

## **“Hate-Crimes” Legislation to be Voted on Tomorrow!**

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"Hate-crimes" legislation has been attached to the Defense Authorization Bill in a "backdoor" attempt to get it passed. We have learned from our friends at Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. that it has a high chance of being voted on TOMORROW. This legislation would grant the Department of Justice alarming, broad-sweeping power. If passed, the DOJ would be authorized to investigate and prosecute certain bias-motivated crimes based on the victim's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

Many people are concerned that "hate-crimes" legislation will eventually lead to the crime of "hate-speech." Imagine a pastor who proclaims a biblical view of homosexuality being charged with a crime. Imagine conservative political activists being silenced by liberal judges who are poised to punish thoughts and intentions. While these are far-fetched ideas to most Americans, some of us have lived long enough to know that what one generation considers far-fetched becomes common-place in the next generation.

In the end, "hate-crimes" legislation is a tool being used by gay activists, and is more about prosecuting thought and not someone's actual crime. It also gives special rights to certain groups, granting them the status of "protected classes" above other citizens. What ever happened to equal protection under the law as individuals? Justice isn't about picking favorites.

This "hate-crimes" legislation must be stopped. If you agree, call Senator Pryor and Lincoln's office and voice your concerns about this bill and all "hate-crimes" laws. You can also send a free fax to their offices by using Family Council Action Committee's online fax system:<http://www.familycouncilactioncommittee.com/FAX.asp>

Action needs to be taken now; Arkansas' senators need to hear our voices before they vote!

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