USCCB coalitions in question

It appears that only two bishops were willing to take the Catholic Health Association to task for its support of the final Health Care Bill (CR, April 22). The USCCB is beginning to look feeble in representing the church's social doctrine.

Lay Catholics still wondering about the handling of pedophile priests are beginning to wonder why they find the USCCB once in coalition with ACORN and presently in coalition with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), both with questionable agendas.

Is it necessary or wise for the USCCB to support organizations that oppose certain aspects of church social doctrine in order to gain political support for other aspects?