

My name is Robert E. Muckle Sr. from Waterbury. My background is natural family planning and the Right to Life movement. I ask that you vote against HB 7395 and HB 1149.

If we lived in a civilized society, we would not be here today discussing this type of legislation. What was the "Straw that Broke the Camels Back" to get to this point? The more I think about it the more I am convinced that it was the acceptance of contraception and the Birth Control Pill. From there (see diagram on page 2) it was promiscuity, abortion on demand, pornography, and an increase of STDs to 15 million new cases annually that includes 5 million cases of HPV. Add to that fewer children, sterilization, high divorce rate (50%), the acceptance of homosexuality, same sex marriage.

All of this led to what Pope John Paul II refers to, a CULTURE OF DEATH. This can be referred to as taking the LOW ROAD. The HIGH ROAD would be promoting Plan A, that is no sex before marriage, which would result in no STD's. To promote Natural Family Planning (no contraceptives) after marriage would lead to more children (no need for immigration), no sterilization and a low divorce rate (5%). All of this would lead to a CULTURE OF LIFE.

The CULTURE OF DEATH is like being stuck in a cocoon because of defying natural law, while the CULTURE OF LIFE could be referred to a Butterfly, flying freely about because it was being obedient to Natural Law.

In 1965, around the beginning of the Sexual Revolution or what I would refer to as a Sexual Revolt, my wife and I became a teaching couple of the Sympto Thermal method of Natural Family Planning. We taught married and engaged couples, on a one to one basis, the whole ovarian cycle from day one of one cycle to day one of the next. We developed a tremendous appreciation for the gift of life. We were part of the remnant that stayed faithful to Natural Law that promotes a CULTURE OF LIFE, not DEATH as this type of legislation will take us closer to.

We hear the term LOVE MAKES A FAMILY. Over 90% of Americans believe in God. God is Love. In the beginning God said "a man will leave his father and mother and cling to his wife and the two of them would become one flesh." That phrase says it all. Contraception could be compared with eating the apple from the tree in the Garden of Eden that eventually led to where we are today in this hearing room, the promotion of same sex marriage.

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