### Louisiana Family Forum Action

#### Family Security Advisory

**2007 Regular Session - LA Senate**

1. **PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN**
   HB614 (Beard) [Final Passage]
   Following a change of opinion at the U.S. Supreme Court level, Louisiana became the first state in the nation to legally ban the partial birth abortion procedure.

   **Status:** Signed by the Governor.
   Yes = 36 (+) No = 0 (-) Not Voting = 3 (?)

2. **FETAL PAIN AWARENESS/ WOMAN'S RIGHT TO KNOW**
   HB 25 (Crowe) [Amended Amendment]
   Provides information to mothers seeking abortion that children in utero feel pain and gives them the option to view an ultrasound.

   **Status:** Signed by Governor.
   Yes = 25 (+) No = 9 (-) Not Voting = 5 (?)
   According to the Senate Journal, Senator Ullo voted “no,” but had intended to vote “yes.”

3. **TOPS HOME EDUCATION ELIGIBILITY FAIRNESS**
   HB 634 (Scalise) [Final Passage]
   Reduces the penalties imposed on home-educated students in their eligibility for the Louisiana Tuition Opportunity Scholarship Program (TOPS).

   **Status:** Signed by Governor.
   Yes = 36 (+) No = 1 (-) Not Voting = 3 (?)

4. **PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL TUITION TAX DEDUCTION**
   SB 45 (Marionneau) [Final Passage]
   Provides a partial tuition tax deduction for families of students in private or parochial schools.

   **Status:** Vetted by Governor.
   Yes = 28 (+) No = 2 (-) Not Voting = 9 (?)

5. **DEFEAT OF GAMBLING EXPANSION**
   HB 484 (Triche) [Return to Calendar]
   Would expand gambling in Louisiana by allowing bars and restaurants to host promotional poker tournaments.

   **Status:** Passed House. Senate voted to defeat by tabling (thus killing) the bill.
   Yes = 22 (+) No = 14 (-) Not Voting = 3 (?)

6. **PARTIAL REPEAL OF THE STELLY TAX INCREASE**
   HB 365 (Townsend) [Final Passage]
   Phases in a three year restoration of charitable, mortgage, and health care deductions removed from original 2002 Stelly Tax Increase.

   **Status:** Signed by Governor.
   Yes = 33 (+) No = 0 (-) Not Voting = 6 (?)

7. **INCREASE GOVERNMENT SPENDING CAP**
   HCR 10 (Alario) [Final Passage]
   Allows the Legislature to exceed the constitutionally imposed spending limit (requires two-thirds passage).

   **Status:** Signed by Governor.
   Yes = 29 (-) No = 5 (+) Not Voting = 5 (?)

### COLOR KEY

- **Outstanding Family Advocate**
- **Honorable Mention**
- **Average**
- **Needs Improvement**
- **Hall of Shame**

### CHART KEY

- + = Pro-family Vote
- - = Anti-family Vote
- ? = Not Voting/Absent
- ND = Not In Office
- i = Journal Notes Change In Senator’s Vote Preference

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**Explanation of Information**

Louisiana Family Forum believes elected officials should support policies and programs that protect and promote families and traditional family values in Louisiana.

To accomplish this goal, Louisiana Family Forum Action, the advocacy arm of Louisiana Family Forum, educates the public about legislation and voting records. Legislators scoring 100% are recognized as Outstanding Family Advocates.

Note: LFF Action utilizes the official voting records of the Louisiana Legislature. In the House, members are allowed to change their votes in the Official Record. In the Senate, members are not allowed to change their votes. However, “on a debatable question each member shall be allowed to explain his vote in writing only, and the explanation shall be incorporated in the Journal, if requested.” (Senate Rule 12.1 B) Journal notations are described above.

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