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I. PRO-LIFE

Abortion Funding: Organizations that Perform Abortions or Engage in Abortion Advocacy Population Control (Mexico City Policy)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2764 Lowey (D-NY) The Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House of Representatives, section 622 of the measure would overturn current law's "Mexico City Policy," which currently bars the provision of population control funds to foreign organizations that promote or perform abortions as a method of family planning.</p> <p>The version of the legislation reported by the Senate Committee on Appropriations also would overturn the "Mexico City Policy."</p>	<p>House: 6/18/07: House Appropriations Committee reported H.R. 2764 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-197).</p> <p>6/21/07: House rejected an amendment offered by Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ), (H.AMDT.368) that would have stricken the last provision in section 622 of the bill regarding the Mexico City policy on family planning assistance, by a vote of 205 - 218 (Roll no. 534).</p> <p>6/22/07: House passed H.R. 2764 by a vote of 241 - 178 (Roll no. 542).</p> <p>Senate: 6/28/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 2764 with an amendment (S. Rep. 110-128).</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, the USCCB opposes the language that would overturn the Mexico City Policy and supports the President's pledge to veto a bill that overturns pro-life riders.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

Abortion Funding: Population Control – United Nations Population Fund (Kemp-Kasten)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2764 Lowey (D-NY) The Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As reported in the Senate, Title III of the bill would overturn the prohibition the provision of U.S. population control funds to any organization or program which the President determines supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization (Kemp-Kasten amendment). This prohibition has effectively barred the provision of population control funds to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) because of its operations in China.</p>	<p>House: 6/18/07: House Appropriations Committee reported H.R. 2764 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-197).</p> <p>6/22/07: House passed H.R. 2764 by a vote of 241 - 178 (Roll no. 542).</p> <p>Senate: 6/28/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 2764 with an amendment (S. Rept. 110-128).</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB opposes the language that overturns "Kemp-Kasten."</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

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The House-passed version maintains the Kemp-Kasten language.			

Abortion Funding: Use of Public Funds for Abortion (Hyde Amendment)

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<p>H.R. 3043 Obey (D-WI) Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 3043 provides that none of the funds or funds in any trust fund appropriated in the Act, may be expended for an abortion (or a trust fund including abortion) unless the woman's life is in danger or the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest.</p>	<p>House: 7/13/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 3043 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-231).</p> <p>7/19/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3043 by a vote of 276 - 140 (Roll no. 686).</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports the continuation of the prohibition of all public funds for abortion and supports the President's pledge to veto a bill that overturns pro-life riders.	Monitoring

Abstinence Education

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 1701 Baucus (MT-R) Title V Abstinence Education</p> <p>As enacted into law, Title V extends level funding of \$50 million annually for abstinence-until-marriage grants for a three month period.</p>	<p>Senate: 6/27/07: S. 1701 introduced in the Senate, and passed without amendment by unanimous consent.</p> <p>House: 7/11/07: House passed S. 1701 by a vote of 291 - 126 (2/3 required, Roll no. 610).</p> <p>President: 7/18/07: President signed S. 256 . Public Law No: 110-48.</p>	USCCB had no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supported funding for Title V abstinence education.	Lobbying Letter
<p>H.R. 3043 Obey (D-WI)/S. 1710 Harkin (D-IA) Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 3043 would increase funding for the Community-Based Abstinence Education Program (CBAE) by \$28 million for a total of \$141 million.</p>	<p>House: 7/13/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 3043 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-231).</p> <p>7/19/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3043 (with Amendments) by a</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports the increased funding for CBAE in the House bill and opposes the reduction in CBAE funding in the Senate bill.	Lobbying Letter

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As reported by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, S. 1710 would reduce funding for the CBAE program by \$28.5 million to a level of \$84.5 million. The Senate Appropriations Committee-reported measure also would the “A-H” language that defines authentic abstinence education. [What does this mean?]	<p>vote of 276 - 140 (Roll no. 686).</p> <p>Senate: 6/27/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported S. 1710 to the full Senate as an original measure (S. Rept. 110-107.)</p>		

Cloning

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2560 DeGette (D-CO) Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 2560 would permit the cloning of a human embryo but prohibit its implantation (“clone and kill”).</p>	<p>House: 6/5/07: H.R. 2560 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p> <p>6/6/07: House of Representatives rejected a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2560 by a vote of 204 – 213 (2/3 required, Roll no. 439).</p>	USCCB opposes this legislation.	Lobbying Letters

Conscience Clause for Health Care Organizations: Abortion

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 3043 Obey (D-WI) Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 3043 would maintain the “Hyde/Weldon Conscience Protection” language that protects any “health care entity” against discrimination based on their objections to abortions.</p>	<p>(See “Legislative History” above for “Abortion Funding: Use of Public Funds for Abortion (Hyde Amendment)”)</p> <p>7/19/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3043 (with Amendments) by a vote of 276 - 140 (Roll no. 686).</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports the continuation of the “Hyde/Weldon” language.	Monitoring

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Contraception

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 1074 Ryan (D-OH) Reducing the Need for Abortion and Supporting Parents Act</p> <p>As introduced in the House, H.R 1074 would promote "teen pregnancy prevention" (including contraceptive education) and support programs for pregnant women, some of which could expand abortion coverage.</p>	<p>House: 2/15/07: H.R. 1074 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and, in addition, to the Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on Ways and Means.</p>	USCCB opposes various provisions and has urged changes.	Lobbying
<p>S. 21 Reid (D-NV)/ H.R. 819 Slaughter (D-NY) Prevention First Act</p> <p>As introduced, this legislation would increase funding for Title X (family planning) clinics, expand Medicaid coverage of family planning services, and require health care providers to offer emergency contraception and other forms of contraception.</p>	<p>Senate: 1/4/07: S. 21 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p> <p>House: 2/5/07: H.R. 819 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and, in addition, to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Education and Labor.</p>	USCCB opposes this legislation.	Monitoring

Genetic Testing

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 493 Slaughter (D-NY)/S. 358 Snowe (R-ME) Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act</p> <p>As passed in the House, H.R. 493 would amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Public Health Service Act to expand the prohibition against discrimination by group health plans and health insurance issuers on the basis of genetic information. The House-passed measure also would prohibit discrimination against the pre-born and pre-adopted.</p> <p>As introduced, both measures defined "family member" to include a child who has already been born or placed for adoption with the individual, which would effectively discriminate against the pre-born and pre-adopted.</p>	<p>House: 1/16/07: H.R. 493 introduced and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and, in addition, the Committees on Energy and Commerce Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>3/5/07: House Committee on Education and Labor reported H.R. 493 to the full House (H. Rept. 110-28, Part I).</p> <p>3/26/07: House Committee on Ways and Means Reported H.R. 493 to the full House (H. Rept. 110-28, Part II, Part).</p> <p>3/29/07: House Committee on Energy and</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, The USCCB supports an amendment that includes the genetic information of an unborn child and pre-adopted children within the statute.	Lobbying Letter

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	<p>Commerce reported H.R. 493 to the full House (H. Rept. 110-28, Part III).</p> <p>4/25/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 493 by a vote of 420 - 3 (Roll no. 261). [Not blue. Why?]</p> <p>Senate:</p> <p>1/22/07: S. 358 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p> <p>4/10/07: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions reported S. 358 to the full Senate (S. Rept. 110-48).</p>		

Health Insurance: State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 3162 Dingell (D-MI)/ H.R. 976 Rangel (D-NY) Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007</p> <p>As passed by the House and passed separately by the Senate, this legislation would expand coverage under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Both bills would classify the recipient of SCHIP funds to be the pregnant mother, rather than the child. This would result in state funding for abortion under the Medicaid program.</p>	<p>House:</p> <p>2/9/07: H.R. 976 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>2/16/07: House passed H.R. 976 by a vote of 360 - 45 (Roll no. 102).</p> <p>7/24/07: H.R. 3162 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>8/1/07: Committee on Ways and Means reported H.R. 3162 to the full House (H. Rept. 110-284, Part I).</p> <p>8/1/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3162 by a vote of 225 - 204 (Roll no. 787).</p> <p>Senate:</p> <p>7/26/07: Senate took up H.R. 976, struck all after the enacting clause, and substituted the language of H.R. 976 with their own version of the SCHIP reauthorization measure.</p> <p>8/02/07: Senate rejected S. AMDT. 2535, an</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports an amendment to preserve a 2002 rule which safeguards public funds from being used for abortion services under state Medicaid programs.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

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	<p>amendment offered by Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), by a vote of 49-50 (Record Vote Number 302). The Allard amendment would have clarified the term "unborn child" and permitted states to extend eligibility for assistance under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).</p> <p>8/2/07: Senate passed H. R. 976 by a vote of 68 – 31 (Record Vote Number 307).</p>		

Stem Cell Research

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 5 Reid (D-NV)/H.R. 3 DeGette (D-CO) Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007</p> <p>As cleared for the President's consideration, S. 5 would have authorized federal funding for stem cell research which requires the destruction of human embryos.</p>	<p>Senate: 1/4/07: S. 5 introduced in the Senate and placed on the Senate calendar.</p> <p>4/11/07: Senate passed S. 5 by a vote of 63 - 34 (Record Vote Number 127).</p> <p>House: 6/7/07: House of Representatives passed S. 5 by a vote of 247 - 176 (Roll no. 443).</p> <p>President: 6/20/07: President vetoed S. 5.</p>	USCCB opposed this legislation.	Lobbied Letters
<p>S. 30 Coleman (R-MN) Hope Offered though Principled and Ethical Research (HOPE) Act</p> <p>As passed by the Senate, S. 30 would prioritize the federal funding of stem cell research to ethical forms of science that do not destroy nascent human life, including the establishment of guidelines for research on embryos who have died from natural causes ("naturally dead").</p>	<p>Senate: 3/29/07: S. 30 introduced in the Senate and held at desk.</p> <p>4/11/07: Senate passed S. 30 by a vote of 70 - 28 (Record Vote Number 128).</p> <p>House: 4/16/07: S. 30 referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	USCCB generally supports this legislation with some reservations about the interpretation of its scope.	Lobbying Letter
<p>H.R. 2807 Forbes (R-VA) Patients First Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 2807 would prioritize funding for clinically</p>	<p>House: 6/21/07: H.R. 2807 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation.	Monitoring

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beneficial stem cell research that does not harm or destroy human embryos.			
<p>H.R. 322 Bartlett (R-MD)</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 322 would prioritize funding for “pluripotent” stem cells without harming or destroying human embryos.</p>	<p>House: 1/9/07: H.R. 322 introduced and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation.	Monitoring
<p>H.R. 3043 Obey (D-WI)</p> <p>Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed the House, H.R. 3043 would fund PL 109-129, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act, which authorized \$15 million a year for cord blood collection, storage and a national registry.</p>	<p>(See “Legislative History” above for “Abortion Funding: Use of Public Funds for Abortion (Hyde Amendment)”)</p> <p>7/19/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3043 (with Amendments) by a vote of 276 - 140 (Roll no. 686).</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports the full funding of the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act.	Lobbying Letter
<p>S. 1710</p> <p>Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As reported by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, section 520 of S. 1710 would overturn President Bush’s stem cell policy by authorizing the use of stem cell lines created by destroying embryos between August 2001 and June 2007.</p>	<p>Senate: 6/27/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported S. 1710 to the full Senate as an original measure (S. Rept. 110-107).</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB opposes the extension of the President’s original deadline of August, 2001.	Lobbying

II. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

Children: Treatment of Unaccompanied Children

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 844 Feinstein (D-CA) The Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced in the Senate, S. 844 would establish U.S. policy in favor of family reunification and foster care rather than detention for unaccompanied alien children; establish minimum standards for the detention of children when such detention is necessary; provide for the appointment of counsel to represent such children in immigration proceedings; provide for the establishment of a Child Advocate program for unaccompanied alien children to look after their interests; prescribe minimum standards of custody for such children; require the release of such children to close relatives or shelter care providers wherever possible; establish an interagency task force to coordinate policy on unaccompanied alien children; make reforms in the process by which unaccompanied alien children access the special immigrant "J" visa; and require reports on unaccompanied refugee minors.</p>	<p>Senate: 3/12/07: S. 844 was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p> <p>5/23/07: Senate adopted SA 1146, Feinstein amendment incorporating the text of S. 844, into SA 1150, a substitute comprehensive immigration reform amendment that was offered to S. 1348, a bill to provide for comprehensive reform of the nation's immigration laws). SA 1146 was adopted by a voice vote.</p> <p>6/7/07: Senate failed to invoke cloture on S. 1348 by a vote of 45-50 (Record Vote Number 206), thus killing S. 1348.</p> <p>6/18/07: The text of S. 844 was incorporated into S 1639, a bill to provide for comprehensive reforms of the nation's immigration laws.</p> <p>6/28/07: Senate failed to invoke cloture on S. 1639 by a vote of 46-53 (Record Vote Number 235), thus killing S. 1639.</p>	<p>USCCB supports and helped initiate this legislation.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter Flyer</p>

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

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<p>S. 1348 Reid (D-NV) Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced in the Senate, S. 1348 would make comprehensive reforms to the nation's immigration laws by implementing new and stronger border security and interior immigration enforcement provisions of law, reducing due process for aliens in removal proceedings, providing for an earned legalization for certain undocumented aliens, establishing a new</p>	<p>Senate: 5/9/07: S. 1348 introduced in the Senate and placed on the Senate calendar.</p> <p>5/21/07: Senator Reid (D-NV), on behalf of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), offered a substitute amendment (SA 1150) to S. 1348</p> <p>6/7/07: Senate failed to invoke cloture on S.</p>	<p>USCCB had no position on the legislation but worked to oppose amendments that would make the bill worse and to support amendments that would make the bill better.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter Flyers</p>

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<p>employment verification system, establishing a new temporary worker program for low-skilled workers, providing for a reduction in the backlog in family- and employment-based immigration, eliminating the family-based preference system, and instituting a new employment and educational attainment-based point system regulating immigration to the United States.</p> <p>The measure also included provisions that would reform the H-2A nonimmigrant agricultural guest worker program (AgJOBS legislation) and legalizing undocumented children (the DREAM Act).</p>	<p>1348 by a vote of 45-50 (Record Vote Number 206), thus killing S. 1348.</p>		
<p>S. 1639 Kennedy (D-MA) Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill</p> <p>As introduced in the Senate, S. 1639 would make comprehensive reforms to the nation's immigration laws by implementing new and stronger border security and interior immigration enforcement provisions of law, reducing due process for aliens in removal proceedings, providing for an earned legalization for certain undocumented aliens, establishing a new employment verification system, establishing a new temporary worker program for low-skilled workers, providing for a reduction in the backlog in family- and employment-based immigration, eliminating the family-based preference system, and instituting a new employment and educational attainment-based point system regulating immigration to the United States.</p> <p>The measure also included provisions that would reform the H-2A nonimmigrant agricultural guest worker program (AgJOBS legislation) and legalizing undocumented children (the DREAM Act).</p>	<p>Senate: 6/18/07: S. 1639 introduced in the Senate and placed on the Senate calendar. 6/28/07: Senate failed to invoke cloture on S. 1639 by a vote of 46-53(Record Vote Number 235), thus killing S. 1639.</p>	<p>USCCB had no position on the legislation but worked to oppose amendments that would make the bill worse and to support amendments that would make the bill better.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter Flyers</p>
<p>H.R. 1645 Gutierrez (D-IL) Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced in the House, H.R. 1645 would make comprehensive reforms to the nation's immigration laws by implementing new and stronger border security and interior immigration enforcement provisions of law, providing for an earned legalization for certain undocumented aliens, establishing a new employment verification system, establishing a new temporary worker program for low-skilled workers, providing for a reduction in the backlog in family- and employment-based immigration, and revising the family-based preference immigration system to admit greater numbers of family-based immigrants.</p>	<p>House: 3/22/07: H.R. 1645 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	<p>USCCB supports this legislation</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter</p>

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The measure also includes provisions that would reform the H-2A nonimmigrant agricultural guest worker program (AgJOBS legislation) and legalizing undocumented children (the DREAM Act).			

Legalization: Legalization of Undocumented Agricultural Guest Workers

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 340 Feinstein (D-CA) / H.R. 371 Berman The Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced in the House and Senate, this legislation would legalize the status of undocumented farm workers who work in seasonal agriculture, provide for an expanded H-2A agricultural guest worker program, and relax wage and recruitment standards that agricultural employers must undertake in order to hire temporary workers under the H-2A nonimmigrant agricultural guest worker program. In order to legalize their status, undocumented aliens working in the seasonal agriculture industry would have to have worked at least 100 days per year for 5 years or 150 days per year for 3 years.</p>	<p>Senate:</p> <p>1/18/07: S. 340 was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p> <p>5/23/07: The text of S. 340 was incorporated into S. 1348, a bill to provide for comprehensive reform of the nation's immigration laws.</p> <p>6/7/07: Senate failed to invoke cloture on S. 1348 by a vote of 45-50 (Record Vote Number 206), thus killing S. 1348.</p> <p>6/18/07: The text of S. 340 was incorporated into S 1639, a bill to provide for comprehensive reforms of the nation's immigration laws.</p> <p>6/28/07: Senate failed to invoke cloture on S. 1639 by a vote of 46-53 (Record Vote Number 235), thus killing S. 1639.</p> <p>House:</p> <p>1/10/07: H.R. 371 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	USCCB supports and helped initiate this legislation.	Lobbying Letter

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Legalization: Legalization of Undocumented High School Students (DREAM Act)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 774 Durbin / H.R. 1275 Berman Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act</p> <p>As introduced in the House and Senate, this legislation would allow undocumented students who have graduated from high school or a GED program to apply for a six-year conditional visa for temporary residency while attending a higher education institution. The provisions would also allow the student to transfer the temporary visa to permanent residency provided they earn a degree, complete at least two years in a degree program, or serve in the Armed Forces during the six year period. The bill also would repeal the law that effectively prevents states from providing in-state tuition to undocumented alien children.</p>	<p>Senate: 3/6/07: S. 774 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p> <p>5/23/07: The text of S. 774 was incorporated into S. 1348, a bill to provide for comprehensive reform of the nation's immigration laws.</p> <p>6/7/07: Senate failed to invoke cloture on S. 1348 by a vote of 45-50 (Record Vote Number 206), thus killing S. 1348.</p> <p>6/18/07: The text of S. 774 was incorporated into S 1639, a bill to provide for comprehensive reforms of the nation's immigration laws.</p> <p>6/28/07: Senate failed to invoke cloture on S. 1639 by a vote of 46-53 (Record Vote Number 235), thus killing S. 1639.</p> <p>House: 3/1/07: H.R. 1275 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor.</p>	<p>USCCB supports and helped initiate this legislation.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter</p>

Refugees: Appropriations for Refugee Admissions and Overseas Refugee Assistance for Fiscal Year 2007

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2206 Obey (D-WI) Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007</p> <p>As enacted into law, H.R. 2206 appropriated \$71.5 MILLION in supplemental funds for the Department of State's Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) account for fiscal year 2007, earmarked to provide \$5</p>	<p>House: 5/8/07: H.R. 2206 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and to the Committee on the Budget.</p> <p>5/10/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 2206 by a vote of 221 - 205</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB did support the appropriation of supplemental funds for refugees.</p>	<p>Lobbied Letter</p>

II. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
MILLION to rescue Iraqi scholars. Additionally, the measure appropriated \$30 MILLION for the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA) account.	<p>(Roll no. 333).</p> <p>Senate: 5/17/07: Senate passed H.R. 2206 (with an amendment) by voice vote.</p> <p>Conference: 5/24/07: House passed Senate version of H.R. 2206 with a further amendment by a vote of 280-142 (Roll no. 425).</p> <p>5/24/07: Senate passed House amendments to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2206 by a vote of 80-14 (Record Vote Number 181).</p> <p>President: 5/25/07: President signed H.R. 2206. Public Law No: 110-28.</p>		

Refugees: Appropriations for Refugee Admissions and Overseas Refugee Assistance for Fiscal Year 2008

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2764 Lowey (D-NY)/Leahy (D-VT) The Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 2764 would appropriate \$829.9 MILLION for the Department of State's Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) account. This amount is \$3.133 MILLION below the fiscal year 2007 MRA appropriation and \$56.4 MILLION above the President's fiscal year 2008 request for MRA. Additionally, H.R. 2764 would appropriate \$40 MILLION for the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA) account.</p> <p>As reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee, H.R. 2764 would appropriate \$889 MILLION for MRA and \$45 MILLION for ERMA.</p>	<p>House: 6/18/07: House Appropriations Committee reported H.R. 2764 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-197).</p> <p>6/22/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 2764 by a vote of 241 - 178 (Roll no. 542).</p> <p>Senate: 6/28/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 2764 with an amendment (S. Rept. 110-128).</p>	USCCB has no position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports an appropriation of \$1.138 MILLION for the MRA account and \$90 MILLION for the ERMA account.	Lobbying Letter

II. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES (continued)

Refugees: Appropriations for Refugee Resettlement for Fiscal Year 2008

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 3043 Obey (D-WI) / S. 1710 Kennedy (D-MA) Labor, Health, Human Services and Education Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 3043 would appropriate \$650.63 for the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). This amount is \$62.783 MILLION above the fiscal year 2007 ORR appropriation and \$5 MILLION below the President's fiscal year 2008 request for ORR.</p> <p>H.R. 3043 includes \$9.814 MILLION for assisting victims of trafficking; \$129.635 MILLION to operate ORR's unaccompanied alien children programs; and \$9.817 MILLION to assist victims of torture. In addition, the measure includes authority to carry over unexpended funds from fiscal year 2008 to reimburse the costs of services provided through September 30, 2010 for all programs within ORR's jurisdiction.</p> <p>As reported by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, S. 1710 would appropriate \$654.166 MILLION for ORR. This amount is \$66.319 above the fiscal year 2007 appropriation and \$1.464 MILLION below the President's fiscal year 2008 request for ORR.</p> <p>S. 1710 includes \$9.823 MILLION for assisting victims of trafficking; \$133.162 MILLION to operate ORR's unaccompanied alien children programs; and \$9.817 MILLION to assist victims of torture.</p>	<p>House: 7/11/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 3043 as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-231).</p> <p>7/19/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3043 by a vote of 276-140 (Roll No. 686).</p> <p>Senate: 6/27/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported S. 1710 as an original measure (S. Rept. 110-107).</p>	<p>USCCB has no position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports fiscal year 2008 appropriation of \$763 MILLION for the Office of Refugee Resettlement, including \$135 MILLION for unaccompanied minors and \$30 MILLION for victims of trafficking.</p>	<p>Lobbying</p>

II. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES (continued)

Refugees: Extension of Social Security Benefits for Elderly and Disabled Refugees

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2608 McDermott (D-WA) SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 2608 would provide a two-year extension of SSI eligibility for elderly and disabled refugees, as well as a provision to cover those who lost benefits prior to enactment of the legislation. This bill would grant additional time to naturalize to refugees who are in the process of becoming citizens, but who have been caught up in the processing backlogs.</p>	<p>House: 6/7/07: H.R. 2608 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>7/11/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 2608 by voice vote.</p> <p>Senate: 7/16/07: Senate received S. 2608 and referred it to the Committee on Finance.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation.	Lobbying

Refugees: Iraqi Refugees

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2265 Blumenauer (D-OR) Responsibility to Iraqi Refugees Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 2265 would create additional P2 categories (for refugees of special humanitarian concern) for female-headed households and unaccompanied children, religious communities of antiquity, minority groups, and Iraqis with family members in the U.S.; create a special immigrant visa program; require the Secretary of State to establish not fewer than five processing facilities for processing P2 refugees and special immigrant applicants in Iraq; would direct the President to add at least 20,000 refugee admissions to the refugee admission ceiling in fiscal year 2007 and 2008; require the Secretary of State to establish a Special Coordinator for Iraqi Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons; require the Secretary of State to negotiate a bilateral refugee resettlement agreement for displaced Iraqis; include expanded waiver authority, a duress exemption, and requirement for regulations on the material support bar; and waive for two years the cap on the amount of money that can be parked in the ERMA fund at any given time.</p>	<p>House: 5/10/07: H.R. 2265 introduced and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and, in addition, to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports providing special assistance to Iraqi refugees and amending the material support definition to protect refugees and asylum seekers.	Monitoring
<p>H.R. 2486 Ackerman (D-NY) President Gerald R. Ford Iraqi Ally and Refugee Responsibility Memorial Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 2486 would require the President to submit unclassified reports on the possibility of using Department of State facilities in Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East for processing refugee</p>	<p>House: 5/24/07: H.R. 2486 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and, in addition, to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports providing special assistance to Iraqi refugees and amending the material support definition to protect refugees and asylum seekers.	Monitoring

II. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>and visa applications; the review process of the U.S. government of UNHCR referrals and refugee applications; the number and circumstances of Iraqis who have been employed in Iraq by the U.S. Government, U.S. allies, coalition contractors, and international nongovernmental organizations; proposals to facilitate acceptance by the U.S. of each Iraqi seeking entry into the United States due to a well-founded fear of persecution on account of employment by or assistance to the United States or a coalition country in Iraq; the operation of a special immigrant visa program for Iraq and Afghan translators as established by the National Defense Authorization Act for FY06; the burdens displaced Iraqis are placing on their hosting countries; legislative proposals on amending the definition of terrorist activity and including a duress exemption in the material support bar.</p>			
<p>S. 1651 Kennedy (D-MA) Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act</p> <p>As introduced, S. 1651 would designate certain Iraqi refugees as refugees who are of special humanitarian concern to the United States. These would include Iraqis who are most closely associated with the United States as well as Iraqis who are members of a religious or minority community and who have close family members in the U.S. The measure also would create a special immigrant visa program for Iraqis that have been employed by or worked directly with the United States for one year in the aggregate since 2003; require the Secretary of State to establish a program for processing refugees and special immigrant applicants in Iraq and in countries in the region; require the Secretary of State to create a Special Coordinators for Iraqi refugees; require the Secretary of State to consult with other countries about resettlement of refugee populations and assistance to countries hosting displaced Iraqis; allow Iraqis who were denied asylum after March, 2003 based on changed conditions to files a new petition with the immigration judge to reopen his or her case; and require the President and Secretary to submit reports to Congress on the assessment of these programs and the expeditious processing of Iraqi refugees.</p>	<p>Senate: 6/19/07: S. 1651 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	<p>USCCB supports this legislation.</p>	<p>Letter Lobbying</p>

II. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES (continued)

Refugees: Material Support to Terrorists

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 1591 Obey (D-WI) / S. 965 Byrd (D-WV) 2007 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act</p> <p>As cleared for the President’s consideration, the measure did not contain any language relating to relaxing the bar on admissibility for aliens who are accused of having given material support to terrorism.</p> <p>As reported in the Senate, section 1711 of S. 965 would have protected refugees and asylum-seekers from being falsely identified as having given material support to terrorism. This provision would have expanded the Administration’s authority to grant waivers to individuals who erroneously fall under terrorist bars; provided an exception in the material support definition for those individuals who give support under duress; and exempted from the material support bar certain populations such as the Hmong and the Montagnards.</p> <p>As passed by the House, the measure had no provisions relating to relaxing the bar on admissibility for aliens who are accused of having given material support to terrorism.</p>	<p>House: 3/20/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 1591 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. H. Rept. 110-60).</p> <p>3/23/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 1591 by a vote of: 218 - 212, 1 Present (Roll no. 186).</p> <p>Senate: 3/11/07: Senate Appropriations Committee reported S. 965 to the full Senate as an original measure (S. Rept. 110-37).</p> <p>3/29/07: Point of order against the material support provision was raised by Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ) that the language violated the Senate rules by legislating on an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order, striking the provision from the bill.</p> <p>3/29/07: Senate Passed H.R. 1591 with an amendment by a Vote of. 51 - 47. Record Vote Number: 126.</p> <p>Conference: 4/25/07: House agreed to the conference report accompanying H.R. 1591 by a vote of: 218 - 208 (Roll no. 265, H. Rept. 110-107).</p> <p>4/26/07: Senate agreed to conference report accompanying H.R. 1591 by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 46. Record Vote Number 147).</p> <p>President: 5/1/20: President vetoed H.R. 1591</p>	<p>USCCB had no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supported the provision in the Senate Appropriations Committee-reported version of the bill that would have protected refugees and asylum seekers from the overly broad definition of “material support to terrorists.”</p>	<p>Lobbied</p>

II. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2764 Lowey (D-NY) The Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, section 699A of H.R. 2764 would exempt the Hmong and Montagnard populations from the material support to terrorism bar.</p> <p>As reported in the Senate, section 694 of H.R. 2764 would expand the Administration's authority to grant waiver to individuals who erroneously fall under terrorist bars; would provide an exception in the material support definition for those individuals who give support under duress; would exempt from the material support bar certain populations such as the Hmong and Montagnard; and would require the Administration to establish regulations describing the process by which a refugee, asylee, or individual adjusting his or her immigration status can apply for a waiver to the material support bar.</p>	<p>House: 6/18/07: House Appropriations Committee reported H.R. 2764 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-197).</p> <p>6/22/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 2764 by a vote of 241 - 178 (Roll no. 542).</p> <p>Senate: 6/28/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 2764 with an amendment (S. Rept. 110-128).</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation.. However, USCCB supports and helped initiate provisions in the House-passed and Senate Appropriations Committee-reported versions of the legislation and ultimate supports a resolution of the differences in the two versions of the bill that provides a comprehensive solution to the material support problem.</p>	<p>Lobbying</p>

III. International Justice and Peace

Cuba: Lifting Trade Embargo

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 624 Rangel (D-NY) Free Trade With Cuba Act</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 624 would remove current trade restrictions with Cuba, lift current travel restrictions, allow for direct mail delivery, and allow for the installation and repair of telecommunications equipment. The purpose of the legislation is to support democratic change in Cuba through the promotion of trade and commerce, travel, communications, and cultural, academic, and scientific exchanges.</p>	<p>1/22/07: H.R. 624 introduced and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and, in addition, to the Committees on Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce; the Judiciary; Financial Services; Oversight and Government Reform; and Agriculture.</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB generally supports relaxing sanction imposed on Cuba.</p>	<p>Monitoring</p>

Foreign Assistance: FY '07 Funding for Humanitarian Emergency Programs, Economic Reconstruction, and Rehabilitation in the Middle East

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 1591 Obey (D-WI) / S 965 Byrd (D-WV) 2007 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act</p> <p>As cleared for the President's consideration, H.R. 1591 would have provided funding for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The legislation also would have provided funding for non-defense activities such as hurricane relief, homeland security and antiterrorism, expenses, and emergency humanitarian aid for food, refugee and migration assistance, and international peacekeeping activities.</p>	<p>House: 3/20/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 1591 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-60).</p> <p>3/23/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 1591 by a vote of: 218 - 212 (Roll no. 186)</p> <p>Senate: 3/29/07: Senate Passed H.R. 1591 with an amendment by a vote of. 51 - 47. Record Vote Number 126.</p> <p>Conference: 4/25/07: House agreed to conference report accompanying H.R. 1591 by a vote of: 218 - 208 (Roll no. 265, H. Rept. 110-107).</p> <p>4/26/07: Senate agreed to conference report accompanying H.R. 1591 by a vote of 51 - 46. (Record Vote Number: 147).</p>	<p>USCCB had no formal position on this legislation. However, USCCB supported additional funding for humanitarian emergency programs and economic reconstruction and rehabilitation in the Middle East.</p>	<p>Lobbied Letter</p>

III. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
	<p>President: 5/1/20: President vetoed H.R. 1591</p>		
<p>H.R. 2206 Rep. Obey (D-WI) 2007 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act</p> <p>As enacted into law, the overall measure appropriated funds for U.S. efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Among its provisions are those that appropriated \$737 MILLION of the Economic Support Fund (ESF) for Afghanistan's economic development; \$295 MILLION for economic development in Lebanon, and \$1.574 BILLION for Iraqi reconstruction.</p> <p>In addition, the legislation appropriated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$350 MILLION for Title II Food Aid • \$60 MILLION for Disaster and Famine relief • \$40 MILLION for Peacekeeping operations • \$283 MILLION for Contributions to International Peacekeeping activities • \$71.5 MILLION for Migration and Refugee assistance • \$30 MILLION for the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund 	<p>House: 5/8/07: H.R. 2206 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and to the Committee on the Budget.</p> <p>5/10/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 2206 by a vote: 221 - 205 (Roll no. 333).</p> <p>Senate: 5/17/07: Senate Passed H.R. 2206 with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S6219)</p> <p>Conference: 5/24/07: House passed Senate version of H.R. 2206 with a further amendment by a vote of 280-142 (Roll no. 425).</p> <p>5/24/07: Senate passed House amendments to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2206 by a vote of 80-14 (Record Vote Number 181).</p> <p>President: 5/25/07: President signed H.R. 2206. Public Law No: 110-28.</p>	<p>USCCB had no formal position on the overall legislation. However, U S C C B supported an appropriation of \$743 MILLION for Afghanistan; \$300 MILLION for Lebanon; and \$2.1 BILLION for Iraqi reconstruction. USCCB also supported the appropriation of an additional \$1.8 BILLION for areas including Title II Food Aid, refugee and migration assistance, emergency refugee and migration assistance, disaster and famine relief, peacekeeping operations and contributions to international peacekeeping activities.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter</p>

Foreign Assistance: Global Health Investment for AIDS, TB and Malaria prevention.

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2764 Rep. Lowey (D-NY) Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 2764 would appropriate \$5.6 BILLION in for global health investments including AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria prevention.</p>	<p>House: 6/18/07: House Appropriations Committee reported H.R. 2764 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-197).</p> <p>6/22/07: House Passed H.R. 2764 by a vote of 241 - 178 (Roll no. 542).</p>	<p>USCCB has no Formal position on the overall legislation. However, USSCB supported an appropriation of \$5.78 BILLION for morally and culturally responsible programs to combat HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and</p>	<p>Lobbying Testimony</p>

III. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
As reported by the Senate, H.R. 2764 would appropriate \$5.5 BILLION for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria prevention.	Senate: 6/28/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations. Reported H.R. 2764 with an amendment favorably (S. Rept. 110-128).	Malaria.	

Foreign Assistance: HIV Prevention through Abstinence and Fidelity Education

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
H.R. 2764 Rep. Lowey (D-NY) Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 As passed by the House and reported by the Senate, H.R. 2764 would overturn the 7% allocation (one-third of HIV and AIDS prevention funds) for abstinence-before-marriage programs in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program.	House: 6/18/07: House Appropriations Committee reported H.R. 2764 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-197). 6/21/07: House Rejected H.AMDT.364 , an amendment offered by Representative Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA), that would have restored the President's emergency plan for AIDS relief authorization provision requiring 33% of HIV/AIDS prevention funding to be spent on abstinence and fidelity promotion program. The amendment was rejected by a vote of: 200 - 226 (Roll no. 532). 6/22/07: House Passed H.R. 2764 by a vote of 241 - 178 (Roll no. 542). Senate: 6/28/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations. Reported H.R. 2764 with an amendment favorably (report No. 110-128).	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports removal of the provision in the House-passed and Senate Appropriations Committee-reported versions of the bill that would overturn the current 7 percent allocation for abstinence-until-marriage programs in PEPFAR.	Lobbying Letter Testimony Action Alert

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Foreign Assistance: Organizations that Perform Abortions or Engage in Abortion Advocacy Population Control (Mexico City Policy)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2764 Lowey (D-NY) The Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House of Representatives, section 622 of the measure would overturn current law's "Mexico City Policy," which currently bars the provision of population control funds to foreign organizations that promote or perform abortions as a method of family planning.</p> <p>The version of the legislation reported by the Senate Committee on Appropriations also would overturn the "Mexico City Policy."</p>	<p>(See "Legislative History" above for "Foreign Assistance: Global Health Investment for AIDS, TB and Malaria prevention")</p> <p>House: 6/21/07: House rejected an amendment offered by Mr. Smith (NJ), (H.AMDT.368) that would have stricken the last provision in section 622 of the bill regarding the Mexico City policy on family planning assistance, by a vote of 205 - 218 (Roll no. 534).</p> <p>6/22/07: House Passed H.R. 2764 by a vote of 241 - 178 (Roll no. 542).</p> <p>Senate: 6/28/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations. Reported H.R. 2764 with an amendment favorably (report No. S. Rept. 110-128).</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB opposes the language in the House-passed and Senate Appropriations Committee-reported bills that would overturn the Mexico City Policy.</p>	<p>Lobbying Testimony Letter Action Alert</p>

Foreign Assistance: Population Control – United Nations Population Fund (Kemp-Kasten)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2764 Lowey (D-NY) The Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As reported in the Senate, Title III of the Senate bill would overturn the prohibition of population control funds to any organization or program which the President determines supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization (Kemp-Kasten amendment). This prohibition has effectively barred the provision of population control funds to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) because of its operations in China.</p>	<p>(See "Legislative History" above for "Foreign Assistance: Global Health Investment for AIDS, TB and Malaria prevention")</p> <p>House: 6/22/07: House Passed H.R. 2764 by a vote of 241 - 178 (Roll no. 542).</p> <p>Senate: 6/28/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 2764 with an</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB opposes the language that overturns "Kemp-Kasten."</p>	<p>Lobbying Testimony</p>

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Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
The House-passed version maintains the Kemp-Kasten language.	amendment (S. Rept. 110-128).		

Global Climate Change

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 280 McCain (R-AZ) Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act</p> <p>As introduced, S. 280 would mitigate the negative impacts of any unavoidable global warming on low- and middle-income Americans and for population abroad and wildlife. The measure also would provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradable allowances, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and ensure benefits to consumers.</p>	<p>Senate: 1/12/07: S. 280 introduced in the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. Multiple Climate Change bills are expected to be introduced in the House and Senate and USCCB will monitor them to determine which legislation is moving. The USCCB's approach to climate change reflects three central and traditional ideas: the virtue of prudence, the pursuit of the common good, and the duty to stand with the poor and vulnerable.</p>	<p>Monitoring Letter Testimony Statement</p>

Indiscriminate Weapons

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 1755 McGovern (D-MA)/ S 594 Feinstein (D-CA) The Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, this legislation would limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions. Cluster bombs contain many smaller bombs which are released upon impact. This is a significant threat to civilians because many bomblets do not explode when they are released. The surviving bomblets are live and can explode when handled similar to the effect of landmines.</p> <p>The bill also would restrict the use or export of existing, inaccurate stockpiles of cluster munitions.</p> <p>The policies in the bill are consistent with statements from the Holy See</p>	<p>House: 3/29/07: H.R. 1755 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and, in addition, to the Committee on Armed Services.</p> <p>Senate: 2/14/07: S. 594 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.</p>	<p>The USCCB supports this legislation.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter</p>

III. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
in its call to address the harmful effects of cluster munitions.			

International Debt Relief

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2634 Waters (D-CA) Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 2634 would provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low income countries.</p>	<p>House: 6/7/07: H.R. 2634 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation.	Lobbying Letter
<p>H.R. 1302 A. Smith (D-WA) The Bipartisan Global Poverty Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 1302 would declare it official U.S. policy to promote the reduction of global poverty, eliminate extreme global poverty, and achieve the U.N. Millennium Development Goal of cutting extreme global poverty in half by 2015. The bill would require the president to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to achieve the above referenced goals</p>	<p>House: 3/1/07: H.R. 1302 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation.	Lobbying Letter

Israeli - Palestinian Peace

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. Res. 224 Feinstein (D-CA) Israeli – Palestinian Peace Process: Embracing a Two State Solution</p> <p>As introduced, S. Res. 224 would express the sense of the Senate regarding the Israeli-Palestine peace process. The resolution supports a two state solution in working toward a true and lasting solution to Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Further, the resolution urges the appointment of a Special Envoy to oversee the peace process.</p>	<p>Senate: 6/7/07: S. Res 422 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation	Lobbying Letter Action Alert

III. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 1856 Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act Amendments (PATA) of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 1856 would impose limitations on assistance to the Palestinian Authority and place restrictions on diplomacy with Palestinian leadership.</p>	<p>House: 3/30/07: H.R. 1856 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and, in addition, to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services.</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB fears enactment of this legislation would block constructive U.S. diplomacy and undermine U.S. efforts to promote Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking.</p>	<p>Monitoring</p>

Nuclear Weapons: Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2641 Visclosky (D-IN) / S. 1751 Dorgan (D-ND) Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 2641 would provide no funding for the Energy Department's Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) program. The RRW program provides funds for improving the reliability, longevity, and certifiability of existing nuclear weapons and their components. USCCB is concerned that this program will allow for the creation of new nuclear weapons.</p> <p>As reported in the Senate S. 1751 would reduce funding for the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) system by \$22.7 million, providing \$66 million for the project.</p>	<p>House: 6/11/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 2641 to the full House as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-185) 7/13/07: House Committee on Appropriations provided supplementary report to the House (H. Rept. 110-185, Part II). 7/17/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 2641 by vote of: 312-112 (Roll no. 641).</p> <p>Senate: 7/9/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported S. 1751 to the Senate as an original measure (S. Rept. 110-127).</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal on this legislation. However, USCCB supports elimination of the funding for RRW.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter</p>

IV. EDUCATION

Appropriations: Education Appropriations

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 3043 Obey (D-WI)/S. 1710 Harkin (D-IA) Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 3043 would appropriate \$99 million for the State grants for Innovative Programs program authorized by Title V, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). This is the same amount appropriated in fiscal year 2007 and the same amount requested by the Administration. It also would appropriate \$272.250 million for the Enhancing Education through Technology grants program authorized by Tile II, Part D of NCLB, which is the same amount appropriated in fiscal year 2007. The Administration proposed no funding for this program in fiscal year 2008. The measure also would appropriate \$300 million for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities grant program authorized by Title IV, Part A of NCLB. This would be a cut of \$46.5 million below the fiscal year 2007 appropriation and \$200 million more than the Administration proposed for fiscal year 2008.</p> <p>As introduced in the Senate, S. 1710 would not provide any funding for the state grants for Innovative Programs program. It also would appropriate \$272.250 million for the Enhancing Education through Technology grants program. And it would appropriate \$300 million for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities grant program.</p>	<p>Senate: 6/27/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported S. 1710 as an original measure (S. Rept. 110-107).</p> <p>House: 7/11/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 3043 as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-231).</p> <p>7/19/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3043 by a vote of 276-140 (Roll No. 686)</p>	<p>USCCB has no position on this legislation However, USCCB supports maximum funding for Title II-D, Title IV-A, and Title V-A, programs where Catholic school children participate.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter</p>

Equitable Participation of Private School Students and Teachers

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2272 Gordon (D-TN) / S. 761 Reid (D-NV) The 21st Century Competitiveness Act</p> <p>As enacted into law, this legislation seeks to promote excellence in technology, education, science and math through the promotion of various grants and scholarships to eligible students. However, neither version contains adequate equitable participation language for private and religious schools and teachers.</p>	<p>House: 5/10/07: H.R. 2272 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology.</p> <p>5/21/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 2272 by a voice vote.</p> <p>Senate: 3/5/07: S. 761 introduced 4/25/07: Senate passed S. 761 by a vote of 88-</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, the USCCB is lobbying for language that would provide for the equitable participation of private school students in the program.</p>	<p>Lobbying</p>

IV. EDUCATION (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
	<p>8 (Record Vote Number 146)</p> <p>7/19/07: Senate took up H.R. 2272 and amended it to reflect the text of S. 761.</p> <p>7/19/07: Senate passed H.R. 2272, as amended, by unanimous consent.</p> <p>Conference:</p> <p>7/31/07: Conference held.</p> <p>8/1/07: Conference report accompanying H.R. 2272 filed (H. Rept. 110-289).</p> <p>8/2/07: House agreed to conference accompanying H.R. 2272 by a vote of 367 - 57 (Roll no. 802).</p> <p>8/2/07: Senate agreed to conference report accompanying H.R. 2272 by unanimous consent.</p> <p>President:</p> <p>8/8/07: President Signed H.R. 2272 Public Law 110-69</p>		
<p>H.R. 2449 Roybal-Allard (D-CA) Achievement Through Technology and Innovation Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 2449 would amend Title II, Part D of the Elementary Secondary Education Act to include an allocation of a share of funds (40% of the total awarded by the state) for “systemic school reform”. The measure also would require equitable services for private school students.</p>	<p>House:</p> <p>5/23/07: H.R. 2449 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.</p>	<p>USCCB has no position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports full participation, where appropriate, of private school students and teachers.</p>	<p>Monitoring</p>

E-Rate Program

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 609 Rockefeller (D-WV) Anti Deficiency Act</p> <p>As introduced, S. 609 would amend Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section would not be subject to the Anti Deficiency Act (ADA), thus ensuring that the issuance of funding commitments for</p>	<p>Senate:</p> <p>2/15/07: S. 609 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	<p>USCCB supports this legislation</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter</p>

IV. EDUCATION (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
technology in Catholic schools would continue uninterrupted.			

Higher Education

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 1642 Kennedy (D-MA) Higher Education Access Act of 2007</p> <p>As passed by the Senate, S. 1642 seeks to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA). However, not all provisions in S. 1642 would provide equitable services to Catholic school students and teachers, including provisions on loan forgiveness and training programs.</p>	<p>Senate: 6/18/07: S. 1642 introduced and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. 7/10/07: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions reported S. 1642 to the full Senate without a written report. 7/24/07: Senate passed S. 1642 by a vote of 95-0 (Record Vote Number 275).</p>	USCCB has no position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports amending the legislation to ensure private school teachers are eligible for loan forgiveness programs and training opportunities.	Letter

No Child Left Behind

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 1775 Burr (R-NC) Reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act</p> <p>The reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) is a major education priority for the 110th Congress and the USCCB. Many provisions within NCLB have a direct impact on students and teachers in Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, and some of those provisions go back as far as the mid-1960s, when Congress determined that federal education aid should be directed toward helping children in need, regardless of the type of school they attend (The Child Benefit Theory).</p> <p>Generally the USCCB will lobby for provisions that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. retain the “child benefit” theory as the basic operating principle for participation in programs; 2. retain language to protect the full and equitable participation of 	<p>Senate: 7/12/07: S. 1775 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	USCCB has no position on the overall No Child Left Behind Legislation. However USCCB advocates for the equitable participation of private and religious school students and teachers in eligible federal education programs	Lobbying

IV. EDUCATION (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>eligible students and their teachers in private and religious schools in all covered programs;</p> <p>3. provide for the participation of private and religious school students and teachers in any newly proposed programs as well as in existing programs that are not currently available to them, such as Striving Readers; and</p> <p>4. provides the most flexible language for determining eligibility to participate and for providing timely and meaningful notification of the amount of funds available for programs providing services for private and religious school children and their teachers.</p>			

V. DOMESTIC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture: Farm Subsidies

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2419 Peterson (D-MN) Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 2419 would maintain the fundamental structure of crop subsidy programs. It would limit eligibility for individual farmers to those who make less than \$1 million (\$2 million for couples), and it would increase the payment subsidy from \$40,000 to \$60,000.</p>	<p>House: 5/22/07: H.R. 2419 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>7/23/07: House Committee on Agriculture reported H.R. 2419 to the full House (H. Rept. 110-256, Part I)</p> <p>7/27/07: House passed H.R. 2419 by a vote of 231-191 (Roll no. 756)</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports a strong safety net for farmers to manage risk and subsidy adjustments that reduce trade distortion. USCCB also supports targeted payments caps with the purpose of greater investment in nutrition, international food aid, and rural development.</p> <p>USCCB is seeking amendments to the legislation consistent with its goals.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

Agriculture: Food Aid

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2419 Peterson (D-MN) Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 2419 would create a “safe box” for development food aid and increase total food aid spending to \$2.5 billion.</p>	<p>(See “Legislative History” above for “Agriculture: Farm Subsidies”, above)</p> <p>7/27/07: House passed H.R. 2419 by a vote of 231-191 (Roll no. 756)</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However, USCCB supports the creation of the “safe box” with increased flexibility within food aid programs, with an emphasis on long-term development and local and regional purchase of commodities.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

V. DOMESTIC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Budget: Earned Income Tax Credit

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2222 Pascrell (D-NJ) / S. 1333 Kerry (D-MA) Strengthen the Earned Income Tax Credit Act</p> <p>As introduced, this legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code to make permanent the reduction in the marriage penalty applicable to the earned income tax credit; increase the rate of such credit for families with three or more children; increase the rate and the phase-out percentage of such credit for individuals without children; and make permanent provisions treating combat pay as earned income for purposes of calculating such credit.</p>	<p>House: 5/8/07: H.R. 2222 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>Senate: 5/8/07: S. 1333 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation.	Lobbying

Crime and Criminal Justice

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 1593 Davis (D-IL)/S. 1060 Brownback (R-KS) Second Chance Act</p> <p>As reported by the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary, this legislation would provide grants to states and local governments to develop programs to assist criminals who are released from prison with transitional and other services.</p>	<p>House: 3/20/07: H.R. 1593 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary and its Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.</p> <p>3/27/07: House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Mark-up Session Held.</p> <p>5/9/07: House Committee on the Judiciary reported H.R. 1593 to the full House of Representatives (H. Rept. 110-140).</p> <p>Senate: 3/29/07: S. 1060 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p> <p>8/2/07: Senate Judiciary Committee reported S. 1060 to the full Senate.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation.	Lobbying Letter

V. DOMESTIC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Employment: Minimum Wage

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2206 Obey (D-WI) Fiscal 2007 Second Emergency Iraq/Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations</p> <p>As enacted into law, Title VIII of H.R. 2206 increases the minimum wage in three steps over two years to \$7.25.</p>	<p>House: 5/8/07: H.R. 2206 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and to the Committee on the Budget.</p> <p>5/10/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 2206 by a vote: 221 - 205 (Roll no. 333).</p> <p>Senate: 5/17/07: Senate passed H.R. 2206 with an amendment by voice vote.</p> <p>Conference: 5/24/07: House passed Senate version of H.R. 2206 with a further amendment by a vote of 280-142 (Roll no. 425).</p> <p>5/24/07: Senate passed House amendments to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2206 by a vote of 80-14 (Record Vote Number 181).</p> <p>President: 5/25/07: President signed H.R. 2206. Public Law No: 110-28.</p>	<p>USCCB had no formal position on the overall legislation.. However, the USCCB supported the increase the minimum wage contained in the measure.</p>	<p>Lobbied Letters</p>

Employment: Paid Sick Leave

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>S. 910 Kennedy (D-MA)/H.R. 1542 DeLauro (D-CT) Healthy Families Act of 2007</p> <p>As introduced in the House and Senate, this legislation would require employers to provide seven days of paid sick leave annually for full-time employees and a pro-rata amount of leave for part-time employees.</p>	<p>Senate: 3/15/07: S. 910 introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p> <p>House: 3/15/07: H.R. 1542 introduced in the House and Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and, in addition,</p>	<p>USCCB supports this legislation.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

V. DOMESTIC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
	to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration.		

Environment: Conservation

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2419 Peterson (D-MN) Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 2419 would provide for the administration of twenty programs that assist producers and landowners conserve agriculture lands. Among these programs, the legislation would allow specialty crops (fruits and vegetables) to receive equal access to conservation programs; extend the Wetlands Reserve Program; authorize and authorize the enrollment of 39.2 million acres of land into the Department's conservation reserve program.</p>	<p>(See "Legislative History" above for "Agriculture: Farm Subsidies")</p> <p>7/27/07: House passed H.R. 2419 by a vote of 231-191 (Roll no. 756)</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation.. However the USCCB supports increased funding for conservation programs, particularly the Conservation Security Program (CSP).</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

Environment: National Children's Study

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 3043 Obey (D-WI) Labor/HHS and Education Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 3043 increases funding for the National Children's Study within the National Institutes of Health for the continuation of the National Longitudinal Cohort Study of American Children.</p>	<p>House: 7/13/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 3043 to the full House of Representatives as an original measure (H. Rept. 110-231).</p> <p>7/19/07: House of Representatives Passed H.R. 3043 (with amendments) by a vote of 276 - 140 (Roll no. 686).</p> <p>Senate: 6/27/07: Senate Committee on Appropriations reported S. 1710 to the full Senate as an original measure (S. Rept. 110-107.)</p>	<p>USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation. However the USCCB supports funding for the National Children's Study.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

V. DOMESTIC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Health Care: State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 3162 Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007</p> <p>As passed by the House and Senate, H.R. 3162 would reauthorize and expand coverage of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).</p>	<p>House:</p> <p>2/9/07: H.R. 976 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>2/16/07: House passed H.R. 976 by a vote of 360 - 45 (Roll no. 102).</p> <p>7/24/07: H.R. 3162 introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>8/1/07: Committee on Ways and Means reported H.R. 3162 to the full House (H. Rept. 110-284, Part I).</p> <p>8/1/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3162 by a vote of 225 - 204 (Roll no. 787).</p> <p>Senate:</p> <p>7/26/07: Senate took up H.R. 976, struck all after the enacting clause, and substituted the language of H.R. 976 with their own version of the SCHIP reauthorization measure.</p> <p>8/2/07: Senate passed H. R. 976 by a vote of 68 – 31 (Record Vote Number 307).</p>	<p>USCCB generally supports SCHIP but has concerns regarding the coverage of the unborn child and the pregnant mother (see pro-life) as well as concerns about mandated contraceptives.</p>	<p>Lobbying Letters</p>

Housing: Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 840 Carson (D-IN) Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 840 would consolidate many of the housing assistance programs for homeless people, provide greater authority at the local level, and expand the definition of homelessness.</p>	<p>2/6/07: H.R. 840 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.</p>	<p>USCCB supports this legislation</p>	<p>Lobbying Letter</p>

V. DOMESTIC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Housing: National Trust Fund

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2895 Frank (D-MA) National Affordable Housing Trust Fund</p> <p>As introduced, H.R. 2895 would establish a trust fund that would serve as a source of revenue for the production of new housing, and the preservation or rehabilitation of existing housing that is affordable for low income people.</p>	<p>6/28/07: H.R. 2895 introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.</p>	USCCB supports this legislation	Lobbying Letter

Housing: Community Development Programs

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 3074 Olver (D-MA) Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2008</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 3074 would increase public housing operating funds; increase funding for homeless assistance grants; increase funding for the House Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program; and increase funding for other modest housing assistance programs.</p>	<p>House: 7/18/07: House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 3074 to the House as an original measure (H. Rept. H. Rept. 110-238).</p> <p>7/24/07: House of Representatives passed H.R. 3074 by a vote of 268 - 153 (Roll no. 715).</p>	USCCB supports this legislation	Lobbying Letters

Nutritional Assistance

Bill Number/Sponsor/Current Description	Legislative History	USCCB Position	USCCB Activities
<p>H.R. 2419 Collin Peterson (D-MN) Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007</p> <p>As passed by the House, H.R. 2419 would increase funding for nutrition programs by \$4.2 billion over the period of FY08 to FY12.</p>	<p>(See "Legislative History" above for "Agriculture: Farm Subsidies")</p> <p>7/27/07: House passed H.R. 2419 by a vote of 231-191 (Roll no. 756)</p>	USCCB has no formal position on the overall legislation.. However, USCCB supports increased funding for nutrition programs and has requested an additional \$1.6 billion.	Lobbying Letters