

Transgender issue stalls bill

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WASHINGTON -- Legislation banning workplace discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals -- but not cross-dressers or people who have had sex-change surgery -- stalled in the House after an outcry against excluding anyone from the bill.

"We are one community, and we demand protections for all of us, and nothing else will suffice," said Matt Foreman of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

But House Democrats said while they have the votes to pass a bill banning workplace discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals, they don't have the votes if transgender people are included.

A committee vote on the bill has been postponed.

Illinois and several other states already have laws protecting transgender people from discrimination.