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## Moratoria Resolution Fails to Pass in House of Deputies

The resolution that sought to stop the consecration of gay and lesbian bishops and the blessing of same-gender unions failed to win passage in the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church this afternoon.

Earlier, a substitute resolution crafted by conservatives was challenged on constitutional grounds, and was ultimately declared unconstitutional because its resolves exceeded General Convention's authority. With that out of the way, the House of Deputies voted on the resolution "by orders." Both the original and conservative versions were crafted as acts of compliance with the Windsor Report, whereas Integrity has called for participation in the listening process recommended by Windsor.

In a surprise to many on the floor, a number of conservatives joined progressives in voting against the resolution. Nevertheless, conservative leaders immediately said that the Episcopal Church was continuing its trajectory to walk apart from the Anglican Communion. Both David Anderson of the American Anglican Council and Kendall Harmon of the Anglican Communion Network declared that the motion as it stood had not adequately met the concerns of the Windsor Report.

At the end of this afternoon's business in the House of Deputies, it appeared that the Episcopal Church had voted to continue with its 2003 policy in regard to gay bishops and same-sex blessings. Integrity expressed hopeful confidence that as the remaining Windsor-related resolutions were discussed, the Episcopal Church would continue to declare its support for the full inclusion of all the baptized in all orders of the Church.

Then, as things have had a habit of doing at this convention, what seemed finished was not quite finished. The House of Deputies continued work into the night on resolution A159 on interdependence in the Anglican Communion--which Integrity supported in its original form. The resolution passed after debate. As we file, the House of Deputies also approved resolution A166--calling for a process toward an Anglican Covenant.

Now, word has come that a joint session of the two Houses has been called by the Presiding Bishop for tomorrow morning, to hear and discuss an alternative proposal from Special Committee 26 on the Windsor process. Stay tuned.

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