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Welfare Reauthorization (H.R. 4, Passed House 2/13/03 by a vote of 230-192)

- Provides \$100 million (FY03-FY08) in funding for states for grants to promote health marriages.
- Provides \$102 million (FY03-FY08) in funding for technical assistance for marriage promotion programs.
- Provides \$20 million in funding for programs that promote responsible fatherhood.
- Extends until FY2008 the \$50 million per year in funding for abstinence-until-marriage education.

Status: Passed in the House

Human Cloning Prohibition Act (H.R. 534, Passed House 2/27/03 by a vote of 241-155)

- Bans the creation of and trafficking in cloned human embryos.
- Bans the importation of "any product derived from" cloned human embryos.

Status: Passed by the House

The Protect Act (aka. Amber Alert Bill) (S. 151, Passed House 4/10/03 by a vote of 400-25)

- Establishes a national AMBER Alert communications network to facilitate the recovery of abducted children.
- Requires a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment for twice-convicted child sex offenders.
- Mandates a minimum 20-year prison sentence for the kidnapping of a person under the age of 18 by a non-family member.
- Increases penalties and provides prosecutors with tools to prosecute those who lure users to porn websites using misleading domain names.
- Creates national Internet site containing information regarding registered sex offenders.

Status: Signed into law 4/30/03

The Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003 (H.R. 1350, Passed House 4/30/03 by a vote of 251-171)

- Reduces paperwork for special education teachers by allowing school districts to offer parents the option of choosing a 3-year "Individualized Education Plan" (IEP) for their children with special needs, rather than having a new IEP crafted every year, as is required under current law. Gives local school districts new flexibility and resources to improve early intervention and reduce misidentification of children for special education.

Status: Passed by the House 4/30/03

The United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (H.R. 1298, Passed House 5/1/03 by a vote of 374-41)

- Mandates that at least 33% of prevention money under this bill be used on abstinence-until-marriage programs.
- Ensures that faith-based organizations are not required to use prevention methods that violate their moral or religious beliefs.
- Prohibits funding for groups that support the legalization of prostitution or sex trafficking.
- Increased accountability for the Global AIDS fund

Status: Passed House 5/1/03; Passed Senate on 5/16/03 by voice vote.

The Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003 (H.R. 1261, Passed House on 5/8/03 by a vote of 220-204)

- Allows faith-based providers to engage fully as service providers in the One-Stop Career Centers without relinquishing their religious identities by restoring the benefit of the same long-standing

exemptions these organizations already enjoy under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, including the ability to hire on a religious basis.

Status: *Passed the House 5/8/03*

The Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003 (H.R. 2, Passed the House on 5/9/03 by a vote of 222-203)

- Accelerates the expansion of the 15 percent bracket and the increase in the standard deduction for married persons filing joint returns for 2003 - 2005.

Status *Currently in Conference.*