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# COSPONSORED LEGISLATION

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## **Religious & Constitutional Liberties**

**H.R. 3053, Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2007** - After *Kelo v. City of New London*, any property could be taken for the benefit of a private party. HR 3053, the *Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2007* would prevent the federal government or any authority from using economic development as a justification for exercising its power of eminent domain. This bill also seeks to discourage states and localities from abusing their eminent domain power by denying states or localities that commit such abuse all federal economic development funds for a two year period. This bill aims to protect property owners as well as tenants. This bill is substantially similar to H.R. 4128, which passed the House last Congress by 376-38.

- Sponsor: Rep. Waters, Maxine (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 3779, Andrew Larochelle God, Family, and Country Act of 2007** – Requires the Architect of the Capitol to acknowledge the word God on flag certificates that are issued at the request of a Member of the United States House of Representatives or of the United States Senate.

- Sponsor: Rep. Turner, Michael R. (R-OH)

- Status: House Committee on House Administration

**H.R. 2905, Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2007** - Provides that the FCC cannot promulgate a rule reinstating the fairness doctrine, which requires broadcasters to present opposing viewpoints on controversial issues of public importance.

- Sponsor: Rep. Pence, Mike (R-IN)

- Status: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet

**H.R. 618, Right to Life Act** - Declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being. Defines "human being" to encompass all stages of life, including but not limited to the moment of fertilization or cloning.

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- Sponsor: Rep. Hunter, Duncan (R-CA)
- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 2104, Public Prayer Protection Act** – Protects the rights of elected and appointed officials to express their religious beliefs through public prayer by removing all 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment (establishment clause) cases involving prayer by public officials from federal district courts.

- Sponsor: Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham (R-SC)
- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act** – Prohibits federal entities from compelling those in the media to reveal sources or information unless a court determines it is essential and that the information seeking to be obtained cannot be obtained in other ways.

- Sponsor: Rep. Boucher, Rick (D-VA)
- Status: Passed House 398 - 21 (Roll no. 973).

**H.R. 2134, Parents Right to Know Act of 2007** – No federal funds may go to any family planning organization who knowingly provides contraception or prescriptions to a minor unless a parent consents or a court directs.

- Sponsor: Rep. Akin, W. Todd (R-MO)
- Status: Subcommittee on Health

**H.Res. 372** - Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. Feeney, Tom (R-FL)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 1613, Sons and Daughters of America Act** – Prohibits the awarding of attorney's fees in civil cases against deprivation of free speech from picketing, protesting, or demonstrating at a funeral or any other ceremony, procession, or memorial service.

- Sponsor: Rep. Tiahrt, Todd (R-KA)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 1399, District of Columbia Personal Protection Act** – Repeals the District of Columbia's prohibition on the possession of firearms.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ross, Mike (D-AR)
- Status: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia

**H.R. 1359, Enumerated Powers Act** - Requires each Act of Congress to contain a concise and definite statement of the constitutional authority relied upon for the enactment of each portion of that Act. Declares that failure to comply with this requirement shall give rise to a point of order in either chamber of Congress.

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- Sponsor: Rep. Shadegg, John (R-AZ)
- Status: Committee on the Judiciary and Committee on Rules

**H.R. 724, Marriage Protection Act** - Denies federal courts jurisdiction to hear or decide any question pertaining to the interpretation of or the validity under the Constitution of the Defense of Marriage Act, which declares that no state shall be required to give effect to any marriage between persons of the same sex under the laws of any other state.

- Sponsor: Rep. Burton, Dan (R-IN)
- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 725, Public Expressions of Religion Protection Act of 2007** – Denies attorney’s fees in civil suits brought in a challenge to expression of religion, i.e. posting of the Ten Commandments, or the words, “In God We Trust”.

- Sponsor: Rep. Burton, Dan (R-IN)
- Status: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

**H.R. 861, National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2007** - Authorizes a person who has a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm in one state and who is not prohibited from carrying a firearm under federal law to carry a concealed firearm in another state in accordance with the restrictions of that state.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.R. 300, We the People Act** – Prohibits the Supreme Court and each federal court from adjudicating any claim or relying on judicial decisions involving state or local laws, regulations, or policies concerning religion, privacy, or marriage.

- Sponsor: Rep. Paul, Ron (R-TX)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Con.Res. 244, Supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act**

- Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene (D-TX)
- Status: House Committee on the Judiciary

**H.Res. 847, Christmas Resolution** - This resolution recognizes the importance of Christmas and Christianity. It also calls attention to Christmas as a Christian holiday and Christianity’s contributions to the foundation of Western Civilization and especially the United States.

- Sponsor: Rep. King, Steve (R-IA)
- Status: Passed House 372 - 9, 10 Present (Roll no. 1143)

**H.Res. 888, The Religious Heritage Resolution** - This resolution recognizes the significance of religious faith in the American experiment. It details the numerous events, documents, and historical facts demonstrating our nation’s religious and spiritual heritage, and resolves that the House of Representatives: affirms the rich spiritual and religious history of our nation’s founding and subsequent history, including up to the current day; recognizes that the religious foundations of faith on which America was built

are critical underpinnings of our nation's most valuable institutions and form the inseparable foundation for America's representative processes, legal systems, and societal structures; rejects, in the strongest possible terms, any effort to remove, obscure, or purposely omit such history from our nation's public buildings and educational resources; and designates the first week in May of every year as American Religious History Week for the appreciation of and education about America's history of religious faith.

- Sponsor: Rep. Forbes, J. Randy (R-VA)

- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

**H.R. 3908, Loyalty to Our Legacy Act of 2007** - Directs the Architect of the Capitol to ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance and the national motto "In God We Trust" are each displayed prominently in the Capitol Visitor Center on a permanent basis. Prohibits the Architect from removing or refusing to include language or other content from exhibits and materials relating to the Capitol Visitor Center on the grounds that the language or content includes a religious reference or Judeo-Christian content.

- Sponsor: Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. (R-CO)

- Status: House Committee on House Administration

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