

# Racial profile bill heads to U.S. Senate

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"You can't just have any old law, call it racial profiling and qualify for these millions of dollars. Because there's a money incentive, I think it'll be effective in getting states to want to get the money and therefore pass the laws we need," Norton says. "You have the states making stops for race alone."

The provision will now be discussed in a conference between House and Senate members among other provisions in the transportation bill.

Norton acknowledges that the measure, which she expects will be agreed upon, is only a start.

For at least the last two sessions of Congress, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), the longest serving member of the CBC and ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee, has introduced an anti-police profiling bill that would become a mandatory civil rights law rather than a budgetary provision such as Norton's. It would prohibit federal funds for states or localities proven to be conducting traffic stops based on race.

Conyers has noted that Republican Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner (Wis.) has constantly blocked the measure from ever reaching the House floor for a vote.

"We are nowhere near to getting that from a Republican Congress," says Norton, a co-sponsor of Conyers' bill (H.R.3847). "We're just going in the back door. [Conyers] wants to go in the front door."

Norton used her knowledge and savvy as former chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) under Jimmy Carter to write the new provision.

"One of the reasons racial profiling remains widespread is because federal law has been silent, unlike the case with job discrimination and discrimination in other state and federal activities," Norton said.

## Black women may hold key to election

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WASHINGTON — With a presidential election that is shaping up to be close, black women are poised to play a decisive role.

The Democratic Party is home base for many, but the Republicans are trying to lure them over. At the same time, younger African-American women prefer to register as independents. "This is a very polarized country we live in at this time," says Daniella Gibbs, deputy communications director for the Democratic National Committee. "So every vote is going to count."

And, it appears the one vote the Democrats can count on is from Black women. Studies of the last three presidential elections show that Black women are the most loyal Democrats of any demographic group. "African-American women are the base of the base of the Democratic Party," Gibbs says.

In the 2000 presidential race, 94 percent of black women voted for Al Gore, while only 6 percent supported George W. Bush, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, an African-American think tank based in Washington, D.C. Close to 9 million black women were registered to vote in the election, and of that number 7.6 million said they actually voted, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. There were more than 13 million black women in the U.S. in 2000.

Although Gore lost in 2000, black women helped him to win key states, such as Pennsylvania, California and New York.

Political consultant and commentator Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich points to Illinois, where white voters were split evenly between Bush and Gore. She says that the 10 percent of voters who were black women pushed Gore over the top to win the state with 54 percent.

According to Scruggs-Leftwich, a professor at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies in Silver Spring, Md., black women get lumped with white women when political pundits talk about the "women's vote." In 1992 and 1996, exit polls showed white women's votes were relatively close to white men's (44 percent to 34 in '92 and 42-31 in '96) for President Bill Clinton. When black women's votes were averaged with white women's, the "women's vote" gave Clinton a winning majority of 54 percent in 1992 and 51 percent in 1996.

She says her provision, established by working with ranking Transportation Committee Democrat, James Oberstar (Minn.), is an important first step, but she will continue to fight alongside Conyers to add a ban on racial profiling to the nation's civil rights laws.

To qualify for a maximum of 5 percent annual of the grant funding, states must establish laws prohibiting the use of race or ethnicity of drivers or passengers in making traffic stops.

"A state law shall prohibit, in the enforcement of state laws regulating the use of Federal-aid highways, a State or local law enforcement officer from using the race or ethnicity of the driver or passengers to any degree in making routine or spontaneous law enforcement decisions, such as ordinary traffic stops on Federal-aid highways," the provision states.

A state must also maintain public racial and ethnic statistics on each vehicle stop and provide proof that they are consistently enforcing racial profiling laws.

The question now is whether President Bush will veto the entire bill. Bush, who has proposed \$256 billion for the transportation programs, has threatened to veto a \$318 billion Senate version of the bill, passed in February. And he says the \$275 billion House bill is still too costly during his election year in which he promises to cut spending and reduce the deficit.

Bush has never vetoed a bill passed by the Republican-led House. The new program would replace a \$218 billion plan that expired Sept. 30 last year, but has been extended twice as Congress and Bush spar over the provisions of the new program.

Norton seized the moment.

"You normally don't have a bill with huge amounts of money that everybody wants. So I don't know if there is any other bill like this that they could attach this to," Norton says. "I think it can be quite effective."

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## The Kappa Foundation of Charlotte and The Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Present Their 28th Annual Kappa Alpha Psi Beautillion Militaire 2003-2004 Beaux "A Legacy of Leadership"

The Kappa Foundation of Charlotte and the Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. concluded their 28th Annual Kappa Alpha Psi Beautillion Militaire for 2003-2004 with two grand events. The Beautillion Recognition Banquet was held March 14th at Kappa Hall, speaker for the event was Dr. Frank Neely, CEO, Rejoice radio, and a special Rite of Passage Ceremony for the young men concluded the evening. Four young men displayed individual talents, which were evaluated for the Beau of the year contest. On March 21, 2004, the Beautillion Militaire was held at Marriott Charlotte Executive Center. An innovative Waltz choreographed by Melinda Johnson was performed to contemporary music by the Beaux, their mothers and escorts. The keynote speaker, Kappa Alpha Psi Middle Eastern Province Polemarch, Sheldon McAlpin gave thought provoking words relative to the theme, "A Legacy of Leadership." Mr. Curtis Walls, 2002-2003, Beau of the Year and freshman, NC A&T State University also provided words of encouragement. Polemarch, C.N. Pap Parrish gave remarks on the occasion, followed by the presentation of over \$17,000 in scholarships and awards by The Kappa Foundation of Charlotte.

The beautillion program provides a structured atmosphere for male high school seniors to develop through mentored workshops and activities while earning scholarships. Fifteen young men from Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools were selected for participation based on character, academics, accomplishments, talent and extracurricular activities. The Beautillion Militaire is a formal affair designed to present young men to the community while emphasizing their development.

Since its inception in 1976 by the late Dr. C.W. Williams, MD, this program has become a landmark experience for those who have participated. It was developed as a local response to Guide Right, the national service directive of the fraternity, and has since been adopted by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni chapters across the country.



### Tyrone Cannon

Zebulon B. Vance High School

#### 2004 Beau of the Year

- First Place Award and Scholarship
- William M. Blakeney Academic Achievement Award • 60% Club Achiever
- Son of John & Linda Cannon
- Escorted by J'naï Adams



### Jeremy Dustin Howard

West Charlotte High School

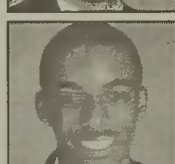
- Second Place Award and Scholarship
- Metrolina Dodge Achievers Award
- Johnny Newman Athletic Achievement Award
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### Gerard David Gottlieb Jr.

Hopewell High School

- Third Place Award and Scholarship
- Howard C. Barnhill Community Service Award
- Son of Gerard David Sr. & Joyce Gottlieb
- Escorted by Jessica Hill



### Anthony Gilchrist Jr

Zebulon B. Vance High School

- Fourth Place Award and Scholarship
- Essay Contest Third Place Award (tie)
- Son of Anthony Sr. & Vergie Gilchrist
- Escorted by Gabriele Thomas



### Reginald Scott

Harding University High School

- Essay Contest First Place Award and Scholarship Winner
- son of Reginald Sr. & Deborah Scott
- Escorted by Allyson Allen



### Jeremy Faulk

Hopewell High School

- Essay Contest Second Place Award and Scholarship
- Dr. C.W. Williams Outstanding Leadership Award
- Son of Earl & Diane Faulk
- Escorted by Alyce McGirt



### Brandon Jones

West Charlotte High School

- Essay Contest Third Place Award (tie) and Scholarship
- Son of Gerard & Lisa Matthews
- Escorted by Felisha Hicks



### Chris Davis

Providence High School

- Achievement Award
- Johnny Newman Athletic Achievement Award
- Son of Colcene Yvette Davis
- Escorted by Zibiah Burden



### Shaun Allison II

Providence High School

- Achievement Award (tie)
- Doug Cunningham Dedication Award
- Son of Shawn & Darlene Allison
- Escorted by Teosha Jackson



### Steve Barnes

Hopewell High School

- Achievement Award Winner
- 60% Club Achiever
- Son of Andrew & Gloria Smalls
- Escorted by Christina Johnson



### Robert Medley

West Charlotte High School

- Achievement Award Winner
- Son of Robert Sr. & Cassandra Ingram
- Escorted by Allison Stringfellow



### Jamal Cook

West Charlotte High School

- Achievement Award Winner
- Son of Nathaniel & Sandra Cook
- Escorted by Crystal Jackson



### Marion Lee Clark II

Hopewell High School

- Achievement Award Winner
- son of Marion Sr. & Brenda Clark



### George Moreland III

Victory Christian Center High School

- Achievement Award Winner
- Son of George Moreland Jr. & the late Emma Moreland Coates
- Escorted by Shawntavea Thomas



### Jamar A. Haywood

Hopewell High School

- Achievement Award Winner
- Son of Sandra Haywood