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Governor Republican
Senate Majority
27 Republicans
11 Democrats

House Majority
64 Republicans
36 Democrats

Major shift in KY House of Representatives as “Majority Party” status goes Republican

Republican-controlled the House for the first time since 1921.

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On Nov. 8, 2016, with only 28 hours to go, the Kentucky House Republican Caucus con-vened a special meeting during the Thanksgiving holiday week to approve yet another new package of slot-type gambling devices and games. One of the first things that greeted爱美 is, “One of Kentucky’s most prominent public issues being manipulated by powerful special interests to expand gambling in Kentucky?”

All good questions. Those who know aren’t saying. New, there are several, but three types of electronic gambling devices and games which have been approved by the Racing Commission and are operating in the tracks. The Racing Commission’s spokespersons (and mystery) Thanksgiving work action follows on the heels of the Republicans’ further approval of other types of electronic gambling de-vices and games, with several of Kentucky’s horse racing tracks now playing host to bow-tosaving gambling machines.

As of September of this year, reports indicate that players have wagered some $2.1 billion dollars. Yes, that “billion” with a “B” on those electronic gambling devices. But wait just a minute! Did anyone vote to expand gambling in Kentucky? Doesn’t the Constitution prohibit expanded gambling? What any of the political parties “Let the people decide?”

The fact is that the General Assembly never approved expanded gambling, and voters have not adopted a constitutional amendment. Yet expanded gambling is occurring before our very eyes! But here’s the rub? Those who know aren’t saying... K颐和园 will recall that the Racing Commission and the major tracks have been in litigation with The Family Foundation for the past 5 years over the legality of those slot-type gambling devices. So yes, it was the Racing Commission and its racetrack which brought the court case to the first place, because they were concerned that the new gambling devices may very well be illegal. The Racing Commission and the racetracks wanted a court to decide the issue before they began licensing and operating the devices.

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The truth is that the elections were nothing more than a selection process that decided “who made the team.” On Nov. 8, that team consisted of fifty-two “coaches” and “captains.” (The 54 members of the Kentucky House Republicans Caucus came together to decide which five members should be chosen for their House Leadership.) A majority of the team (54 plus five “coaches” and “captains”) was needed to pull off the victory. (GOOD LEADERSHIP!!!) An election is not “victory,” but “victory” is good legislation is.

Because all men and all women are made with the same self-preserving inclinations, this team will have to wrestle within its own members as to how boldly it can move forward. Some will call it “watching,” but our race is not a “watching” race. It’s a “running” race.

But what difference will it make? Traditionally, the problem with Republican legislators is that they are “Slippin’ daylight past the rooster” with social conservatism on their sleeves. Their campaign literature almost always features “family values” and underscores their pro-life position. But as soon as they land in the capital, they are caught behind the establishment’s cloud and told that those issues will have to wait. That they need to “lead” on economic issues.

Our plan is to lobby the newly elected team to pass legislation that the issues on which they are asked to pass it all are the very ones that they held up to the voters as the reason they got elected in the first place. This establishment Republican strategy stands in stark contrast to that of liberal Democrats, who pursued their cultural agenda even when it leads to short-term electoral losses.

When Obamamain was pressed in the Capital during his first term, even though he knew they might lose their next race, “They abandoned their support for traditional marriage in no time.” outdoors, it is not the place for the political parties that are supporting for traditional marriage in no time.

But conservatives in Kentucky are willing to do just the opposite. Conservatives don’t elect leaders so they can then watch them in the seats they got them elected in the first place. They want their leaders to be the same as for the races that they could.

There are signs, however, that the Kentucky’s political winds may very well by changing.

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**Bathroom** issue to go before Supreme Court
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On Friday, Oct. 28, the U.S. Supreme Court announced that it was allowing Gloucester County, School Board v. G.O. to proceed. This case involves a transgender student who identifies as male but was assigned female at birth.

Although the Court’s decision was not a shock, the outcome does provide window into how the federal courts may handle cases of this nature. The federal civil rights laws and the 1957 regulation should be given precedence. Shortly after the 49th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the自治者, the Obama Administration sent a letter to the clerk stating the actions which, Bennett said, “was not a school policy.” Bennett added that within 15 or after favora

The case is ultimately about the privacy, dignity and safety of all students, said Martin Cothran, policy analyst for The Family Foundation.

**ACLU and PP pushing liberal sex-ed in Louisville schools**
It’s a bad news curriculum that they are selling as “mainstream.”

Louisville, Ky. Ed Ned (LEX), a community initiative partnered with Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, has been working quietly to infiltrate all Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPIS) with Comprehensive Sex Education. This puts single mothers and fathers in a difficult situation, as the school system is pushing an agenda that conflicts with their beliefs. In addition, the program has been used in other states and school districts, and has been shown to be ineffective in teaching about sex and relationships.

A number of concerned parents and citizens spoke, highlighting the pitfalls of Comprehensive Sex Education. Angela Minter, president of Sisters for Life, said her group had “strong opposition to . . . in JCPS, which would result in sexualizing our youth and allowing these organizations to push their pro-abortion agendas.”

**Update on AFA’s Boycott of TARGET**
Eighty-four found the citizens and legislators of several states weighed concerning gay, equity, safety, and religious liberty as they debated pro-choice laws aimed at transgender students.

“Target’s decision to recognize the first national results to be in line with, or in direct opposition to, what I’m teaching at home.”

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“Target didn’t simply publicize a bathroom policy, they trumpeted their position on transgenders and privacy as a core belief of Target.”

Michael Johnson, policy analyst with The Family Foundation, said their position on transgender and privacy as a core belief of Target was “extremely baffling.”

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The time for big corporations to be dictating to American families what to believe may be over.
Meet the new class of Republican House members

Last year 47 Republicans. Now with 17 seats flipped and some Republicans retired, there are 24 NEW *members. All-in-all, it’s a godly group.

*Served one month in 2016 Session

The question now is: “Where will this new class of Republicans lead the state?”

That is difficult to discern at this point in the process, but here are a few indications that were gleaned from the Kentucky Candidate Information Survey that interviewed 18 of the new Republican legislators prior to the election. Consider the answers of the 18:

**QUESTION:** “With one exception in the last 10 years, House Leadership has barred debate on pro-life bills on the House Floor. It should reverse this practice.”

All 18 “STRONGLY AGreed” with this premise. There were none that were “UNDECIDED”, “DISAGREED” or “STRONGLY DISAGREED.”

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It should be noted that the candidates were asked to answer “AGREE”, “DISAGREE”, “STRONGLY AGREE”, “STRONGLY DISAGREE”, “UNDECIDED” or “DISAGREE”. The overwhelming response was “AGREE” with the exceptions noted.

By God’s grace, Kentucky is on a trajectory to become a leading state in this divided nation. Consider this: In the Spring of 2015, the Lord allowed the dark-horse gubernatorial candidate to slip past the two leaders and clinch the Republican nomination with only a 10-vote margin.

That summer, after the U.S. Supreme Court Obergefell/same-sex marriage decision, God gave us ‘Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego’ in the persons of county clerks Kim Davis, County Dana and Kaye Schwartz. They stood strong for their own religious liberty … and for ours.

Next, our Franklin ‘Religious Freedom/Rights of Conscience Rally’ on Aug. 22 drew 8,000 to 8,500. THEN, there was an extraordinary victory sweep of Gov. Beshear, Treasurer Ball, Auditor Ball, Auditor Mike Hammon and Ag Commissioner Ryan Quarles.

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Opponents of bathroom laws that allow transgender people to use the bathroom of their choice on a federal level have devised a clever strategy, "Every attempt to sneak a sex education program in without parental involvement is a Comprehensive Sex Ed program. They practice holistic education and demonstrate "proper" conduct in our schools."
They’re “Slippin’ daylight past the rooster”

Here’s an update on the six-year “Instant Racing” court case that has observers bewildered. It just doesn’t quite pass the smell test.

On Nov. 22, 2016, with only 24-hour notice, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission conducted a special meeting during the Thanksgiving holiday season to approve yet another new package of slot-type gambling devices and games. This is the 12th time in six years that the Kentucky Racing Commission has improperly approved such devices in Kentucky.

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Lake Cumberland State Park, Jamestown

Nicholasville, March 1-29

Love and Leadership, Wed. Night Series - Greg Williams

Jessamine Christian Church

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Owensboro, TBD

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Opinion: On social issues conservatives should be conservative but lead “Boldly and courageously” — not conservatively.

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