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Opportunity exists for pro-family bills in 2015

Without the constant drumbeat for casinos this year, pro-family citizens are optimistic about good legislation being considered.

Unlike almost every session for the past 20 years, the 2015 Kentucky General Assembly began its January organizational session with little talk of expanded gambling. The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) led horse industry support for mechanized gambling for almost 15 years, but it recently took itself out of the fight. Now only one horse racing track, Churchill Downs, which makes most of its money from out-of-state casinos, remains allied with casino interests. Even Gov. Beshear, who has led expanded gambling efforts almost every year, failed to mention the issue in his State of the Commonwealth Address on Jan. 7.

“With expanded gambling apparently off the table and no one issue seeming to dominate the discussion leading up to the session,” said Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst for The Family Foundation, “there will be a variety of other issues vying for the attention of lawmakers.”

In addition to issues such as heroin abuse, right-to-work, a local option sales tax, voting rights, a higher minimum wage, and a statewide smoking ban, several family

issues promise to get some attention this session.

Among these is the Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty Act (Senate Bill 71), sponsored by Sen. Albert Robinson (R-London), which would prevent schools from

infringing on the First Amendment right of students in classroom assignments and speeches, and would require schools to grant access to public forums to religious student groups in the same way they grant it for all other groups. It would also restrict school officials from discriminating against a student group (like a Christian Student Fellowship) simply because it conducts its internal affairs and elects leaders in accordance with its stated mission.

“Schools are increasingly infringing on the free speech rights of students and discriminating against religious student groups for trying to be consistent with their religious principles,” said Cothran. “This bill will give them protection from school

officials who talk about diversity, but practice intolerance.”

The Student Privacy Act (SB 76), sponsored by Sen. C.B. Embry (R-Morgantown), would address the issue of schools, such as Atherton High School in Louisville, that allow transgender students to use either the girls’ or the boys’ bathroom on the grounds of protecting them from possible harassment. SB 76 requires schools to provide other facilities for them such as a single-person bathroom, unisex bathrooms, or even sharing the faculty bathrooms, which some say would offer the best oversight and protection.

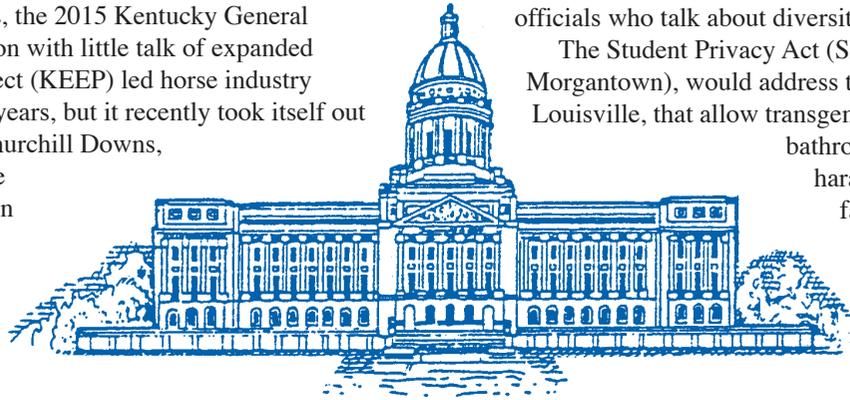
“Clearly, this is common sense,” said Cothran. “No parent of a 14-year-old high school daughter wants an 18-year-old boy in the same bathroom with her. Nor would she.”

The Responsible Payday Lending Act (SB 32), sponsored by Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr (R-Lexington), would prohibit usury in the form of cash advance loans that charge an inordinate amount of interest. Supporters argue that some cash advance businesses charge an annual rate of up to 400 percent interest on some loans. SB 32 would restore the pre-1993 rules that mandated a maximum 36 percent annual interest rate to be charged.

In the controversial realm of the sanctity of life debate, there will likely be fireworks once again. Advocates point out that there have been no new pro-life bills allowed on the House Floor since 2004 – eleven Sessions of the General Assembly. Gov. Beshear is the first governor in 25 years not to have signed a single piece of pro-life legislation.

Several pro-life bills have been introduced, including SB 4, which would ensure that “informed consent” for women seeking abortion was done face-to-face with the physician and not with a tape-recorded phone message as some have been doing.

In addition, as of press time, a bill ensuring that women have the opportunity to see an ultrasound of their unborn child in order to make a more informed decision was also expected to be introduced.



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*– Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst
The Family Foundation*

**Turn to
pages 4-5 for
information
on key bills of
this Session**

Meet three candidates for Governor:

(And more candidates are rumored to be announcing soon . . .)

As a father, every day I am reminded that building the best future possible must be our life's work – not only for my children, but for everyone. As Kentucky's next Governor, I will focus on making early childhood education and higher education more accessible to Kentucky families, create a more business-friendly Commonwealth, protect Kentucky's energy sources, and build infrastructure across our state to help create more jobs and opportunities for all Kentuckians.

As your Attorney General, I have worked hard to run our office with the highest standards of integrity and fiscal responsibility. During my two terms, I have followed through on my commitment to make our families and children safer by vigorously prosecuting child predators and cracking down on Internet crimes. Our cybercrimes unit, which is now a national model, has taken over 800,000 child porn images off the Internet and has a 100% conviction rate.

I kept my pledge to fight illegal drugs in our communities, shutting down half of Kentucky's rogue pain clinics and dramatically reducing the number of illegal prescription pills in our state. Through our Keep KY Kids Safe program I have talked to more than 45,000 middle and high school students about the dangers of drug abuse.

I have also worked to protect consumers by tackling waste, fraud and abuse by recovering \$300 million for the Kentucky Medicaid Program, protecting our veterans from being scammed, intervening to halt more than \$1 billion in proposed utility rate increases on Kentucky families, tripling elder abuse prosecutions, taking on the for-profit college industry and standing up to big banks who wrongfully foreclosed on

Jack Conway (D)

Kentucky homeowners – all while cutting my budget by 40 percent.

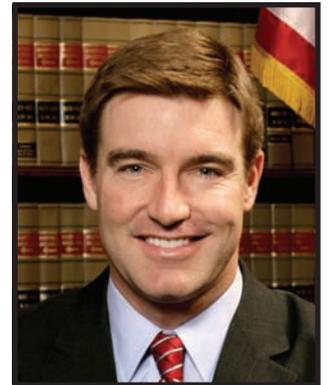
I am also the only

Democratic Attorney General who sued the Obama Administration's EPA to protect Kentucky coal and utility customers. And in 2011, I was the only statewide Kentucky Democrat to have an "A" rating by the National Rifle Association.

As we choose our next Governor, now is not the time for inexperience or empty promises. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and continue to move Kentucky forward.

I am proud to have picked a great Lieutenant Governor candidate in Rep. Sannie Overly. Sannie is the first woman in history elected to House leadership. She has advocated on behalf of women and children throughout her legislative career. During the 2014 General Assembly her tireless fight resulted in the passage of House Bill 3, which will help stem the rising incidents of human-trafficking crimes against children.

Thank you for your support. To learn more about our campaign please visit www.conwayoverly.com. Sincerely,



Kentucky Marriage Movement schedule

Build a solid, life-giving marriage. (For more, call 859-255-5400 or visit www.kentuckymarriage.org)



Elizabethtown, Jan. 23-25

Love and Lordship Conference - Greg Williams
New Hope Community Church
34 Dee Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Prospect, Jan. 30

Love and Lordship Workshop - Greg Williams
River Valley Christian Church
12650 West US Hwy 42, Prospect, KY 40059

Paducah, Feb. 6-7

Love & Respect video conference - The Eggerichs
Rosebower Baptist Church
1120 Tyree Road, Paducah, KY 42003

Lawrenceburg, Feb. 13-14

The Art of Marriage video conference - FamilyLife
First Baptist Church
111 North Main Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Lexington, Feb. 17

Love and Lordship Event - Greg Williams
Tates Creek Christian Church
3150 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, KY 40502

Lexington, April 17-18

Love & Respect video conference - The Eggerichs
Gardenside Christian Church
940 Holly Springs Drive, Lexington, KY 40504

Why I am running . . . (in their own words)

As a husband of thirty-seven years to my wife Sheila, father to our four children and a “Pops” to six grandchildren, it has been clear to me what a great gift God gave humanity when He created the “family.” I’m sure that for many of the readers of this magazine this gift has been clear as well – you’ve experienced how family provides a centerpiece to life in a way nothing else ever could.

Here in Kentucky, we place an extraordinary emphasis on family. Our communities, from Harrodsburg to Hazard, pride themselves on generations of family tradition. Whether it is the passing down of family names or family businesses, family is the bedrock of Kentucky culture.

With family as the bedrock, our heritage as a faithful, God-fearing people is what sets our great Commonwealth apart. We cherish our God-given rights to freely worship, we hold fast to time-proven family values such as the right-to-life and the traditional definition of marriage, and we care for the less fortunate with hospitality and compassion. My wife Sheila and I share these values with you. They have fueled my passion to serve on the Board at Asbury University in Wilmore and to serve in Metro Government in Jefferson County. They have led Sheila to help lead a Shelby County crisis pregnancy center and to welcome foster children into our home over the years.

Faith and family are important to Kentuckians – it is what I hear every day when I am on the campaign trail for this 2015 election for governor. We want to live peaceable, quiet lives on this beautiful land that we have inherited. And we want a governor to whom we can entrust our government – a government that impacts these values through the policies it enacts.

Now, make no mistake about it, jobs and education are critical issues and they are the primary reason I am a Republican candidate in this governor’s race. I believe my business career in job attraction and background in education advocacy has uniquely prepared me to lead the effort to address these issues and put Kentucky on a path to

Hal Heiner (R)

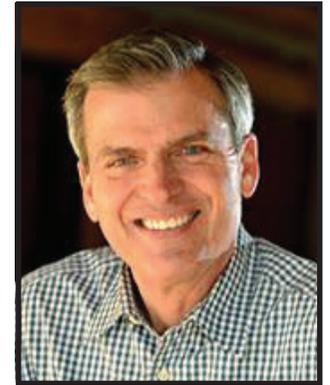
prosperity. Increasing job opportunity and making sure all Kentuckians have the education they need to succeed

is how we pave this path to prosperity. But a campaign cannot simply stop at jobs and education because faith and family are the institutions that will preserve this path from generation to generation.

This is why I believe that the 2015 election for governor is the most important in our lifetimes. In 2015, we have the opportunity to elect a new leader that can lead Kentucky down this new path to prosperity. We can elect a governor who can be trusted to defend this great heritage we have been given, even when it is not popular to do so.

I will be a governor who shares your concerns. When I see both my Democrat and Republican opponents, Jack Conway and James Comer, jointly co-chairing Kentucky Wins, the pro-casino group, it increases my resolve that our Commonwealth desperately needs a new vision upon which to build a solid economic foundation. As a Frankfort outsider, I will bring a new perspective to the capitol that makes Kentucky competitive for jobs, a leader in education, and, as President Reagan would say, a shining city on a hill where families prosper and opportunity abounds.

Please visit www.KentuckyFirst.com for more information and join me in this effort by signing up. I humbly ask for your support and pray that God continues to bless our great Commonwealth.



As parents of three children, my wife TJ and I believe it is our responsibility to ensure their home life offers them every opportunity to succeed. We cannot guarantee our children’s financial prosperity, but through our example, we can instill the conservative Kentucky values of a strong faith, hard work, and diligence. These values make Kentucky great and offer our children hope for a life for which they can be proud.

I am running for Governor of the Commonwealth because I believe our elected officials bear a similar responsibility. As Governor, it will be my goal to provide an environment for all Kentuckians to succeed.

This is why I’m 100% pro-life. I am proud to have received endorsements from Kentucky Right to Life in my campaigns for State Representative and Commissioner of Agriculture. I believe in the sanctity of life; children are “a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.” Life begins at conception, and as image bearers of God, each child is entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. All Kentuckians, even those in the womb, must be provided the opportunity to succeed.

Strong families promise a strong Kentucky; a business friendly state is a family friendly state. In addition to supporting the social values that strengthen Kentucky families, I believe our leaders have a moral obligation to pursue policies that further Kentucky’s economic growth. I look forward to bringing real conservative leadership to the Governor’s office by eradicating government waste and focusing on attracting and retaining businesses.

As small business owners, my running mate Chris McDaniel and I know that, in order to provide an environment for all Kentuckians to succeed, Kentucky needs to focus on attracting and retaining businesses.

To that end, I am committed to passing a right to work law. Kentuckians deserve the

James Comer (R)

right to work without being forced to join a union. Currently, Kentucky continues to lose new

businesses who refuse to relocate to a state that does not have right to work legislation.

Additionally, I am committed to reforming Kentucky’s antiquated tax code. The number one priority for comprehensive tax reform in Kentucky should be making the Commonwealth the most competitive state in the country to own a business.

I am also committed to government transparency. Transparency brings accountability to government. As Commissioner of Agriculture, I proudly fulfilled a campaign promise to create transparency at the Department of Agriculture by displaying our entire expenditure report on the KDA website. As a result, I received an award from the Bluegrass Institute for working across the aisle to expose waste, abuse of power, and mismanagement. As Governor, I will ensure that the Governor’s office maintains the same transparency and similar focus on eradicating unnecessary spending.

I look forward to meeting you on the campaign trail to discuss these issues and others. I represent the farmers, the schoolteachers, the factory workers, and all hard working Kentuckians. As Governor, I promise to provide an environment for all Kentuckians and their families to thrive.



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Four pieces of legislation need your help. Will you make the toll-free calls?



The Student Privacy Act - Senate Bill 76

Across the country, some school administrators have been focused on “being sensitive” to students who struggle with their sexual identity. Being kind and understanding, without doubt, is important. However, many schools have decided to allow, for example, an 18-year-old high school boy who believes he is a girl “trapped in a boy’s body” to use the girls’ bathroom and locker room. This is foolishness – in the interest of being sensitive to the boy, they are violating the privacy rights of all the female students. This bill gives the school other options, such as providing a single-user bathroom, providing a unisex bathroom or allowing the gender-conflicted student to use the faculty restroom (with the oversight and protection that it provides).



Face-To-Face Consultation Bill - Senate Bill 4 & The Ultrasound Bill

Two bills, one topic: Though The Ultrasound Bill has not yet received its Senate Bill number, legislators and citizens alike know that it is an effort to give women all the information they need to make an informed decision. Too often abortionists have kept facts from their patients – facts that when learned later have often led post-abortion women to deeply regret their abortion decision.

And similarly, Senate Bill 4 helps remedy yet another injustice of the abortion industry. In 1998 the Informed Consent Law was passed to assure that women received all the information available and had the opportunity to ask questions of their physician. Instead, the abortion lobby twisted the meaning of the law in the regulation process so that a taped phone message is regarded as a “consultation.” SB 4 corrects that injustice – it requires a face-to-face consultation.

For More . . .

#1 Do you want to receive a free, weekly emailed **UPDATE** regarding legislation in the 2015 General Assembly? Or . . .

#2 Do you want a template for copying bulletin inserts to activate your church friends? Or . . .

#3 Do you want to help distribute other materials about legislation to churches in your area?

If so, call or email us ASAP:

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kent@kentuckyfamily.org



Please Make Four Calls!

Call 1-800-372-7181

Call the toll-free Legislative Message Line and leave the following messages for your **REPRESENTATIVE and SENATOR**. It is very easy. You will not have to speak to your legislator – simply leave a message for them with a receptionist. If you do not know who your Representative is, the receptionist can tell you.

Double your impact by having your spouse call. Call **four times** (on different days) and ask the receptionist to convey these following messages. And, ask her to “copy” each message to “House Leadership” since there is concern that they may not give these bills a hearing.

#1 *“Pass The Student Privacy Act - Senate Bill 76”*

This bill would bar school administrators from violating a student’s privacy rights when they suggest that someone with a different biological gender should share the same bathroom or locker room.

#2 *“Pass The Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty Act - Senate Bill 71”*

This bill guarantees that students would be free to maintain their 1st Amendment free speech and religious liberty rights without being penalized by school officials.

#3 *“Pass The Face-To-Face Consultation Bill - Senate Bill 4 and The Ultrasound Bill”*

These bills require the abortionist to make time for a face-to-face consult prior to an abortion, and it requires that he offer her the opportunity to see her ultrasound.

#4 *“Pass The Responsible Payday Lending Bill - Senate Bill 32”*

This bill restores usury regulations that were removed from small lending businesses, thus guaranteeing that interest rates would not exceed 36 percent.

Before Feb. 3, (because the legislators are on recess until Feb. 3), the Legislative Message Line will be open from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm EST Mon thru Fri.

After Feb. 3, you can call in the evening! The Message Line will be open from 7:00 am until 11:00 pm EST Mon thru Thurs. It will close at 6:00 pm on Fridays.

Student Free Speech & Religious Liberty Act - Senate Bill 71



This bill would prevent schools from infringing on the basic First Amendment rights of students in classroom assignments and speeches, and would require schools to grant access to public forums to religious student groups in the same way they grant it for all other groups. It would allow a valedictorian to “thank my parents and God” in their graduation address – no longer will “God” be censored. It will also restrict school officials from discriminating against a student group (like a Christian Student Fellowship) simply because it conducts its internal affairs and elects leaders in accordance with its stated mission. This bill will give students protection from school officials who talk about diversity, but who actually practice intolerance.

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This bill would prohibit usury in the form of cash advance loans that charge an inordinate amount of interest. Supporters argue that some cash advance businesses charge an annual interest rate of up to 400 percent interest on some loans. SB 32 would restore the pre-1993 lending institution rules that mandated a maximum 36 percent annual interest rate can be charged. This bill would keep payday lending but regulate it so citizens do not get caught in an interest-debt downward spiral.

YOU can have an impact for the Lord!

Your call to the Legislative Message Line should only take about one minute. Think about it – *it takes less time and it is easier than ordering a pizza!* You will be leaving a message for your legislator with a receptionist – do not be afraid, you do not have to be a debater, just a message giver. Here are a few tips to make your responsible Christian citizenship as easy, but as effective, as possible:

Be Kind - You can be firm, but be polite. Your legislator wants to hear from you (he wants your vote next time), so do not give him a reason to ignore your message by having a bad attitude.

Be Direct - You do not have to have the bill number, particularly in the early stages of a Session when a bill number may not have been assigned, but state clearly what you want done. Your legislator will know what you want when he gets your message saying, “*Pass the Student Privacy Act*” or “*Vote FOR the Ultrasound Bill.*”

Be Full of Faith - You are speaking to the best of your ability the concerns that the Lord would have, so be confident, even bold with your encouragement. Remember, you are giving heart to someone who is under the gun in Frankfort.

Do Not Be “Religious” - Christian-speak and Bible-speak are not known languages in Frankfort. Speak your message in the language of the listener – simply make common sense for Kentucky. The truth that you share will have its own impact if it is simply understood. The Spirit will amplify it in His good time.

Call & Act soon - The 2015 Session is a “short session.” Legislators met four days to organize on Jan. 6 through Jan. 9. They return on Feb. 3 and have only 26 more working days to finish their work. Make sure you are making your calls *S-O-O-N*.

How A Bill Becomes Law



A law begins its journey toward enactment when it is introduced as a bill. It can be introduced in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, but it must be approved by both in order to be sent to the Governor for his signature, at which point it becomes law.

Once a bill is introduced in one of the chambers (either the House or the Senate), the Committee on Committees (both the House and the Senate have one) decide to which committee the bill will be sent. This is an important decision because it is harder to get a bill through some committees than others.

The Speaker of the House is the chairman of the House Committee on Committees, and the Senate President is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Committees.

When the bill has been received by a committee, the chairman of the committee decides whether the bill should be heard by the committee. If the chairman decides that the bill should not be heard, it simply dies. If it is heard, it is either approved or defeated. If it is approved, it goes to the Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee of each chamber is also a powerful committee. There a bill gets its second reading. The Rules Committee decides when and whether a bill gets to the chamber floor for a vote. It can either send the bill directly to the floor or back to another committee for further review.

When a bill finally reaches the floor, before it can be voted on, it must be announced three times. The Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate can refuse to call the bill for a vote, in which case it will eventually die. If the bill is voted on and passed, it goes on to the other chamber and starts the same entire process for approval there.

If one chamber passes a bill and the other chamber changes it in any way, the bill

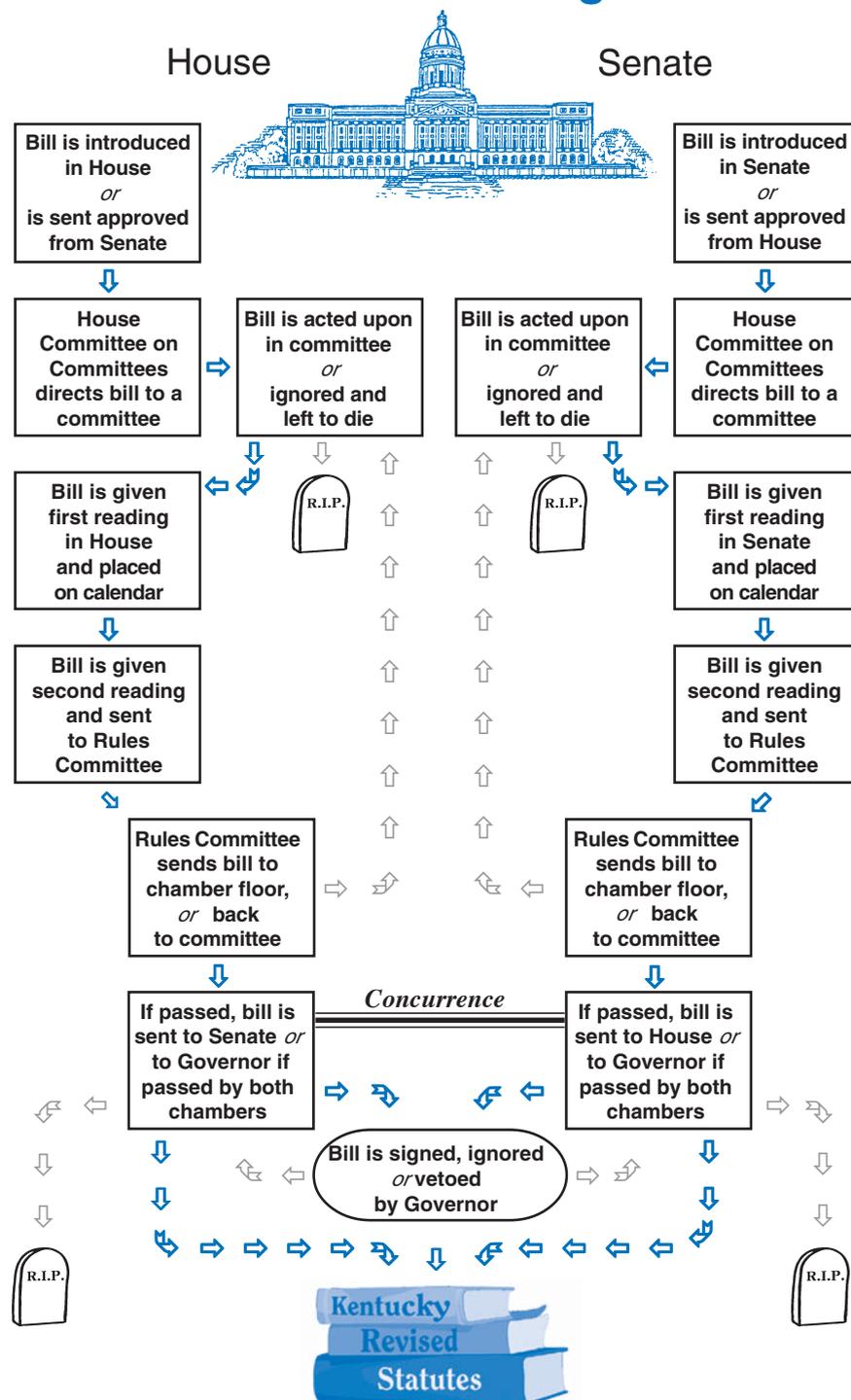
must go back to the chamber in which it originated to approve the change. This is called "concurrence."

Once it passes in both chambers, it goes to the Governor for his signature.

When the Governor receives the bill on his desk, he can do one of three things: he can sign it, veto it, or simply not act on it. If he signs it, it becomes law. If he does not sign it, it still becomes law. Not signing a bill but letting it go into effect is a way for the Governor to express disapproval without actually stopping the bill.

If the Governor vetoes the bill, the bill can only become law if the General Assembly overrides the veto. A veto can be overridden only by a constitutional majority of both chambers. In the House, a constitutional majority is 51 votes (one more than half of 100). In the Senate, it is 20 votes (one more than half of 38). If the veto is overridden in this way, the bill becomes law. If it is not overridden, it does not become law.

The Road to Passing a Bill



Calendar

for the 2015 General Assembly

January 6-9

February 3

February 6

February 13

February 17

March 6 & 9

March 10-20

March 23-24

Four-day Organization period

Session re-opens for legislation

Last day for bill requests

Last day for new Senate bills

Last day for new House bills

Concurrence

Governor's veto period (10 days)

Veto override period and *Sine Die*

There is hope for Kentucky's marriage law

There has been an almost "faddish" sweep through the court system to re-define marriage . . . but it is not good constitutional law.

After numerous setbacks in courts around the nation, four states – Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky – delivered a decisive blow to the same-sex marriage juggernaut with a major victory on Nov. 6 in the federal 6th Circuit of Appeals in Cincinnati. That decision has been appealed by the plaintiffs (those seeking same-sex marriage) to the U.S. Supreme Court, which met on Jan. 9 to consider whether they would review the

decision. At press time their decision had not been released.

The original Kentucky

case was handled in two parts by Federal District Judge John G. Heyburn II. In his February 2014 ruling, Heyburn struck down the part of Kentucky's marriage law that prevented the recognition of same-sex marriages from other states. In his May 2014 ruling, he struck down the main part of the law defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

In both these decisions, he appealed to the U.S.

Constitution's 14th Amendment. He ruled that both the 14th Amendment's "due process" and "equal protection" clauses demanded that same-sex marriage be legalized. And despite saying that he was justified in his decision on the basis of the Supreme Court's *Windsor*

decision, he went well beyond that decision in finding Kentucky's law unconstitutional.

"It looks like

Kentucky will be in the epicenter of the marriage decision for all of the nation,"

said Kent Ostrander, executive director of The Family Foundation. "I trust we will be found faithful by both our forefathers and our progeny."

Stan Cave, attorney for The Family Foundation, has already been retained if another *amicus* brief is needed at the Supreme Court. His record at the District Court and Circuit Court merits his chance before the Highest Court.

The case will likely boil down to whether the states

Stan Cave, attorney for The Family Foundation, wrote three *amicus* briefs for the case, two at the District Court level and one at the Court of Appeals. Most rewarding is the fact that many of his arguments were incorporated into Judge Sutton's majority opinion. He has already been retained to write a fourth *amicus* for the Supreme Court.



Stan Cave

do have the right to regulate marriage as has been done since this nation was founded, or whether the federal government has the right to do so even though marriage is never mentioned in the U.S. Constitution, which has always been the limiting parameter of the federal government. In this context, consider the 10th Amendment which says, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

KY "Instant Racing" case slowly grinds forward

But other states are battling the slot-like machines because they have concluded that they are NOT pari-mutuel, as proponents allege.

Now in the fifth year of litigation, the battle over the legality of Instant Racing continues. Under Kentucky law, casino-type gambling is illegal, but proponents argue that Instant Racing is no different than a sunny afternoon at the race track. By reported accounts, however, Instant Racing looks and operates like casino-type slot machines or video lottery terminals. In fact, in describing Instant Racing, a Wyoming Court held: "[W]e are dealing with a slot machine that attempts to mimic traditional pari-mutuel wagering. Although it may be a good try, we are not so easily beguiled."

Perceiving that all did not meet the eye, The Family Foundation intervened in the Instant Racing lawsuit in the Franklin Circuit Court to try to bring transparency to perceived attempts to circumvent the legislative process. With each passing day, revelations about Instant Racing become more bizarre. When the Instant Racing case began in July of 2010, Maryland, Wyoming, Oregon and Alabama had declared the gaming system illegal.

Within the last two months, Arizona, Illinois and Texas have followed suit and rejected Instant Racing as a legal form of gaming under those states' gaming laws as well. Most recently, a battle has resumed in Idaho over Instant Racing where groups are claiming that Idaho legislators were "duped" into passing legislation allowing the game and are calling Instant Racing a "hoax".

What is going on with Instant Racing is important on other fronts as well. Consider that Kentucky recently approved a \$25 million taxpayer subsidy for construction of a "gambling parlor" on the apron of the University of Kentucky campus. Proponents insist that UK students aren't being targeted. Really? What about the State's other needs? Why does Kentucky deny incentive funding for a religious museum (the Ark Park) but approve a taxpayer subsidy for a gambling parlor targeting students? If they get their way,

gambling industry proponents are just getting started.

Perhaps these and other state actions explain why the Instant Racing proponents in Kentucky have concealed facts about the gaming system and continue to oppose The Family Foundation's attempts to discover how Instant Racing really works. It may also explain why two public state agencies (the Horse Racing Commission and the Department of Revenue) joined with eight race tracks (who they are supposed to be regulating and taxing) in filing this lawsuit in which they sued no one but yet sought a declaration that Instant Racing was legal.

What about the public agencies' duties to the rest of Kentuckians?

Adding to the intrigue, despite seeking to have Instant Racing declared legal, in an email secured by The Family Foundation, a high level official at the Horse Racing Commission admitted to not knowing how Instant Racing worked or why it would be pari-mutuel.

Whether for or against expanded gambling, given this and the history of corruption associated with gambling in Kentucky, the need for complete transparency is beyond dispute.

We all remember BopTrot.

I'm SURE this is pari-mutuel horse racing!



Would you like to help us?

This is a very busy season. Can you volunteer?

We are celebrating our 25th anniversary all year. *Can you help us?*
We are looking for new people, new groups and new churches that would like to lock arms with us. *Can you help us?*
We will have all kinds of updates and materials to share during the 2015 General Assembly. *Can you help us?*
There are many people who need to get "connected" via email, Facebook and Twitter.



Help us pass it on!

Can you help us?
We have a women's outreach that will encourage women's groups in the key role they can play.

Can you help us?
We can speak in your church on "Responsible Christian Citizenship."

Can you help us?
If we each do a little, a lot of good work will be done!

Please contact us!

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The Family Foundation is celebrating 25 years

This year is our 25th Anniversary, and we will be celebrating all year! Please join us at a gathering near you. (More to come.)

Twenty-five years ago on Jan. 1, 1990, The Family Foundation opened its doors and began to engage the issues of our day. By the grace of God, we have had some remarkable victories and accomplishments over these years, . . . But it is painfully clear that there is so much more that needs to be done.

Even more important than that is this fact: *Kentucky could become the leading state among the 50 because of the unusually large portion of our population who calls on the Name of the Lord.*

So my bottom line is this: Will The Salt be the salt? And will The Light be the light?

At these celebrations, we will look back to appreciate how the Lord has blessed us. We will look at the present General Assembly to



Kent Ostrander is the executive director of The Family Foundation

underscore the opportunities He has for us now. And, we will also look forward to see what we can do to lead the leaders.

Please help us make this time meaningful by personally inviting others who you believe would be interested to learn of our work. Clearly, we are not wanting to "bump heads" with folks . . . so those who support the sanctity of life, the sanctity of marriage and religious liberty are most naturally inclined to appreciate our efforts.

Each event will last just over an hour. It is my hope that each of us has a greater impact for the family and for the Lord as a result of our time together.

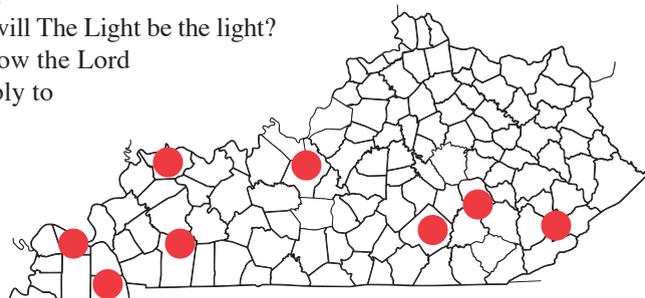
Thank you for all you have done *with us* and *for us* over the years.

I look forward to seeing you again.

Henderson: Henderson's First Baptist Church
307 Center Street Henderson, Ky 42420
Sunday, Jan. 18th at 6:00 PM

Murray: Memorial Baptist Church
906 Main Street Murray, Ky 42071
Sunday, Jan. 25th at 6:00 PM

Paducah: Bellview Baptist Church
4875 Old Mayfield Rd Paducah, Ky 42003
Monday, Jan. 26th at 6:30 PM



Hopkinsville: Living Hope Baptist Church
6305 Eagle Way Bypass Hopkinsville, Ky 42241
Tuesday, Jan. 27th at 6:30 PM

Hazard: Gospel Light Baptist Church
100 Independence Drive Hazard, KY 41701
Monday, Feb. 2nd at 7:00 PM

Elizabethtown: Central Avenue Baptist Church
401 Central Ave. Elizabethtown, Ky 42701
Monday, Feb. 9th at 7:00 PM

London: Corinth Baptist Church
1671 Old Whitley Road London KY 40744
Thursday, Feb. 12th at 7:00 PM

Somerset: Bronston First Baptist Church
401 Highway 790 Bronston, KY 42518
Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 7:00 PM