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MR. BASNIGHT, YOU ARE SIMPLY WRONG!

People from across our state have asked Mark Basnight to allow the Marriage Amendment to come to a floor vote in Raleigh. In his response, Mr. Basnight has been either ignorant of the facts or intentionally deceiving the public. In a recent response to a North Carolina voter, Mr. Basnight said, "North Carolina's marriage laws have withstood challenge for more than 130 years, and are not at risk of being overturned." While Mr. Basnight seems not to be aware of conditions around us, other states are having their marriage laws overturned. Connecticut had similar marriage laws to those here in North Carolina but had them overturned recently. Iowa also had similar marriage laws which were likewise recently overturned. Let's compare the Iowa, Connecticut, and North Carolina marriage laws:

- **Iowa** law reads, "Only a marriage between a male and a female is valid." **(This law has been struck down as unconstitutional)**
- **Connecticut** marriage law reads, "The current public policy of the State Of Connecticut is now limited to a marriage between a man and a woman." **(This law has likewise been struck down.)**
- **North Carolina** law reads, "A valid and sufficient marriage is created by the consent of a male and female person who may lawfully marry."

Mr. Basnight is very naive in believing that North Carolina's marriage laws are not at risk of being overturned.

North Carolina is now the only state south of New York and east of New Mexico without a Marriage Amendment. The courts here in North Carolina are already granting unprecedented same-sex rights, paving the way for our marriage laws to be overturned. Legislative trends towards protecting sexual orientation are viewed by the court as sufficient evidence to overturn current marriage laws. North Carolina is already on the fast track in granting special class status to sexual orientation. Current laws are now being debated in our legislature which would further establish sexual orientation and gender identity thus moving us closer to the abolishing of our current marriage laws. Mr. Basnight and other leaders in Raleigh are fiddling while Rome is burning.

While 73% (Independent survey by Advantage Incorporated VA) of North Carolina voters say they would vote for a Marriage Amendment, leadership in Raleigh refuse them their Constitutional right. A majority of House members and a third of all Senators sponsored the bill each of the past five years. Many other legislators would vote for the bill if given the opportunity to do so. We would encourage you to call your legislature leadership weekly and demand that the people of North Carolina be allowed to exercise their right to vote. After all, this is not North Korea.



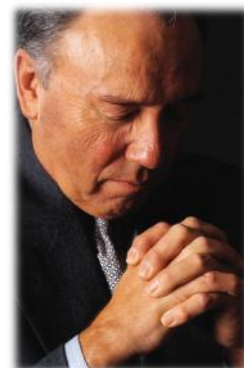
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MARRIAGE PETITION

Please go to our web site and sign our Marriage Petition. We would like to present thousands of petitions to our Legislators during our Rally. Our web address is: www.returnamerica.org



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RETURN AMERICA IS ORGANIZING GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENTS

This week, RETURN AMERICA traveled to Manteo, North Carolina, and met with over 20 pastors. Rev. Charles Tyler, pastor of Roanoke Island Baptist Church, (at large Board Member of Return America) did a wonderful job hosting our meeting. We are encouraging pastors and congregations to organize and bring about change in Raleigh. This was the first of many meetings scheduled to bring people together in masses with the power of the ballot box to resonate change. It is very evident that Mr. Basnight and others are not listening to the people they represent in their district. People with moral standards have the power to bring about change. We have lost thus far by default. RETURN AMERICA is reminding people across our state that pastors and Godly people were out in front leading this nation in its beginning. There are enough votes in our churches to change our representation in Raleigh. However, this change is anemic until ignited beyond the walls of our churches. It is time to take this state back and God's people have the ability to do so!

The purpose of Return America is to build a network of churches and individuals to educate, motivate, and mobilize citizens in a united effort in promoting Judeo-Christian values; to educate and influence government in these principles upon which our state and nation were founded.

UPCOMING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

MAY 31, 2009

Worship Point Baptist Church
Lenoir, NC
PM SERVICE

JUNE 3, 2009

Hilltop Free Will Baptist Church
Fuquay Varnia, NC
Jeff Jones, Pastor

JUNE 27, 2009

East Bend School
East Bend, NC

BULLYING BILL MOVING TOWARD PASSAGE

This bill is a misnomer. It is called the "School Violence Prevention Act." However, it is another attempt of the homosexual community to position itself closer to the acceptance of same-sex marriage in North Carolina. For the first time in the history of North Carolina, "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" would have legal protection in our public schools. This bill, if passed, would almost insure that the children in the North Carolina public school system would be indoctrinated into sexuality at a very early age. This bill is close to a House vote. We would encourage you to call your House members and ask them to vote "no" on SB 526.

WEB SITE

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