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Senate Panel Approves Marriage Amendment

Opponents of legal marriage for gays and lesbians gained a victory Nov. 9 when a U.S. Senate panel narrowly passed a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between a man and a woman. The Marriage Protection Amendment, which was approved 5-4 by the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution, now will be considered by the full Judiciary Committee with a vote likely in the Senate next year.



U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., supports the Marriage Protection Act, which discriminates against queers.

Specter Will Vote for Amendment

U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Nov. 10 he will vote in favor of the Marriage Protection Act, which would amend the U.S. Constitution to ban marriage for gays and lesbians, when it comes before the Senate Judiciary Committee he chairs.

Though Specter said he is opposed to amending the Constitution, he also said he does not think the bill should "be bottled up in subcommittee or committee." Brad Luna, a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, said: "This vote most likely stands at 4-4, and Sen. Specter in the past has been opposed to adding this constitutional amendment that would deny same-sex couples the same rights. It's our hope he'll take the same stand and stop this dead in its tracks."

New CDC Data Show Syphilis Increasing in Men

The syphilis rate in the United States increased for the fourth consecutive year in 2004, according to new data on nationally notifiable sexually transmitted diseases released Nov. 9 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The report, which provides data on three STDs—chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis—also finds that the gonorrhea rate reached an all-time low and that chlamydia rates increased, possibly because of expanded and improved screening.

The national rate of primary and secondary syphilis—the early stages of the disease that indicate recent infection—has increased every year since an all-time low in 2000. From 2003 to 2004, the rate increased 8 percent, from 2.5 to 2.7 cases per 100,000 population. The number of cases increased from 7,177 in 2003 to 7,980 in 2004.

The rise in the rate is largely because of increases among men. Overall, the rate among men increased 11.9 percent since 2003 (from 4.2 to 4.7 cases per 100,000) and 81 percent since 2000 (from 2.6 to 4.7 cases per 100,000). While surveillance data are not available by risk behavior, a separate CDC analysis sug-

gests that approximately 64 percent of all adult primary and secondary syphilis cases in 2004 were among men who have sex with men, up from an estimated 5 percent in 1999.

Significant progress in addressing the syphilis epidemic has been made as a result of CDC's National Plan to Eliminate Syphilis, launched in 1999. Between 1999 and 2004, black primary and secondary rates have decreased 37 percent (from 14.3 to 9 cases per 100,000), while rates among women overall have decreased 55 percent (from 2 to 0.9 cases per 100,000).

However, in 2004, for the first time in more than a decade, the rate increased in blacks, rising 16.9 percent since 2003 (from 7.7 to 9 cases per 100,000). Mirroring overall trends, this increase was primarily because of a 22.6 percent increase in the rate among black men (from 11.5 to 14.1 cases per 100,000). After years of steady decline, the rate among women held steady at 0.8 per 100,000 in 2004.

"Syphilis increases, especially among men who have sex with men, demonstrate the need to continually adapt our strategies to eliminate syphilis in the United States," said Ronald O. Valdiserri, acting director of the CDC's HIV, STD and TB prevention programs. "While there is no silver bullet to reduce syphilis rates, innovative screening and prevention programs around the country are having a positive impact in many areas and providing crucial lessons that will help us meet new challenges."



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PlanetOut now owns LPI Media, publisher of *The Advocate* and *Out*, further concentrating the sources for gay news.

PlanetOut to Acquire *Advocate*, *Out* Publisher

In a move that further concentrates the nation's media resources into the hands of a few, PlanetOut's Nov. 8 \$24 million cash purchase of LPI Media, publisher of *The Advocate* and *Out* magazines, will create the country's largest gay media company.

"Audience reach is everything," said Richard Fetyko of investment bank Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. "If you can double your advertising reach, you can triple your revenue. This is what this acquisition will accomplish."

Gay Candidates Elected Across U.S.

Openly gay candidates won victories in the Nov. 8 elections in states as diverse as Ohio, Georgia, Texas and New York. Nearly two-thirds of Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund-endorsed candidates were elected, including Rosie Mendez, who won an open seat on the New York City Council, and Joe Santiago, who becomes the first openly gay Cleveland city councilman.

Meth Abuse on the Rise in D.C.

Though crystal methamphetamine has been of high concern in New York, Los Angeles and the