

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, the 13th Day of October 1977

CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION, AND ABORTION BILL

Proposed Amendments

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

Proposed clauses 56c and 56d: To insert, after clause 56b (as set out in Supplementary Order Paper No. 15), the following clauses:

56c. Further provisions relating to human development and relationships courses—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 75A, the following section:

“75B. (1) Where courses and classes in human development and relationships are to be conducted at a State primary school or at an intermediate department attached to a secondary school, the School Committee or Board of Governors shall from time to time appoint suitable persons to be parents’ representatives, of whom at least 1 shall be a parent.

“(2) Every parents’ representative shall have the right, whether on his own initiative or at the request of the Board or Committee or any parent or guardian, to attend any such course or class and to report thereon as he thinks fit:

“Provided that no more than 2 parents’ representatives may attend at the same time without the consent of the principal or head teacher.

“(3) Every parent and every parents’ representative shall have the right to view or peruse any teaching aids (including films, slides, and photographic and written materials) proposed to be used in any such course or class.

“(4) Every such school shall have regard to the desirability of conducting appropriate evening classes for the parents, designed to foster and promote the concept of shared responsibility between the school and the home in this field of education.”

56d. Further provisions relating to human development and relationships courses—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 84A, the following section:

“84B. (1) Where courses and classes in human development and relationships are to be conducted at a State secondary school, the School Committee or Board of Governors shall from time to time appoint suitable persons to be parents’ representatives, of whom at least 1 shall be a parent.

"(2) Every parents' representative shall have the right, whether on his own initiative or at the request of the Board or Committee or any parent or guardian, to attend any such course or class and to report thereon as he thinks fit:

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The amendments relate to schools in which it is proposed to conduct courses and classes in human development and relationships. They are designed to ensure that parents are able to become fully aware of the nature and content of the courses and classes, the manner in which they are being conducted, and any teaching aids being used.

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