

Republicans Warn of Religious Freedom Breach as Same-Sex Marriage Bill Advances

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Congress is one step closer to giving federal protections to same-sex marriage. In a key vote last night, the bill gained the support of enough senators to clear a filibuster. A final vote in the Senate is expected today.

The bill was amended by a bipartisan group of senators putting in more religious liberty protections, but some Republicans in the chamber say the amendment still doesn't do enough to guarantee religious freedom.

The changes were put in place by two Democrats—Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona—and three Republicans—North Carolina's Thom Tillis, Maine's Susan Collins and Ohio's Rob Portman.

The five released a statement on the amendment's effect:

"Through bipartisan collaboration, we've crafted commonsense language to confirm that this legislation fully respects and protects Americans' religious liberties and diverse beliefs, while leaving intact the core mission of the legislation to protect marriage equality."

The revisions include a guarantee that religious non-profits won't be forced to facilitate same-sex marriages. It also promises not to alter the tax-exempt status of organizations following their religious beliefs.

Supporters said the bill was needed in the wake of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade after Justice Clarence Thomas floated the idea of revisiting multiple cases,

including the Court's previous legalization of same-sex marriage.

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