MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM MRS BETTY MORRISON

How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?

In opposition

For the past twenty years after I took over the reigns of the local Mothers’ and toddlers’ group, the hall generously supplied by the Reverend John Purves of Drumchapel St Andrew’s Church, I, with the other mums and dads have watched with pride as our tods now attend various uni’s or colleges, Our community has strengthened especially during worrying times of illness, redundancy and bereavement. It’s comforting to know that its’ structure, especially its’ beating heart is replicated through out the world. While distributing Scotland for Marriage leaflets to eg Clydebank residents and discussing your planned distribution of pro homosexual DVD’S to nursery and primary schools, the worry, anger and stress etched on their faces was painful to watch. Your plans plus the current economic climate has pushed society from breaking point to destabilisation of the country. We watched the rise and rise of UKIP AND NOW WE KNOW WHY. No one voted to redefine marriage at nursery level. No one outside of Mike Russel has seen the DVD’S. No one I know has been consulted on their compilation. Is it because you deem us in some way unworthy despite our 20 years of painful sacrifice spent in rearing of our own children and of those indirectly in the wider community?. It smacks of a cover up and a cruel form of a child abusive, educational experiment on the most vulnerable of our society and without any parental consent or consultation in the wider community. What's the big secret ? come clean.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?

In opposition

In Clydebank, young, old, married or single, homosexual or hetero sexual, repeat and repeat and repeat to me; marriage is between a man and a woman! They are representative of the views of at least of the West of Scotland. We parents campaigned vigorously for an end to abuse of any sector of society. This introduction, I feel is a stab in the back! To appease same sex marriage proponents and then unpick and undermine this wonderful pillar of society and knowing full well its’ natural progression will be fulfilled and polygamy, etc. will be demanded [already campaigned for in Brazil] : you blaze, what trail exactly?

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?

In opposition

[***********], despite having gained a lucrative career in the oil business lived 2 years in discernment before relinquishing it all to complete 5 years seminary study and is now a happy and respected priest. [***********], a fluent Gaelic
speaker and art's graduate, gave up guaranteed, fame and fortune on eg Gaelic radio, to train as a Church of Scotland minister. Despite both being very humble men we know they answered God's call at great personal expense to specifically uphold the pillars eg marriage in our society. Are you saying if I believed in same sex marriage I should train as a belief celebrant and conduct same sex unions? This proves how poor your research on marriage is and you propose to redefine marriage on the results of your negligent research. Years of ministerial training and study is vital in the upholding of the structures of our society.

How would you characterise your views on the arrangements for authorising celebrants to solemnise opposite sex and same sex marriage (including the opt-in procedures)?

In opposition

As you bend over backwards to respect the religious tenets of eg Sikhs and Muslims we the indigenous and Christian people demand we be treated at least with the same consideration if not more! Christian equality predated same sex marriage. Catholic, Anglican and Church of Scotland pioneers in Africa have thriving schools and universities for all, funded still by us. Marriage is not a one shop stop. Christian marriage requires years of study by the celebrant and a year of preparation by the couple strictly adhered to by us and in African communities. Your arrangements nullifies God's tenets, thousands of years of ministerial study and the co-operation of engaged couples.

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?

In opposition

Redefining marriage at source especially at nursery level means 2princes or 2 princesses, which I explained to The afore mentioned is now in Mike Russel's teaching aids for nurseries. How perfectly ridiculous! Since 2 homosexuals who love each other can marry and after campaigning, trailblazed, by afore mentioned Brazilians Mike Russel will have to amend his pro homosexual DVD'S for nursery children and include 3princesses, or 4 princes or 1prince and 3 princesses, or any combination you can think of, especially if they "love"each other. Not only do priests and ministers not know their job and you say anyone can perform a marriage ceremony, also parents don't understand marriage when they repeat it's between a man and a woman and I as an experienced teacher don't know my job when I said redefining marriage means 2 princesses and 2 princes.

How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and registrar?

Neither
How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?

In opposition

How would you characterise your views on allowing transgender persons to stay married when obtaining a full Gender Recognition Certificate, which provides legal recognition in the acquired gender?

Neither

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

Maintained to the retired chaplain during our meeting that Christian chaplains had well established rights to minister in tax funded hospitals, prisons, etc. Very soon Reverend Brian Ross was sacked from his post as chaplain to Strathclyde police on trumped up charges, The resulting deafening silence of Strathclyde Police was and still is depressing. I observed a Muslim cleric ministering very kindly to a distressed Muslim prisoner, as Rev. Ross ministered hundreds of times. Was the Muslim prison chaplain sacked? Is he likely to be? If I or the parents refuse to read 2 princes who fall in love will you sack me or charge the parents with crimes against the state or am I being "perfectly ridiculous"? The Holocaust didn't happen in a vacuum, It is well recorded in every university and validated by the survivors, chaplains, bishops and clergy quickly followed rival politicians to the camps.

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?

Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?

Are you responding as...

a faith/belief-based organisation
a faith/belief local group or congregation
another representative body
housewife, mother, active community member

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