



**FEDERAL
ALERT UPDATE**

Climate Change Legislation

The Senate's global climate change debate ended last Friday, after a 48-36 cloture vote fell short of the 60 votes or 3/5 majority necessary to allow the "Boxer-Lieberman-Warner Substitute to the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S. 3036)" to come to the Senate floor for debate.

Although this was not the desired result, the efforts of those FCC Advocacy Network members who responded to our recent alert helped to increase awareness of the growing number of individuals favoring action on the issue of climate change. Both Florida Senators Nelson and Martinez voted in favor of allowing this groundbreaking legislation to be debated and brought to a vote in the Senate chamber.

Significant groundwork has been laid for next year. With your help, the U.S. Catholic bishops made substantial gains in a key priority area: protecting poor and vulnerable persons at home and abroad.

Thank you for taking action to safeguard and strengthen provisions that protect the poor from both climate change and the impacts of climate change legislation.