

**Virtual Intern Report
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Legislation Tracking

Deputies Will Vote On Gay Marriage Ruling



- (U) This Wednesday, the Committee on Constitutional Points of Chamber of Deputies will debate and vote on reform of egalitarian marriages. The decision coincides with the President Enrique Peña Nieto’s initiative to recognize the right of “Mexicans to marry without being subject to any type of discrimination.”
- The proposed amendment to Article 4 of the Mexican constitution dictates, “all persons over eighteen years has right to marry and can not be discriminated against on ethnic or national origin, gender, disability, social status, health conditions, religion, sexual preferences or any other discrimination that violates human dignity.”
- Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Issues, Guadalupe Acosta Naranjo, expressed the draft is on terms of Peña Nieto’s initiative and he hopes PRI will come to “support the initiative of the president and can expand on our national rights.”
- Naranjo stressed the expansion of civil rights will not be imposed on any family, but “gives citizens the right to choose which family to integrate themselves in... not to force anyone to marry anyone, but what we do is to respect the sexual preference of each person.” He calls for a need to reconcile positions as well as an insistence on respect for all and to celebrate this time in which the Catholic Church asked for forgiveness for their offensive expressions toward the gay community.

Source 1

http://www.milenio.com/politica/epn-matrimonio_igualitario-guadalupe_acosta-diputados-milenio-noticias_0_842915781.html

Senate Analyzes TPP Agreement



- (U) Beginning on Monday, the Senate will create a micro site on their website for the inclusion of public opinion in regard to the decision Treaty of Transpacific Partnership. Senate believes an inclusive and transparent analysis is necessary as the agreement is an opportunity for Mexico to “diversify its economy and access new markets,” such as Australia, Brunei, Malaysia, New Zealand Singapore, and Vietnam.
- The micro site will be enabled on Monday to give citizens the ability to register, raise concerns, and attend events concerning the senate’s decision on TTP. Senator and president of the Foreign Relations Committee, Gabriela Cuevas Barron, this measure is an attempt to “listen to all voices, not just those who might be benefited or harmed by this international instrument.”
- The Senate will begin analyzing the data on Wednesday. Senator and Chairman of the Committee on Relations Outside Asia-Pacific, Teofilo Torres Corzo has stated he will look at the tables and determine if the TPP is a method to strengthen Mexico’s position in global value. He stated being in the TPP “would be agreeing with 12 economies representing 37% of the world GDP; 26% of international trade; 34% of foreign investment and 11% of the world’s population.”

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