

Arico Kotze - Civic Union Bill

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From: "Regel"
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Subject: Civic Union Bill

I wish to register my strong objection to the passing of the Civic Union Bill !

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2.2 Communities in the Western Cape are already being destroyed by drugs, alcoholism, gangsterism, crime and pornography. Legalising same sex marriages would not strengthen families, it would destroy future ones, as indicated by the above statistics. It is not fair to encourage public policy that encourages this social engineering and pretends that homosexual "families" are normal, healthy and desirable. Instead, public policy should work toward mitigating the harmful effects of divorce and parenting that results in motherless or fatherless homes, not promoting it!

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Summary

Should this Bill go through, we will be giving special status in our national consciousness to "families" that deny children either a mother or a father. Future generations of children would tell us the truth that growing up without either a mom or a dad was a terrible mistake. The liberal French parliament earlier this year ruled against same-sex marriages to protect children, citing article 7 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the

Child. "Children represent the future of society. They "must not suffer from conditions imposed upon them by adults... The best interests of the child must prevail over adult freedoms... even including the lifestyle choices of parents."

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Lastly, we need to remind you that if this bill goes through, it will contribute to Cape Town becoming another Sodom or Gomorrah. God destroyed these cities by fire because of their rampant homosexuality. The prophet Isaiah said, and I quote, ***"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, ...woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight."***

If the Civil Union Bill is passed, it will be with the most dire consequences for the government which is leading this onslaught against God's moral Law and plan for human beings.

We reject the Civil Union Bill as unhealthy, unnatural and destructive to civilized society. We call for a constitutional amendment to protect the traditional definition of marriage as being a covenant between one man and one woman for – for life.

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Arico Kotze - Submission to the National Council of Provinces Committee (closing date 24 November 2006 at 16:00)

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How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Our Community

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Dear Sir:

Civil Union Bill B 26 - 2006

I do hereby state and record my objection to any attempt to extend the term 'marriage' to include anything other than the voluntary union between one man and one woman (i.e. heterosexual union), for life.

Marriage, together with the legal status, benefits and supposed protection accorded to it by civil government, as well as society in general, is a right that is accorded to heterosexual married couples for very good reason - such couples form the nuclear family which is capable and essential to producing children, and with all exceptions excepted, the nuclear family is broadly recognised as providing children with a stable and nurturing environment, more so than all alternative arrangements. In other words, the right of marriage is inseparable from a public interest in the well-being of the family. By extending legal recognition and benefits to married heterosexual couples, the government has merely sought to protect and encourage that institution - more so than any other - which is responsible for the welfare of our nation's young. [i]

Thereby, and for that reason, is 'Marriage' accorded to heterosexual unions, as a right. Before 'marriage' can be redefined to include same-sex unions, it needs to be proved that same sex couples meet the same conditions, as mentioned above, that give heterosexual couples this right.

I wish to reiterate that marriage is defined and protected legally because family forms the basic building block of society, and why is it a building block? Because it is able to uniquely reproduce children after its own kind; raise, especially protect and develop them to become responsible participants in society.

For this reason, marriage has nothing to do with sexual preference, or orientation. Any same-sex union is always able to produce no children, and will always have to go elsewhere to gain children in order to attempt raising a family, the children of which, however obtained, will always be without either a father or a mother.

Strong families are always a benefit to, and help sustain society generally as well as specifically. The family structure that supports society is valuable, is worth protecting and granting special privilege to. No sexual preference in and of itself should necessarily be afforded legal protection of this sort, since government does not exist to legislate protection for fashion or preference, but rather, to establish laws that protect the common good.

To redefine the word 'marriage' to connote a same-sex union is to abuse authority so that a small but powerful minority is appeased, while doing violence against the broader society by undermining family, and as such should be rebuffed in the clearest possible terms!

Further, since such broadening of marriage would be arbitrary (being without any objective reference to the public good and family) there would be no reason in future to withhold the word 'marriage' from including paedophilia, polygamy, group unions or even bestiality, since all of these merely imply sexual orientations. This Bill is therefore one step along the road to the loss of the very idea of marriage and family and the consequent collapse of South African society.

It is disgraceful that our legislature and judiciary have lost sight of the public good in this way and are even willing to consider engaging in wild social experimentalism to enact laws that redefine family, something that is unsupported by history or long-term studies. I object to the Civil Unions Bill and to any linking of the word marriage to homosexual unions (or any unions other than one man and one woman) and call for a referendum on such a sweeping reordering of society.

Furthermore I support a constitutional amendment to protect marriage from being encroached upon.

The reason for a constitutional amendment has become clear, after witnessing over the past several years, unfortunately, an increase in homosexual agenda hate speech and ad hominem attacks being directed against detractors. Five years ago the Gay Agenda disavowed interest in pursuing homosexual marriage, but here we are today opposing this very thing. Should the proposed Civil Unions Bill be implemented, it will be used to persecute those who disagree with the view that marriage includes homosexual unions. Should this bill not be implemented, it will continually be agitated for by this powerful lobby group and the only hope for preventing this callous violence to the notion of family and raising of children, is a constitutional amendment. [ii]

Yours sincerely
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ENDNOTES

[i] Acknowledgement is given to statements carried in an article by David Orland, for full articles see: "The deceit of Gay Marriage-round 2" <http://www.boundless.org/features/a0000937.html> and "The deceit of Gay Marriage" <http://boundless.org/2000/features/a0000307.html>

[ii] Excerpts taken from: Anthony Caetano, "Civil Union Bill B 26 – 2006", submission to Home Affairs Portfolio Committee, 6 October 2006.

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