

I have testified in opposition to this Bill previously. On Martin Luther King's birthday I stated that I would in the future testify against any Bill that furthered the agenda of the homosexual lobby. I object to the incomplete picture painted by proponents of proposed legislation that affords extra-legal protection to homosexuals.

I resent the assertions that Dr. Martin Luther King would support these Bills. Dr. King is not alive to confirm or deny these claims, just as he is unable to state his position on whether the homosexual agenda is a civil rights issue. I do remember the wide spread resentment in my community when homosexual activists first attached themselves to the civil rights issue.

Proponents of this Bill present an incomplete picture of homosexuals. Absent are the participants in "Gay Pride" marches who dress as priests or nuns and do everything in their power to offend as many people as possible. Drag queens and French-kissing, bizarrely costumed men will also never testify before this body.

Nor will proponents ever mention those who died unnecessarily, because the homosexual community fought to defend the operation of the infamous bath houses in San Francisco. Even after it had been documented that those places contributed to catastrophic transmission of the HIV virus, the homosexual lobby refused to change its position..

In at least one major city in the 1980's, patients entering treatment at substance abuse treatment facilities who were discovered to be infected with syphilis or gonorrhea were required to receive treatment. Every effort was made to advise sexual partners of infected patients of the possibility that they too were infected. These diseases were treatable. The policy benefited patients, sexual partners and the public health.

Thanks to the efforts of the homosexual lobby the policy described above was abolished for those testing positive for the presence of the HIV virus. Consider the horrible irony. Treatment of STDs, that were not considered life threatening if treated, was mandated, as was notification of sexual partners. Those unfortunate partners exposed to the HIV virus could not be treated, even though it was known that AIDS resulted in death.

The goal of homosexual activists in America is never stated in testimony supporting Bills like SB 199. That goal is to eventually force total acceptance of homosexuality by the citizens of this nation. To accomplish this, centuries of public acceptance of heterosexuality as the basis for state recognition of marriage must be undermined and destroyed. Black robed Judicial activists are mandating same sex marriage in Massachusetts and California. Voters across the country overwhelmingly rejected that notion in 2004 in thirteen states.

It is my hope that you representatives of the people will not permit this incremental step in the political assault on the institutions of civilized society. Homosexual activists seek to blind you to their true intent. Whatever your decision in this matter, the American people will not allow this cultural degradation to prevail.

I thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

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