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Act For Better Childcare Services (ABC Bill)

SCOTT ROSS

"Why are there so many bills before Congress pertaining to the family?"

DR. JAMES DOBSON

"Well there's a complicated thing going on what with the election coming in the fall and these congressmen will have to go home and stand before the electorate and they're terrified, the conservatives are we'll say, to be accused of anti-family so anything that comes down which purports to help women, purports to be for the family or for children is sailing through. But not everything in the name of the family is good and the childcare bills that they're considering...will be disastrous. It brings the federal government into the babysitting business. The federal government makes a lousy parent. Parents make the best parent. There are provisions to this bill that are anti-religious in a way that no legislation I've ever seen is. If a church for example has a childcare center and gets a dollar of this federal money, they will have to drape the cross, they will have to drape any pictures of Christ or any other religious symbol and yet they can't compete without it. It would put them out of business because the people across town can provide childcare at a lower cost because they're getting federal money and so what it's going to do is discriminate tremendously not only against the religious community but also against the homemaker and that's my greatest concern."

ROSS

"Were you specifically talking about what is known as the ABC bill?"

DOBSON

"That is the Dodd-Kildee Bill but most of these bills have these same provisions in them. There are very few that make allowances for a mother who chooses to stay home. Look at what's going to happen. The two wage earner family will have their childcare in a government sponsored childcare center subsidized by taxes. It could eventually cost as much as \$100 billion. It's starting out at \$2 billion but once you get the federal bureaucracy there, you know what will happen. Who's going to pay the bill for that? The woman who is staying home and struggling financially in order to get along on one salary is going to pay larger taxes to supplement the income of those who have two incomes. It is unfair and yet I will admit that we do need something, we do need

some help for the single mothers who are out there trying to raise children and they have to work at the same time. The Holloway Bill is the only one that I feel good about. The Holloway Bill would give tax credits to anyone with children under a certain financial level and that would allow them to choose where they get that support. In other words they could go to aunt Minnie, they could go to a grandmother, or the mother could stay home and get the support herself. That would not be discriminatory against the mother at home. All the rest of them would."

ROSS

"At this point we are encouraging people to call the Capitol switchboard, call or write your local congressman etc."

DOBSON

"I can tell you this, if people in massive numbers to not call their senators and congressmen, and complain about this and recommend the Holloway Bill, then that's not what we're going to get, we're going to get the federalized daycare, it's coming very quickly."

PAT ROBERTSON

"You know Pat Buchanan had a column several weeks ago and he says this country was founded by Christians. There's no question about it. Now by Christian I'm talking about Roman Catholics, I'm talking about Greek Orthodox, I'm talking about traditional Protestants and all the others along with those who share the Jewish tradition because there were a few, not many, but there were a few at the founding of this nation and the two streams together so-called Judeo-Christian point of view, but it was a predominantly Christian nation. America was founded as a Christian nation, there isn't any question about it. Now you might say that's extreme, you go back and read your history and the Supreme Court in 1892 in the Trinity Trustees case said in the dicta of that case, America is a Christian nation. Now, that was the Supreme Court, that's 100 years ago. Now, the same country that was founded by Christians is now saying, we're going to...take \$100 billion out of your pockets, Christians, take it out of the Catholics, take it out of the Protestants, take it out of the various orthodox groups, take the money out of your pockets, send it to the federal government but you can't get one dime of it back. It can only go to advance secularism, humanism and atheism in the training of your children. Now, there's something wrong about that. It's wrong, that's all. The country is being stolen away from you, that's the way it is and the radicals that have been involved, in the ACLU court decisions and these other decisions are very systematically taking the training of the children away. Why? Because they want to indoctrinate them in a world view, a socialistic view and an atheistic view and they are very successful in it. Now what do the Christians do? They have to go set up their own schools, they have to pay

taxes for the one thing, then they have to go pay double for their own schools, no deductions, no tuition tax credits, that's why we're in favor of vouchers. If somebody says alright, here is your money, it's your money, your taxes, we're going to give you back a part of it, you can spend it anyplace you want to, it's fair."

BULLOCK

"That would be what the Holloway bill that we talked about, it would allow tax credits. Now explain that to people. What does that mean for Mr. and Mrs. Jones who have children?"

ROBERTSON

"A tax credit is essentially a grant...There is something else we have found here at CBN University by the way. Institutional childcare is not effective, it is an abomination. I'll say it again. It will destroy children. Institutional childcare, for little children with 20 or more children per attendant will destroy children. It will hurt them psychologically, it's been known for years among psychological professionals that institutional childcare doesn't work. The only thing that works, we started something here called Mother's Touch where women who either had children or who wanted to get some income, could bring a few children into their home, max about six children per mother and they would mother the children, the children loved the environment, it was like home, they would play together and so forth. But institutionally, whether it's church based or otherwise doesn't work. That's why you need credits. And by the way, this thing is going to effect many, many people in America so you might as well let your voice be heard."

They then flash on the screen the bill that they are trying to pass and the number to the Capitol switchboard:

Holloway Bill
House # HR 3944
Senate # S2187
Capitol Switchboard (202) 223-3121

BULLOCK

"...This is an argument that's been given to me in response to tax credits. People say, well why should I pay taxes to support some woman who wants to stay home and not go to work? In other words, if she doesn't want to work, that's her problem. Why should my wife who wants to work pay taxes to support her to stay home?"

ROBERTSON

"Every professional in the business who will tell you the truth will tell you that little children and little animals of any species need mothers in order to develop as an individual, they need close mothering, they just do and deprivation of either

parent, male or female will do psychological damage to a child. Now, that's the bottom line...A long deprivation of a child of either parent will cause damage and these latchkey children are tragic and so we ought to make it as easy as we can for women with children to stay home and look after them and if we have to spend it out of the National Treasury, then let's spend it but whatever it is it's far, far better than this other concept which it seems like, won't work."

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Homosexuals

ROBERTSON

"...What kind of craziness is it in our society which will put a cloak of secrecy around a group of people who's lifestyle is at best abominable. Homosexuality is an abomination. The practices of those people is appalling. It is a pathology, it is a sickness and instead of thinking of giving these people a preferred status and privacy, we should treat AIDS exactly the same way as any other communicable disease..."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 6-12-88

Oliver North

JERRY FALWELL

"[Oliver North] he is the most investigated man in American history. The Congress has already allocated multimillions of dollars, 250 staff members working with the Independent Counsel, 30 attorneys, 40 FBI agents, 10 IRS agents, 5 custom officers, all designed to put one lone marine in prison. What on earth has gone wrong with our country? I could not help but almost come to tears as I introduced him [at commencement at LBU]. This is America. This is not Russia. What has gone wrong with this cockeyed government of ours?...How could he possibly financially afford to keep his family alive, pay for security guards to protect him against international terrorists and provide attorney's fees and live and eat against the Goliath created by the Congress, the Independent Counsel. He, one little David, one lone marine?...Today, we're castigating our heroes. Col. North facing 85 years in prison and with our tax dollars, the United States Congress is trying to put this man in prison who stood with his President against Soviet-Cuban expansionism in this hemisphere and Marxist-Leninist aggression worldwide, something many Americans including this one, thinks the Congress should be doing. Take your stand for liberty, for biblical values. America was built on biblical values, traditional family values, the word of God. Something's happened to this country. We've gone crazy. The fact that such a hearing, such a trial is going

on is ludicrous and unthinkable but it's happening in Washington, D.C. and paid for by an unlimited budget, your tax dollars and mine."

CORAL RIDGE MINISTRIES 6-12-88

Kennedy aired in 53 cities a special on pornography and it's devastating effects on society. He is also using the special as a fundraiser.

Pornography

JAMES KENNEDY

"I feel so strongly about this [the evils of pornography in America] I want every American to have an opportunity to see this. We've shown it in 53 cities on prime time. I would like to show it on 50 more cities. But the problem is that this is coming at a time where we're having difficulties with our ordinary operating expenses. That's why I would like to ask you to help me to show this film to Americans. We've made some great strides forward in recent weeks in the fight against pornography and now is the time to continue that battle. We need \$200,000 to show this in 50 more cities in prime time, reach people that ordinarily we don't reach at all. That's why I'm going to ask you as the friends of this ministry if you'll make a special gift of \$ 50 or more to this cause of fighting pornography. If you'll do that, if you'll join with me in helping to fight this blight on our nation, if you feel as strongly as I do about this evil of pornography then I'm asking you to help me do something about it. I believe we can turn the tide. The momentum is changing already."

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KATHY BULLOCK

Church's Tax Exempt Status

"The Roman Catholic church won a key Supreme Court battle on Monday after years of legal warfare with abortion activists trying to strip the church's tax exempt status. By an 8 to 1 vote, the higher court overruled the lower court ruling that ordered the church to relinquish internal documents or pay a daily fine of \$100,000 until it did produce them. The suit was brought by abortion rights activists who claimed that the church's activities against abortion amounted to political lobbying. The case now returns to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals which will decide whether or not the abortion activists can legally challenge the church's tax exemption."

PAT ROBERTSON

"That's a major case, Kathy. This thing has a couple of ramifications of great far reaching interest...To inquire into the secret documents of a church under legal duress is a total violation of the first amendment and thank goodness the Supreme Court ruled against that lower court on that issue."

BULLOCK

"What I find frightening and we've seen this here on CBN is the fact that you can take a moral issue like abortion but because it is also a political issue, be charged with lobbying. Do you think that's in the future?"

ROBERTSON

"No way. The new law, the so-called Jake Pickle law, I think some of it is unconstitutional and I'm personally going to start a class action suit, I think very shortly, against some of these just to get a declaratory ruling because in my estimation they're completely unconstitutional...But only the IRS is supposed to be able to pry into the confidential information of individuals and corporations and tax exempt entities, well to give that power to private citizens, to challenge anybody at anytime and go around the IRS will just open up Pandora's box for everybody but yes, the government has intruded into what is religious. The origin of life, religious family life, religious education of children has been historically a religious issue. Now all of that, child rearing and so forth, they say well these are government issues so therefore if you assert your religious views, they say you're lobbying and therefore we're going to take away your tax exemption."

JOHN GILMAN, cohost, 700 Club

"It's like you never get a clear understanding of what separation of church and state really is."

ROBERTSON

"It's very simple. What it means by our framers of the constitution, it meant that we would not set up one sect over another as the preferred church of the United States of America, period. We even thought that expressing a belief in God or the Bible was in any way, shape or form violative [sic] of that concept."

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**Day Care
PAT ROBERTSON**

"...The truth is, institutionalized daycare is damaging to children and women that don't have to work are beginning to say

maybe we had better do something else with our children...Long ago in marxist countries, it was felt if they could get the government in charge of the children, then they could educate a new generation that were [sic] placid and pliable in the state control. So there's been a thrust for a long time, decades, to break up the family and one of the best ways to break up the family is to separate children from their families and that bonding which should take place between their mothers and their young children never takes place and so ultimately you'll have a status type of mentality, the ultimate, if you will, of the industrial revolution. Why are mothers so willing to put their children in an institutionalized setting?"

KARL ZINMEISTER, adjunct research associate, American Enterprise Institute

"There are clearly some economic pressures today but even more than that. I think that there's really very little social esteem today in being a stay-at-home parent. It's psychologically difficult to be 'just a parent' and I think we have to work on reversing both the economic side and the social side to give stay-at-home parenting credit for the importance of the job that they're doing."

ROBERTSON

"There's been a drumbeat during the '60's and the '70's that somebody who is 'just a housewife' is sort of less than complete...What does a child need growing up, in your estimation?"

ZINMEISTER

"I think one of the striking things about the recent research is that [not just the bad centers] even in the good centers...what children need is not training, is not skills, it's not anything formal or fancy. What children need is devoted attention, clear time with the person they love most and that's the parent and there's no substitute for that. You simply can't make up for that with money etc..."

ROBERTSON

"Let's look at the child. The child six months, eight months is put in a daycare or with a nanny, whatever. What type of psychological imbalances have you found over four or five years?"

ZINMEISTER

"Well it's very frightening and it's clearly a problem the younger the children. When children hit three, four, five then you're capable of handling group situations but until then, you find a variety of things. You get problems with parental bonds. They simply don't trust and bond to the parent as they ought to. You get serious problems with aggression, you get low self esteem..."

ROBERTSON

"There's an incredible push again from the liberal left, but those who are concerned about the situation are pushing for this ABC bill or something like it. Now what is this going to do?"

ZINMEISTER

"The ABC bill is just crazy. You could hardly design a worse bill. It's enormously top heavy. A huge fraction of the money goes to administration. Of the rest of the money, all of it goes to big institutions, fluorescent lit homes, if you will, there's no provisions for stay-at-home parents, there's not provisions for small domestic family type care. It's a push in exactly the wrong direction. What we need is less money for bureaucrats and professionals and more money for parents and children to give them the choices to be with their own families."

ROBERTSON

"...Something has got to be done [to prevent institutionalized daycare] before we wind up putting our children into the same kind of environment the youth wound up in in such places as Nazi Germany. That isn't a step forward for our society, it's a step back."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 6-25-88

Prophecy

JERRY FALWELL

[In the year 2020] we'll have the Democrats and the Republicans conservative, pro-life, thinking straight, acting like human beings."