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Baucus	Max	MT	D	MT has a moderate DOMA. Signatures are being collected to place an amendment on the ballot in November.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	Baucus said he supports traditional marriage, but has misgivings about amending the Constitution. "Changing the Constitution of the United States of America is a very serious business and should only be used as a last resort," Baucus said in a written statement. —Helena Dateline, The Associated Press, February 26, 2004. Interview: <<<Regarding an amendment forbidding homosexual marriage: Q:...[W]ould you argue it's a state issue? Sen. Baucus: Partly it's procedural, partly it is a state issue, primarily- it is a state issue. It sounds like something I would not- it would have to be a steep uphill climb for me to support it. Q: If states start recognizing homosexual marriage, would that be good policy, or do you think it would be harmful- not necessarily from your legislative position, but your personal view? Baucus: As is the case today, that's up to the states. >>> — "Senators Hesitant to Back Frist on Marriage Amendment," Human Events Online, July 11, 2003.	UP: 2008; United Church of Christ Josh, IMMAP, contact individual leading the state initiative effort. Will he do an in-state press event for the FMA?	Karen Bridges 202.224.2651	224-4700

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Bayh	Evan	IN	D	IN has a strong DOMA. A constitutional amendment was proposed but the legislature adjourned for the year without	This senator was elected in 1998, therefore not present for the federal DOMA vote in 1996.	"Spokeswoman Meg Keck said Democrat Evan Bayh supports the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which he voted for in 1996, and is studying the proposal being discussed." — The Indianapolis Star, January 13, 2004.	UP: 2004; Epis Nathan Diament - Affiliated Rabbinical Council focus on Sabbath services Micah Clark, micah@afain.net 317-541-9287 in-state press event. Assistance from AFM, Eric White and CLS. Austin Ruse action alert.	Emily Duncan 5623	228-1377
Breaux	John	LA	D	LA has a strong DOMA. A constitutional amendment to define marriage between a man and a woman passed. It will be on the ballot in September 2004.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"Breaux said that while same-sex marriage is 'counter to a long-standing tradition that is the cornerstone of our culture,' he opposed amending the Constitution 'because each state can adequately address this issue.'" — New Orleans Dateline, Associated Press, February 25, 2004. "The 'states determine what are appropriate unions, not Congress, suggesting that Congress shouldn't nullify state and local laws recognizing gay partnerships. — Times-Picayune (New Orleans, LA), August 2, 2003.	UP: 2004; Roman Catholic Chris Johns, democratic candidate to replace Breaux has declared his support for the FMA when it comes up in the House. In state press event by Gene Mills, 225-344-8533, info@lafamilyforum.org	Jena Longo 4623	228-2577
Byrd	Robert	WV	D	WV has a good law.	Yes on DOMA	refused a statement upon request in June	UP: 2006	Jason Marino 3954	228-0002

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Campbell	Ben	CO	R	CO has a strong DOMA. No current legislative activity.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	“As a supporter of the Defense of Marriage Act, I believe that the decision to ban gay marriage should be left up to the individual states, and I am reluctant to tinker with the Constitution. As a Catholic, I feel that marriage is between a man and a woman. I will study this carefully if it comes before the Senate floor” — Rocky Mountain News, February 25, 2004. 2003 constituent letter says: “I also believe that it is too early to take such a drastic step as opening up our carefully drafted and balanced Constitution – which serves as the bedrock for our freedom and democracy – for change. For one thing, such an amendment would erode the rights of our fifty states, including Colorado’s, by taking away their long-held authority to recognize marriage – a responsibility which they have handled well. However, if it becomes clear that our nation’s federal courts are ignoring the will of the people, overruling the 50 state’s laws concerning same-sex marriage and disregarding the will of Congress as expressed in DOMA, I have no doubt that there will be a showdown.”	UP: 2004 (Ret); Christian; received letter from Meese Archbishop Shipu trying to reach him. Stanley Kurtz info on Cherokee nation being challenged to recognize a same-sex "marriage." Austin Ruse action alert	John Coke 5852	228-4609

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Cantwell	Maria	WA	D	WA has a moderate DOMA. A constitutional amendment was proposed but the legislature adjourned for the year without approving the measure.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"Democrat Maria Cantwell (D-Edmonds), also opposes a constitutional amendment, saying marriage laws have traditionally been written by the states." — The News Tribune, February 25, 2004.	UP: 2006; Roman Catholic Austin Ruse action alert	Beth Stein 202.224.3441	228-0514
Collins	Susan	ME	R	ME has a moderate DOMA. No current legislative activity.	This senator was elected in 1996, therefore not present for the federal DOMA vote in 1996.	"Jen Burita, Collins' spokeswoman, said [Collins] opposes a constitutional amendment as long as [DOMA] remains in effect." Portland Press Herald Writer (Portland, Maine), February 25, 2004. "Susan Collins of Maine said this week that [the FMA] is 'not needed.'" — Gay City News, Vol. 2, Issue 41, October 9, 2003. "I don't, at this point see the need for a constitutional amendment as long as the Defense of Marriage Act remains on the books, and that clearly protects the traditional right of states to define marriage as between a man and a woman." — The Boston Globe, March 29, 2004.	UP: 2008; Roman Catholic; letter from Meese; HE survey - no Orthodox Jewish Community Austin Ruse	Alex Porteous 202.224.2523	224-2693

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Conrad	Kent	ND	D	ND has a strong DOMA. Signatures are being collected to place an amendment on the November 2004 ballot.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"Conrad said he believed marriage 'should be reserved to relationships between a man and a woman. Only those pairings can produce children. But I do not believe an amendment to the Constitution of the United States is the appropriate answer.' The Bismark Tribune, February 25, 2004.	UP: 2006; Unitarian Austin Ruse action alert	Peggie Rice 2043	224-7776
Daschle	Tom	SD	D	SD has a weak DOMA. Legislation to strengthen the preexisting DOMA was introduced but failed.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle (D-S.D.) said he is 'very much opposed' to the Massachusetts decision but sees no need for a constitutional amendment." Washington Post. February 6, 2004) "Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, South Dakota Democrat, said he opposes same-sex "marriage," but also opposes a constitutional amendment. "The Defense of Marriage Act is a Federal law. States, of course, have the right to make their own decisions with regard to how they're going to look at marriage," Mr. Daschle said." The Washington Times, Nov. 24, 2003.	UP: 2004; Roman Catholic Austin Ruse action alert	Jennifer Duck 2321	224-6603

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DeWine	Mike	OH	R	OH has a strong DOMA. Signatures are being gathered to place a constitutional amendment defining traditional marriage on the November 2004 ballot.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"U.S. Senator Mike DeWine's spokeswoman, Amanda Flaig, said the Cedarville Republican believes 'marriage is between a man and a woman,' but he is still considering whether an amendment is needed." Dayton Daily News, February 25, 2004. Sens. Mike DeWine (R-OH) and George Voinovich (R-OH) also are undecided. They said they "agree that marriage should be between a man and a woman," but like many others, they are "not sure they want to go as far as amending the Constitution." The Hotline, February 26, 2004.	UP: 2006; Roman Catholic; HE Survey - undecided Orthodox Jews, Austin Ruse action alert, Eric Seabrook contacts, CLS attorneys. In state press conference led by Ken Blackwell	Patrick Tunno 2315	224-6519
Dorgan	Byron	ND	D	ND has a strong DOMA. Signatures are being collected to place an amendment on the November 2004 ballot.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"Those of the same sex who have a long-term relationship and who wish to provide a legal framework for that relationship should aspire to enact legislation in the States that creates such a legal framework. But that should not include changing the definition of marriage to allow same-sex marriages, and it should not require all States to recognize that legal relationship." Congressional Record, September 13, 1996.	UP: 2004; Lutheran Austin Ruse action alert Possible in-state rally.	Gabriel Adler 202.224.2551	224-1193

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Gregg	Judd	NH	R	<p>NH does not have an official DOMA, but does have statutory language that prohibits a man from marrying a man and a woman from marrying a woman. The legislature has passed a new law to strengthen the ban against same sex marriage. The governor has promised to sign the bill.</p>	<p>This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.</p>	<p>“Earlier this week Sen. Judd Gregg and Reps. Charles Bass and Jeb Bradley also said that marriage should be between a man and a woman, but all three also questioned the need for a constitutional amendment.” Manchester Union Leader, February 27, 2004. “Sen. Judd Gregg also said that marriage ‘should be between a man and a woman.’ He said he is ‘willing to take a further look at (an amendment), but feel that until a federal court rules in this area it may be premature.” Union Leader, February 26, 2004</p>	<p>UP: 2004; Congr; Received letter from Meese American Association of Christian Schools and CLS activity; Austin Ruse action alert.</p>	<p>Tom McHugh 202.224.3324</p>	<p>224-4952</p>

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Hagel	Chuck	NE	R	NE has a Constitutional Amendment.	This senator was elected in 1996, therefore not present for the federal DOMA vote in 1996.	Hagel: "I do not believe we need to amend the Constitution to deal with this problem... I think we need to be a little steady here." The Hotline, February 26, 2004. INTERVIEW Chris Matthews: Would you support a constitutional amendment to make sure that marriage is only for people of different genders? Hagel: No, I think the Constitution of the United States is not for those reasons. Obviously, I am a supporter of marriage. And I do think the sanctity of marriage is important between a man and a woman. But I think the law that we currently have, signed by President Clinton, authored by a very conservative Republican House member, is the right way to go. Second reason I wouldn't support a constitutional amendment, Chris, is I think these are state issues. I don't think we want to be using the federal government to dictate through a constitutional amendment these kinds of issues." Hardball with Chris Matthews, January 20, 2004.	UP: 2008; Epis; received letter from Meese. Austin Ruse action alert. In-state press event, Dave Bydalek, 402-435-3210, dbydalek@familyfirst.org	Jill Konz 4224	224-5213

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Hollings	Fritz	SC	D	SC has a strong DOMA. Legislation had been introduced to strengthen the DOMA, but legislature	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"I'm against gay marriage and for civil unions.' [Hollings] said he would reserve judgment on a constitutional amendment until he sees what is proposed." The State, February 25, 2004.	UP: 2004 (Ret); Lutheran; HE Survey - undecided Significant grassroots activity headed by Joe Mack, 803-765-0300 x 1520, joemack@scbaptist.org	Layth Elhassani 6121	224-4293
Johnson	Tim	SD	D	SD has a weak DOMA. Legislation to strengthen the preexisting DOMA was introduced but failed.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	INTERVIEW Q: Sen. Frist said he would support a constitutional amendment to ban homosexual marriage. Would you support such an amendment if it were offered in the Senate? Johnson: No, there's no need for such an amendment. It's just nonsense. Q: Do you think that because it's not likely to happen? Or, if it became imminent that it was going to happen, would you think that would then be appropriate, that kind of amendment? Johnson: It's not imminent, and this is a state-by-state decision about government laws on marriage and civil unions. — David Freddoso, "Senators Hesitant to Back Frist on Marriage Amendment," Human Events Online, July 11, 2003.	UP: 2008; Lutheran Stanley Kurtz Cherokee nation suit information. Austin Ruse action alert.	Danna Jackson 5842	228-5765

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Landrieu	Mary	LA	D	Louisiana has a strong DOMA. A constitutional amendment to define marriage between a man and a woman passed. It will be on the ballot in September 2004.	This senator was elected in 1996, therefore not present for the federal DOMA vote in 1996.	“Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., joined many other Democrats last week in opposing President Bush’s call for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. She said states should be able to decide for themselves what constitutes marriage and that changing the Constitution would be ‘an unnecessary and divisive step motivated more by politics than legal necessity.’” Times-Picayune, Feb. 29, 2004.	UP: 2008; Roman Catholic; HE Survey - undecided Chris Johns, democratic candidate to replace Breaux has declared his support for the FMA when it comes up in the House. In state press event by Gene Mills, 225-344-8533, info@lafamilyforum.org. Knights of Columbus	Kevin Avery 202.224.5824	224-9735
Lincoln	Blanche	AR	D	AR has a strong DOMA. Signatures are being gathered to place a state constitutional amendment defining marriage between a man and a woman on the November 2004 ballot. The legislature is not in session this year.	As a U.S. Representative in 1996, this senator did not cast a vote for or against the federal DOMA in 1996.	Lincoln said she also supports existing state and federal laws that ban such marriage, and “I do not believe a constitutional amendment is appropriate.” — Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, February 25, 2004. “Historically, domestic and family-law matters have been governed almost exclusively by state law. Therefore, I support and respect Arkansas law, which defines marriage in our state as a union between a man and a woman regardless of where a marriage is performed. I believe that policy is sound and accurately reflects the judgment of the citizens of our state.” — Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, August 6, 2003.	UP: 2004; Epis; HE Survey - no Ballot initiative press conference Thursday, July 1st...enough signatures. Strong grassroots state leadership in Larry Paige, 501-228-0432, llp@afec.org. Austin Ruse action alert.	Todd Wooten 4843	228-1371

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Lugar	Dick	IN	R	IN has a strong DOMA. A constitutional amendment was proposed but the legislature adjourned for the year without approving the measure.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"A few weeks ago during a visit to our office, U.S. Senator Richard Lugar was asked what he thought of the push for a constitutional amendment to deny certain Americans the right to marry. He called it the product of 'a narrow constituency with a strong agenda.'" —Indianapolis Star, February 29, 2004. Both of Indiana's U.S. senators, Republican Richard Lugar and Democrat Evan Bayh, said they oppose gay marriage. But both also expressed hesitation about amending the Constitution. Indianapolis Star, February 25, 2004	UP: 2006; Methodist Austin Ruse action alert.	John Eskelsen 4814	228-0360
Murkowski	Lisa	AK	R	AK has a Constitutional Amendment.	This senator was appointed in 2002, therefore not present for the federal DOMA vote in 1996.		UP: 2004; Roman Catholic; received letter from Meese; HE Survey - undecided Austin Ruse action alert.	Jon Devore 6665	224-5301

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Murray	Patty	WA	D	WA has a moderate DOMA. A constitutional amendment was proposed but the legislature adjourned for the year without approving the measure.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	"I oppose a constitutional amendment that would deny same-sex couples the rights and protections that other Americans enjoy, and I am deeply concerned by this effort to use the Constitution to take away the rights of individuals. Sadly, this is exactly what the President has proposed today. The national conversation on this issue is still evolving and we should not move forward with a Constitutional change that would stop this discussion dead in its tracks." Congressional Press Release, February 24, 2004.	UP: 2004; Roman Catholic Austin Ruse action alert.	Anne Grady 2621	224-0238
Nelson	Ben	NE	D	very strong state amendment passed by 70.1% of the vote.		"Sen. Nelson opposes the federal amendment because as a former governor, he's a strong believer in states' rights and he thinks this is a matter for the states to deal with." – Press rep David Dimartino 6-9-04	UP:2006. Austin Ruse action alert. In-state press event, Dave Bydalek, 402-435-3210, dbydalek@familyfirst.org	Tom Litjen 6551	228-0012
Pryor	Mark	AR	D	AR has a strong DOMA. Signatures are being gathered to place a state constitutional amendment defining marriage between a man and a woman on the	This senator was elected in 2002, therefore not present for the federal DOMA vote in 1996.		UP: 2008; Presbyterian; HE Survey - no Sam Casey to follow up personally. Ballot initiative press conference Thursday, July 1st....enough signatures. Strong grassroots state leadership in Larry Paige, 501-228-0432, llp@afec.org. Austin Ruse action alert.	Mary Claire Butt 2353	228-0908

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Snowe	Olympia	ME	R	ME has a moderate DOMA. No current legislative activity.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	Snowe indicated that the president's proposal is currently unnecessary, but she did not rule out support for a constitutional ban at some point. Snowe said in a written statement that she believes marriage is between a man and a woman, but indicated that Bush's proposed amendment is premature because the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act remains in effect. "Should this be challenged, the next step would be for the issue to be considered by the federal courts,' Snowe said, adding that she hopes the law is upheld because that would make a constitutional amendment unnecessary." Portland Press Herald Writer, February 25, 2004.	UP: 2006; Greek Orthodox; Received letter from Meese; HE Survey - undecided	Ray Kmcevic 202.224.5344	224-1946

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Specter	Arlen	PA	R	PA has a strong DOMA. Legislation was proposed to strengthen the DOMA, but the measure was not passed.	This senator voted for the federal DOMA in 1996.	<p>"It is premature to consider a U.S. constitutional amendment," [Sen. Specter] said, "because the several states involved are dealing with the issue. Massachusetts is moving on a state Constitutional amendment which would be much quicker than action by Congress and 38 states... California is also acting. If the states cannot preserve the tradition of marriage between a man and a woman, I would be prepared to consider a U.S. Constitutional amendment." Philadelphia Inquirer, February 26, 2004. "Sen. Arlen Specter (R. PA.) thinks that it is "premature" to consider the amendment and prefers to let the states deal with the issue. "If the states cannot preserve the traditions of marriage between a man and a woman," he said, "I would be prepared to consider a U.S. constitutional amendment." Philadelphia Inquirer, February 25, 2004. "Senator Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican and senior member of the Judiciary Committee, told reporters Friday he was not ready to endorse the marriage amendment. 'If the states cannot adequately protect the institution of ma</p>	UP: 2004; Jewish	Juria Jones 4254	228-1229

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Sununu	John	NH	R	NH does not have an official DOMA, but does have statutory language that prohibits a man from marrying a man and a woman from marrying a woman. The legislature has passed a new law to strengthen the	This senator was elected in 2002, therefore not present for the federal DOMA vote in 1996.	"Sen. John Sununu said on CNN's Capital Gang (2/28), "The court in Massachusetts has forced this to become a national issue. That's the concern the President's raising. He's trying to respond to that. It should be a state issue. That's what the Defense of Marriage Act attempted to do... The President dealt with this now because of what the courts have done..." The Frontrunner, March 1, 2004.	UP: 2008 Roman Catholic; received letter from Meese Austin Ruse action alert.	Dave Cuzzi 2841	

