

Pence: ‘Deny Any and All Funding to Planned Parenthood’

✘ U.S. Congressman Mike Pence deliver a speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday evening in support of his amendment that eliminates federal funding for Planned Parenthood. The following is the text of his speech.

“I believe that ending an innocent human life is morally wrong.

“I also believe it is morally wrong to take the taxpayer dollars of millions of pro-life Americans and use them to fund organizations that provide and promote abortion-like Planned Parenthood of America.

“The headlines and years of investigations speak for themselves.

Uprising in the Middle East Spreads to Libya

Libya’s anti-government movement is stirring now.

Protesters dubbed Thursday as a “day of rage” and called for nationwide protests. They wanted it to coincide with the anniversary of two bloody episodes that marked the regime’s 40+ years in power. At the same time, supporters of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi gathered in the capital.

The tensions spilled over into unrest in at least four different cities. Having seen the wave of uprisings that ousted leaders in both Egypt and Tunisia, the government wasted no time in responding, offering raises for government employees and the release of 110 political prisoners.

Evangelist Issues MSNBC Host \$100,000 Challenge

Evangelist Bill Keller has issued a \$100,000 challenge to MSNBC host Chris Matthews to produce the official Hawaiian long-form birth certificate of President Barack Obama.

“Matthews parades around like he is a journalist, when in fact, all he does each night is act as a press agent for the president and his administration,” says Keller, president of Bill Keller Ministries, which owns LivePrayer.com, a place people can go 24/7 for prayer.

“If he was a real journalist, go use the cast resources of Comcast/NBC/General Electric and produce a copy of the official Hawaiian long form birth certificate of President Barak Obama. A woman born the day before the president in Hawaii has produced hers, so the document has to exist if he was really born in Hawaii as he claims. If he can do that, I will be happy to give him \$100,000.”

Earlier this year, Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie stated that he was going to produce the official long form birth certificate to put an end to the controversy. After several weeks, Abercrombie now says he can't find the document and it may not exist.

Keller contends that if Abercrombie, a staunch supporter of the president and the man who runs Hawaii, can't pick up the phone and call his records department and get a copy of the president's birth certificate, it only adds fuel to the fire if the document ever existed in the first place.

"I am not interested in the Certificate of Live Birth the President has produced, since anyone can get that with a phone call. Also, the newspaper birth announcements came from the ordering of the Certificate of Live Birth," Keller says. "All I, or anyone interested has ever asked, is for the president to produce the same document anyone can produce if they are born in the United States in a day if they needed to. That is an official long form birth certificate showing the name of the hospital he was born in, the attending physician, and all other pertinent information a real birth certificate contains."

Matthews could not immediately be reached for comment. Charisma News will offer a follow up story if Matthews responds.

Is Congressional Exploration of U.S. Muslim Extremism a Good Idea?

A majority of Americans believe that planned congressional hearings next month into the alleged extremism in the American Muslim community is a good thing, but more than 70 percent believe Congress should not single out Muslims.

Those are among the findings of the PRRI/RNS Religion News

Survey, conducted by Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) in partnership with Religion News Service.

“These findings reveal an American public that is wrestling with both fears and fairness in the post-9/11 context,” says Dr. Robert P. Jones, CEO of PRRI. “Americans believe it is appropriate for Congress to investigate religious extremism, but they do not want to single out the American Muslim community.”

Former Planned Parenthood Director Turns Tables On Sex Traffickers

✘ Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director who spent eight years with the organization, has joined Live Action, a youth-led movement dedicated to building a culture of life and ending abortion. Johnson will serve as Chief Research Strategist.

Author of the new book “Unplanned,” Johnson worked and volunteered for Planned Parenthood until October of 2009 when she witnessed a 13-week old baby in an ultrasound-guided abortion lose the fight for its life in the womb. She is now a pro-life advocate. Since her conversion of heart, Johnson has also confirmed that the alarming incidents revealed by Live Action’s undercover investigations are not isolated incidents.

UC-Davis Students Object to Religious Discrimination Policy

Twenty-five students at the University of California at Davis (UC-Davis) are objecting to a policy that defines religious discrimination as Christians oppressing non-Christians.

The UC-Davis policy defines “Religious/Spiritual Discrimination” as “the loss of power and privilege to those who do not practice the dominant culture’s religion. In the United States, this is institutionalized oppressions toward those who are not Christian.”

“Christians deserve the same protections against religious discrimination as any other students on a public university campus,” says Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) Senior Counsel David French. “It’s ridiculously absurd to single out Christians as oppressors and non-Christians as the only oppressed people on campus when the facts show that public universities are more hostile to Christians than anyone else.”

Magic SVP Diagnosed With Multiple Myeloma

❌ Pat Williams, senior vice president of the Orlando Magic, has been diagnosed with a blood and bone marrow cancer called multiple myeloma. The 70-year-old Orlando Magic legend, who has written more than 70 books, run dozens of marathons and raised 19 children, is undergoing chemotherapy.

“We have launched the treatment as fast and directly as possible,” Williams told Orlando Magic reporter John Denton. “The mission is remission. That’s the goal. Dr. Reynolds indicated to me that by June he’d have a pretty good picture of where we stand. He thinks the percentages are good, we can get (remission) accomplished and I’m living with that hope right now.”

Is Facebook Subtly Devaluing Family Values?

☒ You probably heard about the [church pastor](#) that mandated his church leaders stop using Facebook. Well, that was even before new default settings for family that demote children, spouses and parents to the bottom of the page while elevating friends to the top.

Some parents find the latest Facebook change disconcerting, including Marnie Swedberg, author of “SANE: Social Networking Success in 15 Minutes a Day.”

“Facebook has had a wonderful family first policy until now, a policy that has helped families stay foremost in each others’ minds when on the website by posting family members in the most prominent position,” Swedberg says. “This policy has been reversed.”

House Members Confront HHS on Conscience Protections

✘ A letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius signed by 46 members of the U.S. House of Representatives Friday asks her to explain why her department is seeking to repeal conscience protections for health care workers in light of known attacks on such workers. The two situations cited in the letter involve clients represented by attorneys with the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF).

“Medical professionals should not be punished for holding to their beliefs, and they should not be forced to perform abortions against their conscience,” says ADF Legal Counsel Matt Bowman. “Members of the House are justified in asking why the Obama administration would be seeking to repeal such protections, especially in light of the recent examples of abuse involving ADF clients.”

Christian University Offers Scholarships During Third Day Tour

✘ Third Day has teamed up with Arizona’s Grand Canyon University (GCU) to offer fans a chance to win \$1 million worth of scholarships.

At each stop on Third Day’s upcoming Make Your Move tour, one qualified fan will be selected to receive a \$10,000 scholarship to GCU, a non-denominational, Christian university

with both online programming and a physical campus in Phoenix.

GCU's overall partnership with the Third Day tour includes up to \$1 million in scholarships specifically allocated to Third Day fans during the duration of the band's spring and fall tours.