

CHOICE UPDATES

9/7

Abiso

Abortion issues

① Born - alive - floor on Sept 28 - Christian Coalition
(- we going to focus on PBA lobby day
~~report~~ report has been filed)

② global gag rule - omnibus

③ Stem cell - do something on telso - H
or take legal action

in Massachusetts - not about abortion

difficult b/c states taking over pregnant fetus w/ rights
unique circumstance -

④ funding for Title X, abstinence only
Helps contraceptive equity - sweet backie?

RU-486 - 9/28 or 9/29

indications from sources are positive

FDA understands that the restrictions aren't medically necessary
but will that hold up

Stem
cell

Specter holding hearings -

WHT promised him a vote on his bill to codify
the admin. position

Massachusetts

Unique case that deserves to be in legal system

Serious questions about her previous behavior

- previous outstanding criminal questions

Choice

That need to be answered re:

being kids

nothing to do abortion

has to do w/ her criminal behavior

but left to the courts

unique + disturbing situation

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Gay Rule

Clare

fight will be on labor-H

→ Labor-H will go & vote anyway
4 billion below Pres. on education

May 10 - subc markup - can tie a win b/c Porter

May 24 - full markup

Porter has increases in Title X + nondestructive counseling
nothing bad will happen in subc. - he protects Title X.

Full comt - could have a big fight

may win b/c have Porter

have won on parental consent

have never lost on Title X.

Do The Right Thing

PBA - 4.C. in Senate so don't have to conference
they will then send to Pres. after S.C. rules

children's Health bill - probably won't have had S.H.H.
b/c the bill is so popular - has lots of good stuff -
flu acid campaign, safe motherhood
bipartisan, pro choice + anti suppress

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Alison - Update

Patricia Birt - reported out of control?

909.mh) Judiciary Gate - postponed mark-up
~~(still finishing up)~~ b/c of asbestos

Asbestos probably up for another week.

Army has promised a floor into before Easter recess

Fetal Tissue - ^{when long} Tom Coburn will be introducing
"Fetal Tissue Reporting act" -
make confidential info public to govt.
Harris (give life Dynamics answer)

Bleby - don't see it moving
unless he decides to attack it

Child Custody - may come up at any time
Religious Liberty Protection Act

- national conscience ~~exception~~ ^{clause}
for sex education

Scote Judiciary Gate - - Urban Victims - may do Nat
soon

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Abortion issues:

legis. Partial Birth - Judiciary Ante postponed markup ^(looked)
Arroyo promised a floor vote before Easter Recess

legis. - brief - whether to file

3 prongs: vague-overbroad
health exception

2nd trimester - undue burden
but does this conflict w/ President's
Veto message - which focuses on health exception

Gag Rule - see memo on Rule

~~Child Custody~~

Fetal Tissue - hearing - maybe Coleman'll have a bill

Child Custody - may come up at any time in Senate
House has done; Senate may do soon - may take House
bill a floor directly

Unborn Victims - Senate Judiciary may do soon
House approved

Religious Liberty Protection Act - national conscience clause for sex ed.

Title VII / Contraceptive Coverage -

P's group seek EEOC policy guidance - (not legally binding)

Violation of PDA if employer covers prescription drugs
but not contraception

positive feedback from EEOC

good data - remind employees that it's part of law
- good legal argument.

- looking for TT. - EEOC
policy guidance
directly

if there's guidance - may get legislative response

There's no religious exemption in Title VII - ^{maybe be} ^{that's for} ^{choice}
[PDA specifically exempts coverage of abortion]

good note on FEHBP - but it has ^{religious} ~~conscience~~ exemption

+ they broadened it - religious plans
predic. providers

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Ann Lewis

Contraceptive coverage - great idea

ROOC hearings - get 7 to testify - ^{overruled} ^{Viagra covered,} ^{Re p. 11 no.}
when Congress not in session
- if other targets to pressure this side - that's fine -
- Drug companies won't like

Shawn - keep it low profile

so other side doesn't get a say -

b/c it's a guidance - don't need
notice + comment

Jag rule - why do people think if we do it simply we
won't get a response?

we should do what we want

~~she thinks they may have better issues~~

Partial Birth - we should write a brief - people are
unnecessarily ^{in knots} ~~discussed~~ about it

health was a good message

but now we can add 2nd question

she asked about Child Custody -

very interested in amendments - likes grandmothers
given amendments

Contraceptive coverage - explained how we might get a reaction
+ might face a conscience clause fight -
she said we'd have to accept that if narrow to contraceptive
good fight if broader?