

House marriage-protection vote nears

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Congress is gearing up to vote Tuesday on the federal Marriage Protection Amendment.

Amanda Banks, federal issues analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said pro-family activists expect to have a simple majority in the House, as they did in 2004 — but it will take more than that to succeed.

“We’d like to be moving in the direction of a two-thirds majority, which is what we need to pass it through the House,” she said. “It’s important for members of Congress to hear from their constituents right away, so that they are encouraged to vote for marriage.”

Banks said several new members have arrived since the last time the House voted on the issue, and conservative activists are hoping the newcomers will join with pro-family lawmakers of both political parties to support the amendment.

Last month, after hours of debate, the Senate refused to bring the matter up for a full up-or-down vote.

“The House of Representatives has a great opportunity to show the American people and the Senate that they, at least, are in touch with their constituents,” Banks told *CitizenLink*.

Gay activism, meanwhile, continues unabated at the state level — with activity this week in three states providing ample evidence of protecting marriage in the U.S. Constitution.

In Massachusetts, lawmakers, meeting as a Constitutional Convention, refused Wednesday to

deal with a bill that would send a state marriage-protection amendment to the people to be voted on in 2008.

The joint session of the Legislature voted 100-91 to recess until Nov. 9 — giving credence to pro-family concerns about whether the lawmakers will actually deal with marriage.

On Monday, the top court in Massachusetts, the Supreme Judicial Court, cleared the way for the matter to be brought to a vote — after dismissing a lawsuit filed by gay activists who sought to stop a vote.

Mona Passignano, state issues analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said everything now goes into a holding pattern.

“The reason why they are waiting until Nov. 9, is because the elections are on Nov. 7,” she said. “They are trying to duck the issue.”

By refusing to take a vote, Bay State lawmakers sent constituents a message that was loud and clear, Passignano said: “It doesn’t really matter what you think.”

Some legislators, she said, specifically made it clear during the brief Constitutional Convention that they think it is more important to cater to gay activists than to listen to the will of the people, who, polls show, overwhelmingly say they want to vote on the issue.

In neighboring Connecticut, meanwhile, a superior court judge ruled Wednesday against eight gay couples who demanded the creation of same-sex marriage.

“We’re very, very happy about the outcome,” said Brian Brown, executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut. “It’s ac-

tually surprising, given the fact that our courts have not shown themselves in the past to be willing to understand that the Legislature is where we should be deciding the future of marriage and not the courts.”

But even with this victory, Brown said homosexual activists plan to appeal.

“We still face the possibility of the state Supreme Court overturning marriage,” said the family advocate, who has been pushing for a state constitutional amendment as well as the federal Marriage Protection Amendment.

And in Arizona, gay activists filed suit Wednesday to stop a proposed state marriage-protection amendment from getting on the November ballot.

The move came just after Protect Marriage Arizona, the group seeking the marriage amendment, turned in petitions with more than 300,000 names to get on the bal-

lot — almost double the number they need to qualify.

“Homosexual activists are not slowing down one bit in the courts,” Banks said. “They continue to bring suits to courts, because they know that’s their best chance at changing the definition of marriage.”

Banks said the populace at large doesn’t support the idea of creating gay marriage.

“The people obviously aren’t going to vote that way,” she said, “In 20 out of 20 states where the people have had an opportunity to vote on marriage, they voted overwhelmingly for the definition of marriage to remain between a man and a woman. But gay activists are going to continue to try to overturn state marriage amendments, keep them off the ballot and stop votes in state legislatures. That’s why we absolutely need a federal Marriage Protection Amendment.”

Diocese joins global rift

DALLAS (AP) — The Episcopal Church’s Dallas Diocese became the seventh in the denomination to appeal for alternative leadership from overseas Anglican leaders because of the ongoing rift over homosexuality. Dioceses in Central Florida; Fort Worth, Texas; Fresno, Calif.; Pittsburgh; Springfield, Ill., and South Carolina previously requested such alternative oversight from world Anglicanism.

Leaders of the Albany, N.Y., Diocese pledged “solidarity” with the seven “sister dioceses” but didn’t request overseas leadership.

Bishops of the 17.5 million-member Church of Nigeria questioned the “moral justification” for the scheduled 2008 meeting of the world’s Anglican bishops since those from the Episcopal Church (Anglicanism’s U.S. branch) and elsewhere “have abandoned the biblical faith.”



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