

# SB 360 withdrawn by sponsor day before key hearing

Bill In The News (Angelus):

*In a last-minute twist, a California bill that would have required priests to break the sacramental seal of confession was shelved by its sponsor amidst a remarkable grassroots campaign mounted by the state's Catholics, members of other faith groups, and religious liberty advocates from across the country.*

*The steady drumroll of coverage from national and Catholic media on the debate prompted reactions from Catholic voices ranging from veteran Vatican journalist John L. Allen Jr. (president of Crux, a partner of Angelus) to the Catholic League's Bill Donohue. The publicity culminated July 1, when the Vatican weighed in by issuing a document from the head of the Holy See's highest court reaffirming the importance and inviolability of the confessional seal. [READ MORE HERE](#)*