

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, the 11th Day of October 1977

CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION, AND ABORTION BILL

Proposed Amendments

Hon. Mr WALKER, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 3: To omit paragraph (c) of subclause (1) on page 4.

To omit paragraph (c) from subclause (2) on page 5.

To omit paragraph (c) from subclause (3) on that page.

To omit paragraphs (e) and (f) of that subclause, and substitute the following paragraph:

(e) Does so as part of any course or class on human development and relationships conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act 1964 relating to such courses.

Mr Elworthy, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 56: To omit from line 38 on page 29 the word "subsection", and substitute the word "subsections".

To add to subclause (1) on page 30 the following proposed subsection:

"(1B) No such regulations shall be made otherwise than on the recommendation of the Minister of Education made after allowing such reasonable opportunity for public consideration and discussion of the proposals contained in the regulations as the Minister thinks appropriate."

Hon. Mr Walker, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 56: To add to subclause (1), after the proposed subsection (1B) (above), the following proposed subsection:

"(1C) All such courses and classes shall be designed to inculcate a sense of responsibility towards the individual and the community and to promote recognition of the family as an essential feature of a stable community."

Mr Elworthy, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 56: To add to subclause (1), after the proposed subsection (1c) (above), the following subsection:

“(1D) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1A) of this section, no school or department shall include such courses and classes in human development in its programme unless the School Committee or Board of Governors, or (in the case of an integrated school) the School Committee, the Board of Governors, and the Proprietor, is or are satisfied that the courses and classes comply with subsection (1c) of this section and consent to the conduct of the courses and classes in the school.

“(1E) No such courses or classes shall be offered or presented in any school unless the School Committee, or Board of Governors, or (in the case of an integrated school) the School Committee, the Board of Governors, and the Proprietor, and the Principal or Head Teacher, are satisfied that the person who is to conduct or present such courses or classes is a person whose personal standards and whose philosophy of living are such that he is able to inculcate in such courses or classes with complete conviction a sense of responsibility towards the individual and the community, and to promote the recognition of the family as an essential feature of a stable community.”

To add to subclause (2) on that page the following proposed subsection:

“(3) No such regulations shall be made otherwise than on the recommendation of the Minister of Education made after allowing such reasonable opportunity for public consideration and discussion of the proposals contained in the regulations as the Minister thinks appropriate.”

Hon. Mr Walker, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 56: To add to subclause (2), after the proposed subsection (3) (above), the following proposed subsection:

“(4) All such courses and classes shall be designed to inculcate a sense of responsibility towards the individual and the community and to promote recognition of the family as an essential feature of a stable community.”

Mr Elworthy, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 56: To add to subclause (2), after the proposed subsection (4) (above), the following proposed subsections:

“(5) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (2) of this section, no school or department shall include such courses and classes in human development in its programme unless the School Committee or Board of Governors, or (in the case of an integrated school) the School Committee, the Board of Governors, and the Proprietor, is or are satisfied that the courses and classes comply with subsection (4) of this section and consent to the conduct of the courses and classes in the school.

“(6) No such courses or classes shall be offered or presented in any school unless the School Committee, or Board of Governors, or (in the case of an integrated school) the School Committee, the Board of Governors, and the Proprietor, and the Principal or Head Teacher, are satisfied that the person who is to conduct or present such courses or classes is a person whose personal standards and whose philosophy of living are such that he is able to inculcate in such courses or classes with complete conviction a sense of responsibility towards the individual and the community, and to promote the recognition of the family as an essential feature of a stable community.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 3: The amendments remove the exemptions given to family planning clinics and other agencies under the first 3 subclauses, and ensure that information about and instruction in the use of contraceptives in schools is given only as part of a course in human development and relationships conducted pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Education Act 1964 (as proposed to be amended).

Clause 56: The amendments seek to give legislative effect to the Royal Commission's views as encapsulated in pages 90 and 91 of its report.
