of contraceptives. Catholics opposed the bill, calling it a direct attack against religious freedom. It would have the effect of forcing church-affiliated insurers to approve the practice of homosexuality, which the church says is immoral.

According to a transcript of the debate, Moran said: "Having been educated in Catholic schools all my life...if I were a gay man, I would feel the same sense of frustration and disappointment that councilman Jim Graham expressed on the D.C. Council. And that disappointment, and the intolerance, and yes, the hypocrisy of the Catholic Church as an institution towards homosexuality ought to be addressed."

A few hours later, Moran's chief of staff asked that Moran's comments to be changed to: "Having been educated in Catholic schools all my life, I understand the same sense of frustration and disappointment that councilman Jim Graham expressed on the D.C. Council...He expressed disappointment with the Catholic church as an institution because of its position towards homosexuality."

But Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., whose committee oversees the Congressional Record, would have none of it. Moran was told that he violated House ethics by making substantial change to his remarks in attempt to hide the truth. In any case, since only a member of Congress may seek to change his remarks at all, a Republican member had read Moran's exact words back into the record where Moran could not change them.

Moran has a long and "distinguished" history of sticking his foot in his mouth. He even publicly blamed the parents of the Capitol Building shooter for not predicting the actions of their severely mentally disturbed son. Nevertheless, Moran was easily reelected in his largely Democratic district.

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