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HB 5489 AAC SECONDARY SCHOOL REFORM

My name is Robert E. Muckle Sr. from Waterbury. I ask that you vote against HB 5489 AAC Secondary School Reform.

My background is Natural Family Planning (NFP). My wife and I became a teaching couple of the Sympto Thermal Method of NFP 44 years ago. We lived in complete awareness of our fertility for over 20 years and taught this method on a couple to couple basis for over 20 years. There was no need to contracept. We acquired a tremendous respect for the gift of human fertility. This is a gift that anyone with a contraceptive mentality would never understand.

I want to quote from John Kippley's book SEX AND THE MARRIAGE COVENENT. Starting on page 7 we read: "*Sexual intercourse is meant to symbolize the self-giving commitment of marriage.*"

"Secular phrasing is helpful for conveying the idea to students in schools where religion is not taught and/or where it cannot be taught that sexual intercourse is truly a marriage act and is honest and finds its meaning only within marriage. As an aside, I want to respond to the easily imagined challenge that this concept could not be taught in an American public school because it might be seen as reflecting a religious belief. The response is threefold. (1) Most just laws reflect the *natural moral law* that has been codified in the Ten Commandments, so there is no difference in teaching that man is not meant to steal from others and teaching that man is not meant to have sex outside of marriage. (2) The ordinary language of cultures all over the world -- both in time and in place -- supports the notion that sexual intercourse is meant to be a marital act. Any culture that has a taboo on adultery or sees premarital sex by engaged couples as less good than marital sex supports the notion that sex is meant to symbolize the commitment of marriage. (3) Such basic non-sectarian norms of human behavior simply must be taught at every level and place of education, or alleged education is simply not ^{human} ~~human~~ education, and that, of course, is the problem with much ~~human~~ education today."

In 1940 when there was no sex ed in our schools, the out of wedlock births were 4%, there were 4 different types of STDs. By 1970 it went up to 11% with probably still 4 different types of STDs. Today, with all of the Sex Ed programs in our school systems, the rate is 40%; 72% for Blacks, 45% for Hispanics and 22% for Whites. There are over 40 types of STDs with 19 million new cases annually with thousands upon thousands of teen abortions.

With this legislation giving credits for school children to take so called Health Programs will just continue this epidemic and make it keep getting worse.

Please wake up, do research on your own. Look into Abstinence education only. A good web site is abstinence.net. Work hard so that the out of wedlock rate will return to what it was in 1940 when there was no sex ed in our class rooms.

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