

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 15 August 1985

ADULT ADOPTION INFORMATION BILL

Proposed Amendment

Mr TOWNSHEND, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 10: To add the following subclause:

(6) Where a social worker accepts a request under this section, and approaches any person,—

- (a) If the person who made that request is an adult adopted person, or an adoptive parent of an adult adopted person, that social worker shall inform the person approached of the rights (if any) that that person has under **section 3** of this Act in relation to any other child of that person who may have been adopted:
- (b) If the person who made that request is a birth parent, that social worker shall inform the person approached of the rights that that person has under **section 7** of this Act in relation to the other birth parent of that person.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment adds a new *subclause (6)* to *clause 10*. *Clause 5* allows an adult adopted person, or an adoptive parent of an adult adopted person, who knows the name and address of a birth parent of that adopted person to enlist the aid of a social worker in approaching that parent, and allows a birth parent of an adult adopted person who knows that person's name and address to enlist the aid of a social worker in approaching that person.

The amendment provides that a social worker who agrees to make an approach must inform the person approached of his or her rights under the Bill. That is to say that a birth parent must be informed that he or she may (depending on the date of adoption) have a right under *clause 3* to endorse the original birth certificate of any other child of that parent who has been adopted; and an adult adopted person must be informed that he or she has a right under *clause 7* to endorse his or her original birth certificate in respect of his or her other birth parent.