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The Wisconsin Light

Senate Votes To Bar People With HIV/AIDS From Immigrating

[Washington, D.C.]—Joining Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and other conservative U.S. Senators, Wisconsin's Senior Senator Herb Kohl, voted with the majority on an amendment that would make the ban on immigration to the U.S. by people with HIV or AIDS federal law.

Hitherto, the immigration ban has been a matter of policy that the Administration could change. The amendment, if passed by the House, would make that policy federal law.

The vote in the Senate came on February 18. The amendment, attached to a bill designed to strengthen the Office of AIDS Research in the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was passed on a 76-23 majority.

Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) voted against continuing the discriminatory ban.

Kohl's office cited the possibility of increased financial burdens as the reason for the Senator's vote. Kohl still says he is "undecided" about lifting the ban against Gays in the military.

Sen. Alan Simpson (R-WY), one of the measure's original sponsors, said the vote does not bar temporary visits by people who are HIV infected or who have AIDS who may want to visit family members or seek medical treatment.

"What the Senate did say," Simpson said, "is that we are continuing the current immigration restrictions against HIV-positive aliens who may wish to become permanent residents."

Simpson is the author of the 1990 Immigration Reform Act. The Act says foreigners can be barred if they have a "communicable disease of public health significance."

The NIH bill passed 93-4 and now goes to the House, where a similar effort is underway to put the ban into law.

Observers note that the Senate action, coming early in the legislative process, can be removed from the final bill during a conference committee with the House of Representatives. President Clinton strongly supports lifting the ban.

New Groups Up The Ante In Battle Over Gays In The Military

[Washington, D.C.]—A new national Gay group, pledged to fight for the right for Gays and Lesbians to serve in the military, have decided that "outing" of Congresspeople is the way to go.

One of the groups, the Nathan Hale Brigade, has said it will reveal the names of Gay members of Congress who demonstrate their "hypocrisy" by voting to retain the ban on Gays in the military.

As reported in the *Washington Blade*, the Brigade has said it will activate a network of Gay "insiders," including current and former Capitol Hill staffers, who will gather and document evidence on the private sex lives of anti-Gay lawmakers.

"The rights of Gays and Lesbians may be determined by a handful of hypocritical

Milwaukee Making Plans To Attend April 25 March On Washington

[Milwaukee]—The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) and West Side Dykes are combining forces to make sure Milwaukee is well-represented at the April 25 March on Washington. They have arranged for a "Lesbian Freedom Ride Bus," leaving Milwaukee at noon on Saturday, April 24, and returning by 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 26. The cost per woman will be \$55 and partial scholarships may be available.

On the 25th, the bus will arrive in D.C. by 8:00 a.m. and passengers must be back on board by 8:00 p.m. (which means no need to pay for a hotel room). The bus holds 45, but 16 seats have already been reserved.

Gay Student Union Harassed At UW-Madison Law School



FEATHERS AND BEADS—The grand prize winner in both costume and head dress competitions at the February 21 Mardi Gras Ball in Milwaukee was won with the costume shown above. Additional photos are on page 12.

representatives and senators whose private, closeted behavior belies their public positions," said Phillip Detterman, a former Navy intelligence technician who leads the group. Detterman is the only member of the group willing to be identified.

In addition to outing members of Congress, Detterman said that the Brigade will consider releasing information about marital infidelity, sexual harassment and the use of prostitutes by heterosexual members of the House and Senate.

"We're not taking this on second-hand hear-say," Detterman is quoted as saying. "We have talked to people who are so angry that they're willing to come forward and sign affidavits."

For more information or to get a registration form, please call (414) 778-1269; (414) 445-4179; or (414) 264-2600. Sign up now for the pajama party to the great March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi CIVIL RIGHTS!

LRN and the March On Washington

Milwaukee's Lambda Rights Network (LRN) is also working on providing transportation to the March On Washington and encouraging everyone who can to go. If you are looking for transportation from Milwaukee to D.C., leaving Friday, April 23 and returning Monday, April 26, you can call Scott at (414) 871-4839.

Some observers say privately that the Hale Brigade was formed because of concerns that the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) had not responded adequately to the opposition over lifting the ban.

Spokespeople for both HRCF and NGLTF have told *Light* that the criticism is unfair. They said they are waging an aggressive lobbying campaign to bring an end to the ban.

Rep. Barney Frank said in a phone interview that he would not object to the outing of a hypocritical member of Congress, but added that he did not think the Brigade's tactics would "have much effect on the ban issue."

"The fat of this (the ban) will depend on how many of our people and our allies write to their members of Congress," Frank said.

One member of the Brigade's Board said, "Let the other (Gay) groups play the high road. We will play the low road. We will look for dirt."

The Nathan Hale Brigade can be reached at P.O. Box 5830, Bethesda, MD 20824.

Another New Gay Group to Battle Bigots

A new group to fight anti-Gay hate crusades has formed and has kicked off its media campaign with the premier of *Hate, Lies and Videotape*, a new tape that exposes the propaganda tactics of the religious right.

The Gay and Lesbian Emergency Media Campaign (GLEMC) announced its formation at NGLTF headquarters in Washington, D.C. on February 16, 1993. GLEMC will produce and distribute media that exposes the agenda of the religious right and promotes Lesbian and Gay visibility. GLEMC is a project of Testing the Limits, an award-winning filmmaking group based in New York City.

[Madison]—For the past month, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Law Student Union (LGBLSU) at the Law School at UW-Madison has been the object of harassment and hatred. Newspaper article, event posters and meeting signs have been ripped off LGBLSU's bulletin board, torn up and thrown in the trash. Even a copy of the Wisconsin Statute that makes such discriminatory actions a hate crime was shredded off a few hours after being posted.

In a press release, Law School Dean Daniel O. Bernstine, has decried the vandalism, but noted that "These acts appear to have less to do with vandalism than they do with homophobic intolerance."

Bernstine went on to say that with all the national attention Lesbians and Gays have been receiving in the media recently, "has come a venting of underlying homophobic hatred and violence." This has led, he said, not only to an increase in Gay-bashing across the country, but in creating a "hostile environment" within the Law School for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students.

Bernstine said that he had visited classes to emphasize that homophobia "will not be tolerated in this Law School," and to remind every law student that the Law School "must certify the good moral character of law graduates for admission to the bar." Students engaging in homophobic acts, Bernstine said, would place that certification in jeopardy.

A spokesperson for LGBLSU said that "some good" has come from the situation. LGBLSU is stronger and more visible than ever; communication and networking have increased. "And we have discovered that we are not the first group to have problems. In the past, The Federalist Society, the Jewish Law Students Association, The Right to Life Students and the Women Law Students Association have experienced harassment through interference with their bulletin boards."

GLEMC was formed in response to *The Gay Agenda*, a videotape being distributed nation-wide by the Far Right. The tape includes sensationalist images from Gay Pride events and combined with statements from "medical authorities" and other pseudo-officials.

The *Washington Post* described *The Gay Agenda* as "Men in G-strings gyrating to pulsating music on the backs of flatbed trucks while bare-breasted women parade by children."

GLEMC will produce and distribute short videotapes for organizing and public education; radio/TV public service announcements and advertising; print materials and other media aids.

Copies of GLEMC videos will be distributed as part of NGLTF's "Fight the Right in '93" grassroots effort.

For more information or to obtain copies of videotapes, contact: GLEMC, (212) 229-2863 or write: 39 W. 14th St., #402, New York, NY 10011.

Propaganda Video To Air March 9 On Milwaukee Cable

Anti-Gay Video To Be Seen On Queer TV

The religious right's propaganda video can be seen on Tuesday, March 9, 1993 on Queer TV, Warner Cable Channel 47 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Lesbian/Gay activists will be showing the film and taking phone calls.

According to one Queer TV spokesperson, the Christian-funded video is quite graphic. It has been suggested that you record it if you can.