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HOUSE KILLS HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

Hate crimes legislation proposed by U.S. Sens. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., was removed from the Defense Department authorization bill Oct. 7.

In July, the Senate passed the measure with a vote of 65-33 as an amendment to the bill. Through a procedural vote in September, the House voted in favor of keeping the hate crimes measure in the defense bill by a bipartisan vote of 213-186.

"Broad bipartisan support for this bill didn't stop the House GOP leadership from ensuring its demise," said Cheryl Jacques, Human Rights Campaign president. "It's just five days away from the anniversary of Matthew Shepard's death, and another year will go by without adequate hate crimes protections. That's shameful. Even worse are the political motives behind it. Instead of promoting hate crimes protections, the president is promoting discrimination. Voters will remember that on Nov. 2."

"We thank Sens. Kennedy and Smith for their leadership on this important measure," Jacques added.

SAM ADAMS FEATURED IN VICTORY FUND AD CAMPAIGN

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, a non-profit organization that supports openly queer candidates for public office, launched a major print advertisement campaign Oct. 4 in select presidential battleground states. Portland City Council candidate Sam Adams was one of 18 endorsees nationwide.

The ad depicts Victory Fund endorsees and elected officials proclaiming "The Class Nominated Most Likely to Fight for Your Equal Rights." Readers are reminded that the queer vote is not only critical in the presidential election, but is incredibly important to queer candidates running in these states and across the country.

The states include Oregon, Wisconsin,



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Sam Adams meets and greets No on 36 campaign volunteers

The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act would add real or perceived sexual orientation, gender and disability to federal hate crime laws, thus allowing the federal government the ability to provide assistance for the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes based on these categories. The Senate passed the act as an amendment to the Defense Department authorization bill June 15, with 18 Republicans voting in favor. The House voted Sept. 28 on a motion to instruct information conference committees that a bipartisan majority of the House wanted it to pass, with 31 Republicans voting in favor.

Michigan and Missouri. Endorsed candidates include Tammy Baldwin for U.S. House of Representatives, Chris Kolb for Michigan House of Representatives and Jeanette Mott Oxford for Missouri House of Representatives.

"Gay and lesbian lawmakers have proven to be our staunchest advocates, standing bravely for our community, even when the waters get rough," said Chuck Wolfe, Victory Fund president and CEO. "By having voting equals in legislative bodies, the voice of our community is heard and bridges of understanding are built from the inside."

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