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ABC Bill

PAT ROBERTSON

"Ladies and gentlemen this is just one more move toward socialism, one more move toward big government, one more move toward the interference of the people in Washington in the lives of the people of America. The small elite that runs government, thinking they know how to do a better job with you and your family than you know how to. And the question therefore, is one of freedom vs. a controlled type of environment and it's always put out under the guise of welfare and help and compassion, all of these words and the words don't mean anything when underneath you have something that would be very ineffective, very damaging to children, disruptive of family values and discrimination against religion. It's not a good bill so if you're interested it's called the ABC Bill."

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South Africa

SHEILA WALSH, cohost

"The foreign relations committee voted Wednesday to approve a house measure that could place an almost total U.S. trade embargo against South Africa. the bill would force all Americans, businesses and individuals, to liquidate their South African holdings within one year and it calls for a halt to all trade except for some strategic minerals vital to U.S. defense. The committee approved the bill 10 to 9 and sent it to the full Senate where it is likely to be filibustered to death. All Democrats on the committee voted for the bill, all Republicans voted against it. This is one more case of where we will actually hurt the people we're trying to help."

PAT ROBERTSON

"We are already hurting them. The blacks in South Africa are out of work, this will hurt the so-called front-line states all the way up to Mozambique, Zimbabwe, other nations that are there, Namibia, Angola...those close in and depend so much on South Africa will be damaged but as Chief Buthelezi told me he said, 'those in your country who favor sanctions and disinvestment, knowingly or unknowingly are the allies of those who want a one party, marxist government in our country.' And I really believe that all these people are pounding the marxist drum, they might not know what they're doing, it seems like good domestic,

politics. They're playing American civil rights politics against the back-drop of Africa and the result will be tragic in terms of strategic balance...Of course we're all against apartheid. Everyone's against apartheid but there are better ways to end apartheid but than this kind of punitive thing that's been going on in these demagogues and that's all they are. They're domestic, political, demagogues who are willing to 'roll the dice' with the security interest of the United States of America in order to get votes at election time and that's wrong."

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Education

PAT ROBERTSON

"We've been talking on this program for many years now about the state of education in America. We have launched a program called Sing, Spell, Read and Write that has trained 160,000 Americans how to read and write without taking one dime of federal money. Without question, with expenditures now estimated at over \$300 billion a year, American public education is in serious trouble. Experts say one in 3 in this year's class of first graders will ultimately graduate from high school as functional illiterates. And yet the academic failure of the public schools is only half the story. Our children are also being indoctrinated into a secular religion and often socialism."

SAM BLUMENFELD, educational historian

"Education without religion is worthless. As a matter of fact it's dangerous. It's lethal, it can destroy us."

FRANKLIN MULLIN, vice president, Denver School Board

"I think the teacher is the most important single person in a modern society and I think they should be allowed to do anything they want to do in a classroom."

DOUG ROSS, principal, Open Door Christian Academy

"The parents who really should be involved deeply with the educational process have been pretty much excluded by professional educators. They've said, 'don't mess up what we're trying to do with your kids.'"

PAUL VITZ, Ph.D, professor of psychology, New York University

"Today the public school system has become a huge secular, moral either anti-religious or religiously indifferent system."

BLUMENFELD

"The progressives realized that Americans were not going to create a Russian-style revolution. Americans were not going to overthrow capitalism and replace it by socialism. So Dewey's

idea was to bring about socialism by educating the children in such a manner that they would then get rid of the system that we have today. they would get rid of capitalism, individualism and religion and replace them with socialism, collectivism and atheism...[Is that true today in public school textbooks?] Absolutely. Today's textbooks are written by humanists. They teach values clarification, sensitivity training, situational ethics."

GARY BAUER, assistant to the President on Policy Development

"We're going to continue to wake up in the morning and open our newspaper and see the kind of headlines that are making American parents so worried now. Whether they are headlines of drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, violence amongst young people. this is the harvest of twenty-five years of not teaching values in the classroom."

BLUMENFELD

"They're telling the children that God does not exist, that they have no souls, that they are little animals, the products of evolution and that all they have to look forward to is a nuclear holocaust."

ROBERTSON

"...In today's news in the United Press International, this just came down the wire, nationwide there are 4,116 teachers on strike today. That affects 64,000 students. So not only is the National Education Association big and powerful, it is also very active and here is the school year is just getting underway, the role models for the students are out on strike showing them again that selfishness and greed take precedence over civic pride and duty and honor and country and other things that we were to think were important for children to learn. It's an appalling mess. Can we do something about it? Yes! God has raised up here at CBN a broadcast vehicle that can number one, alert you to the problems and number two, do something about it. First of all, we have introduced a university...we have started through the university and then through CBN, a program called Sing, Spell, Read and write..."

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Science

PAT ROBERTSON

"...Ladies and gentlemen, the realm of science and creation and where did man come from has been more important in terms of faith, or lack of it, because in the universities and the education establishment, it has been the Darwinian evolution and

the anti-god hypothesis, if you will, that has taken more people away from their faith in Christianity and so you find among the 'educated classes,' more and more skepticism about the Bible and about God. Where as we go back and look at Boyle and Newton and Kepler and the great men of science, every one of them was a Christian. When you go back to the founding of these great universities, Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth and Amherst and over and over again, you'll find profound Christian beliefs. Now how do we change that? What are we going to do about it? Well it seems like to me, we've got to encourage the people to get together and discuss these things. It is very important that these men of science have a forum, a television forum particularly where they can discuss and bring out the concepts that they are now saying that evidence the existence of God and that they can come together in conferences, privately to exchange their own theories."

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Godless Country

PAT ROBERTSON

"But Thomas Jefferson said, 'God who gave us life, gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secured when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?' Now that's the man who wrote the Declaration of Independence and he realizes that if we take the knowledge of God away from this nation, away from our young people, away from all of our population, we won't have any liberties. But we look at the alternative to that, it's the humanistic, atheistic, communistic mode. Here's what it says, we do not believe in God. We say that our morality is entirely subordinated to the class struggle of the proletariat [Vladimir Lenin October, 1920]...those who accept a liberal, marxist, communist philosophy or consider themselves humanists and therefore, spiritual allies with those who are socialists and communists, that of course is what the humanist manifesto said. We have had a small minority. Six percent of the people of this nation are atheists. Ninety-six percent are theistic. Seventy percent believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God and the same number believe that the Bible is the word of God. So a tiny minority in the courts, in the government, in the think tanks, in the universities and sometimes in international business have been able to move this nation away from it's Christian, Judeo-Christian roots and have started what amounts to a vendetta against these things...The Supreme Court has taken on awesome powers and nevertheless, has become the agent, along with other federal courts, the agents of a liberal move that has taken government often away from the elected representatives of the people...Can we make a change? Well the answer is of course we can make a change and what we've got to do

is recognize that our fundamental freedoms will continue to be threatened unless the men in power respect that those freedoms are rooted in the laws of God. We must raise up leaders who have been untainted by the lies of secular humanism and who will stand firm for biblical principles on which this country is founded."

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Constitution
PAT ROBERTSON

"The men who framed the U.S. Constitution said it very carefully, debating at great lengths, small points. The language they chose meant something and they intended that meaning to endure. Yet today, the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution threatens the very document which created the core.

Robert Bork
GARY MCDOWELL, Ph.D, National Legal Center

"What that was really all about was to denounce once and for all what Judge Bork stands for and that is the original intention approach to constitutional construction and a lot hangs in the balance and what hangs is the liberal left being able to impose their value and policy choices through the courts."

ROBERTSON

"...If this, an immutable law, if this is the governing law of the United States of America, if it is to be changed, it should be changed by the elected officials not by non-elected judges who serve without any reference to the people, for life. And that part of the government which was intended to be the least powerful has become the most powerful branch of government and it's being backed up by a political leftist philosophy which says the people won't change but through the courts we can move the people towards our political agenda. Now that's what's being done whether you like it or not and the major problems that have come about, what's called the social issues, having to do with school busing or prayer in the schools or religious beliefs of our children or abortion, those things are almost invariably attributable to a court. Not to the legislature. And the power governing us has been taken out of the hands of the people and given to the courts and that's wrong..."

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Legal Services Corporation
PAT ROBERTSON

"There's an omnibus appropriations bill that deals with the

Commerce, Judicial and State Departments that is going to be put on President Reagan's desk today. In that bill is the funding of about 300 million dollars for an organization called The Legal Services Corporation.

The President has proposed some radical changes in that agency which is supposed to provide legal services to the poor. The President and other conservatives have long criticized the Legal Services Corp., because much of the money appropriated to aid the poor has gone instead to left wing think tanks. And they say that diverts money intended for the poor to groups that promote abortions for minors without parental consent, and help homosexuals in child custody cases and many other things. The Legal Services Corp. joined last year with the American Civil Liberties Union in at least 100 cases that have been recorded. President Reagan says he will veto funding of the Legal Services Corp. unless reforms are instituted. But is he really going to do that when faced with this very large bill that contains some good things along with funding for the LSC. In today's editorials of the Wall Street Journal there's an editorial, "Last chance for Legal Services" and it mentions some of the egregious wrongs that have been done as this organization has helped Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, the San Francisco Sex Offenders Task Force and the Sonoma County Sanctuary Movement, with the taxpayers money.

Joining us today from Washington is the chairman of the Legal Services Corp., Mr. Clark Durant. Mr. Durant is a Reagan appointee and is on the front lines of this particular struggle. So it's a pleasure to welcome the chairman of the Legal Services Corp., Mr. Clark Durant.

You are supposed to be the head of this organization and yet you look back at the history of it and you find things you don't like very much. Tell us about it."

CLARK DURANT, chairman, Legal Services Corp.

"Well Pat, it's been a very difficult but challenging fight. I was appointed by the President with 10 other members to the board 4 years ago. And one mission was to examine this agency and determine if it was fulfilling its mandate of truly providing individual legal assistance to poor people. And we have found that a substantial portion of the activities of the Legal Services network do not really help poor people but many of the lawyers are more interested in social reforms and social causes. In fact, if you look at the original document and some of the original memos and writings of the Legal Services founders, you'll find that the left wing of the Democratic party, if you will, saw this as an opportunity to bring about wide changes in the law in a number of different areas. One of the early founders talked about the Corporation's mission to redistribute wealth throughout the country. They've referred to our great capitalist system as bankrupt and that it causes poverty and the job of Legal Services lawyers is to change all of that."

PAT ROBERTSON

"We saw in the Wall Street Journal articles and other materials that the Legal Services Corp. has been involved in joint ventures with the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, the homosexual group in San Francisco and the Sanctuary Movement in Sonoma County. Now is this part of their charter, to take federal taxpayer's money and get involved in those things?"

DURANT

"Well, I certainly don't think so and I would hope that the President of the United States doesn't think so. Yes, there are more than 100 cases that we have found recently that our grantees have been involved with the American Civil Liberties Union and certainly, this is a free country and if the American Civil Liberties Union wants to file a suit, let them go ahead and do that. But whether taxpayers' money should be used to fund their causes, I don't think so. And so I hope that if we get the President's reforms, this will stop."

ROBERTSON

"Now, let me ask you. The President, when he first came into office, said he wanted to abolish the Legal Services because it was sort of the bete noire of the conservatives. But now he said O.K., I'll go along with helping the poor. What reforms has he asked Congress for?"

DURANT

"Pat, I think the President has done a very bold thing. During the first 7 years of his administration he did recommend zero funding for this agency, and he did it for a very simple reason. He wanted to change the focus of the debate on how we provide access to justice for poor people. But what he did in his 'State of the Union' message this year was to make a bold proposal that he would offer money to the Legal Services Corp. only if it was money spent on the direct delivery of day-to-day legal services for individuals, poor people who have need for these services. That there ought to be competition bidding for all the grants. Right now, our agency is a \$300 million agency (and) the people who receive the money have been receiving it for years. Congress has prevented us from engaging in competitive bidding, from broadening the base and changing the base of the people who provide these services. The President, in his message, said focus it on direct delivery, [not on] these support centers and think thanks and bring competition in and cut down, cut out the lobbying, the political lobbying that goes on with the Legal Services."

ROBERTSON

"Unfortunately the Congress, which has just passed in both Houses one of these omnibus appropriations bills for several departments, didn't take these reforms into consideration. Am I correct on that?"

DURANT

"Well, they did take them into consideration but we did not prevail and I'll tell you why. There's a small group in Congress who have seen the Legal Services Corp. as their pet program, as their engine of reform. And they have dominated this debate in Congress for the past seven years. But a very significant thing happened yesterday. The President had already promised prior to the hearings yesterday that if enough people indicated that there was a willingness to sustain a veto that his senior advisors would recommend to him a veto on this appropriations, on this omnibus bill, if the reforms for Legal Services weren't contained. He had received a letter signed by a bipartisan group of Republicans and Democrats asking him to veto and committing in writing that they would sustain a veto. One hundred and eighty members signed that letter and yesterday, when push came to shove, and we really had to see the votes, we got more than enough votes to sustain a presidential veto. Now the real test, and there is tremendous pressure on the White House to not veto this bill, but I hope that the President will come through, will veto this bill, and send a message to Congress that we don't need this much money, our agency doesn't need this much money to do the job and that he will send a message to Congress that he is tired of these support centers and think tanks, that the Washington Post referred to in an editorial as Lyndon Johnson's secret weapon and they provide the framework, the network by which so much of the rest of the activity takes place in this country. And if Reagan sends the message by vetoing, I know we can prevail."

ROBERTSON

"Clark, what is the procedure? That bill is on his desk today, or certainly tomorrow, he is going to either sign or veto in the next day or two. So, what should the people who watch this program [do]? Is there time to get a word in [that] the public would like to see him do what he says he's going to do?"

DURANT

"There's always time and I think that the President, I hope, would be responsive. The process is that the House passed their bill yesterday at about 3:00 p.m., it went over to the U.S. Senate and was passed very quickly. So this morning it is being what they call 'enrolled' and should go to the President's desk some time today. So a decision should be made some time today or tomorrow as to whether or not he should veto the bill."

ROBERTSON

"Clark, thank you for being here and thank you for your courageous work on behalf of the American taxpayer on this very important issue."

DURANT

"It's my pleasure, Pat."

ROBERTSON

"Clark Durant, ladies and gentlemen, he's chairman of the board of the Legal Services Corp., His own agency. He says there's mischief in this agency of which I am the chairman but my hands are tied by acts of Congress but the President himself has said he will veto the appropriations of this particular agency unless they stop funding left wing organizations like Planned Parenthood and the ACLU.

So, it's your money involved and that's just one more step that takes us further and further down the road to eventual bankruptcy unless we stop wasting money in government on things that most of us don't agree with.

Now the White House has set up an opinion line, they are interested in what you have to say on this issue. The President has already said that he wants to veto this thing but it's got the appropriations for the State Department, the Commerce Department and the Justice Department so there would have to be a couple of quick moves by Congress to remove a couple of objectionable provisions and get the bill back to the White House, which they can do. So if you favor vetoing what is called Legal Services Corp., you can give the opinion line a call and they are set up to hear from people like you, that's what they want to know, the President wants to know what people want on these things. So it's (202) 456-1414 and (202) 456-6796 or you can send a mailgram or telegram into the White House and say, 'please veto the Legal Services Corp.' or if you think it's good to fund Planned Parenthood and the ACLU with taxpayer's money, tell him to sign the bill. You can have it either way but I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you but today's the day. In the next day or two, the decision is going to be made and I'm sure the aides to the President are looking to see what the feeling of the people across this nation is. So your voice on this one is very important. As I said before, there are many good things in this bill, it is not a totally bad appropriations which shows among other things, that we must, absolutely must, get a line item veto to the President so he can cut certain objectionable things without having to take out a meat ax to a huge appropriations for three major government agencies, departments I should say.

So anyway, I'll give you those numbers one more time, it's very important, it's kind of a last ditch effort on this one, as the Wall Street Journal said, 'Last Chance on Legal Services,' I echo that editorial...this could be one of the best telephone calls you have ever made."