

September 30, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

The last couple of mornings have been brisk and with the colder temperatures come a reminder that the weather will soon change. We know that each year there will be a change about this time. There are those who are advocating that there is also climate change coming and that this change is brought about by man's use of carbon. Still others say that man's impact on the climate is miniscule compared to nature's impact itself. We all have much to learn.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- A Senate committee today voted against a critical amendment that would remove the massive abortion subsidies present in the Baucus health care bill. On a 13-10 vote, the Senate Finance Committee rejected amendments from Sen. Orrin Hatch that would have the bill conform to current federal law prohibiting direct abortion funding.

Hatch amendment 355 would make it so the Baucus bill "prohibits authorized or appropriated federal funds under this Mark from being used for elective abortions and plans that cover such abortions."

The otherwise party-line vote saw pro-abortion Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe side with Democrats against it.

During the debate, Sen. Max Baucus, the author of the health care bill the panel has under consideration, claimed his measure follows the federal Hyde amendment that has prohibited virtually all direct federal abortion funding since the 1970s.

However, the Baucus bill [opens the door to massive abortion funding](#).

According to National Right to Life legislative director Douglas Johnson, "The bill contains provisions that would send massive federal subsidies directly to both private insurance plans and government-chartered cooperatives that pay for elective abortion."

"In addition, the Baucus bill requires that a specific charge must be included in the premiums paid by those who enroll in such subsidized plans, of at least '\$1 per enrollee, per month,' which amounts to a surcharge specifically for elective abortions," he said.

"The Baucus bill provides \$6 billion in federal funds for the establishment of health insurance cooperatives, without any limitation on the use of these funds to pay for abortions or to subsidize plans that pay for elective abortions," he continued.

To fix these problems, pro-life senators Orrin Hatch of Utah and Mike Enzi of Wyoming [had proposed a handful of amendments](#). They address abortion funding, state laws and the conscience rights of pro-life medical professionals who do not want to be forced to perform or refer for abortions. To read more: <http://www.lifenews.com/nat5520.html>

Nature Watch: Fall harvest is well underway. Corn silage is being chopped and we'll soon see beans coming off of the field. Potatoes are coming out quickly. Some farmers are out doing fall plowing. It's a wonderful picture to see the sea gulls dropping down onto the fresh plowed field and feasting on worms and grubs. Deer are starting to get their winter coats, which are lighter colored than summer coats. You'll often find deer around apple trees at this time of

year. They love apples. Water temps have dropped significantly in the last few days. Animals are much more active lately, hurrying to put on the last centimeters of fat for the winter.

Program Information: We've added a family event in 2010. June 18-20 we have scheduled Brian Young to do a presentation on "Teaching Your Family About Creation". We've set the rates at an affordable level of \$75 per person, children under 5 at now cost, and a maximum family cost of \$300. Summer 2010 programs will soon be posted on the website.

From the Task Force: The final documents for the LLC have been approved and sent on to the state. We can begin accepting applications for participation next week. We'll have information posted on our website soon.

God's Word: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10

Prayer List: 1.) Continue to remember the Task Force in your prayers. They are working to identify people who can help us purchase the property. 2.) Remember the efforts of the Make a World for Christ Appeal being done jointly by Lutheran Island Camp and the Minnesota North District, LCMS. 3.) Lift up in your prayers the people who are planning to attend the Responding to Evolution retreat in October. 4.) Thank God for the many volunteers who continue to come forth to offer assistance with various projects. Most recently we had someone volunteer to help with putting our telescope together and learning how to run it. 5.) Continue to pray for guidance and discernment on the part of people who we share our vision with. We anticipate several new contacts in the coming days.

Link of the week: <http://www.drdino.com/index.php>

Resource of the week: **The Great Dinosaur Mystery Solved.** By Ken Ham. Available through Master Books.

Question and Answer:

Question: How does the LLC work?

Answer: The Friends of Creation-Science is a limited liability company that will have up to 30 participants. Each will purchase a membership unit worth \$30,000. From the proceeds of the sale, the LLC will purchase Christ Serve Ranch and lease it to Lutheran Island Camp so that a Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center can be established there. If you want information, contact Bill Schultz at the camp.

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