

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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HUMAN RIGHTS BILL

Proposed Amendments

Hon. KATHERINE O'REGAN, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 34: To add to paragraph (h) of subclause (1) the following subparagraph:

(vi) The presence in the body of organisms capable of causing illness:

To add to subclause (1) the following paragraph:

(m) Sexual orientation, which means a heterosexual, homosexual, or bi-sexual orientation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the new prohibited grounds of discrimination provided for in the Human Rights Bill is disability, which means—

- (a) Physical disability or impairment:
- (b) Physical illness:
- (c) Psychiatric illness:
- (d) Intellectual or psychological disability or impairment:
- (e) Any other loss or abnormality of psychological, physiological, or anatomical structure or function.

The first of the proposed amendments amends the term "disability" by bringing within the meaning of that term "The presence in the body of organisms capable of causing illness".

The second of the proposed amendments will add a further prohibited ground of discrimination to the Human Rights Bill. That further ground is "sexual orientation, which means a heterosexual, homosexual, or bi-sexual orientation".