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Hate Crimes Bill in Limbo

Capitol Hill sources say the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, dubbed the Matthew Shepard bill, could remain in legal limbo until September or longer.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she expects the House to bring the Employment Non-Discrimination Act to vote in September.

Gay rights leaders expected the Senate would vote to approve the Shepard bill earlier this month as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., pulled the defense bill from the floor July 18 after it became entangled in a debate concerning the Iraq war, raising questions about its use as a "vehicle" for the hate crimes bill.

The legislation would give the federal government authority to prosecute hate crimes based on a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, gender or disability. A spokesman said Reid supports the bill and is committed to arranging for a vote later this year. He said Reid would discuss a possible alternate vehicle for the bill if the defense bill remains stalled because of war amendments.

Capitol Hill observers have said President Bush would be much less likely to veto an important defense authorization bill solely because it contained a hate crimes bill as an amendment.

However, Bush vowed to veto the defense bill if it includes an amendment calling for troop withdrawals in Iraq. Thus if Reid and Senate Democrats succeed in breaking the Republican filibuster of their anti-war amendment, it would ensure a Bush veto of a defense bill expected to include a hate crimes amendment.

Democrats have acknowledged they don't have the two-thirds vote needed to override a veto.

FLORIDA

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Asked to Resign

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle issued an apology July 24—not for reportedly inflammatory statements he made about the city's gay population but to parents and children for not cracking down on gay sex in public bathrooms soon enough.

Naugle said he was sorry for being unaware that a park in Broward County was named as a top locale on a cruising Web site. He also apologized for not knowing that Broward was leading the nation in new cases of AIDS, according to health department statistics.

This "apology" was met with protests from hundreds of supporters and members of Unite Fort Lauderdale.

When pressed with questions about his comments about men having sexual encounters in public restrooms by a coalition called Flush Naugle, the mayor left the podium. This was followed by a protest calling for him to step down.

Naugle has said he will complete the two years left in his final term as mayor. Unite Fort Lauderdale, however, is urging the City Commission to launch censure proceedings against the mayor to have him removed.

NEW MEXICO

Massachusetts Welcomes New Mexicans to Marry

Massachusetts officials ruled last month that same-sex couples from New Mexico are eligible to marry in their state, after a decision that New Mexico does not explicitly ban same-sex marriage.

The ruling was issued after the state's gay rights group asked the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which oversees the state's Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, to clarify whether the state would authorize the marriage of gay couples from New Mexico.

Rhode Island, which also does not explicitly ban same-sex marriage, was the only other state whose gay residents can marry legally in Massachusetts.

However, neither Rhode Island nor New Mexico will recognize the marriages.

The court ruled that gay couples from other states could not marry in Massachusetts if their state explicitly banned same-sex marriage.

According to a spokesman for New Mexico's attorney general, no person or agency in New Mexico has challenged the legality of a same-sex marriage performed in Massachusetts.

Two bills that would have banned same-sex



New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson will seek to have same-sex marriages from Massachusetts recognized in 2008.