

Foetal Sentience Committee Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Clause 1

BARONESS THORNTON
BARONESS BARKER
BARONESS DEECH

Clause 1, page 1, line 11, after “knowledge,” insert “and the legal rights of women during pregnancy and birth, including but not limited to in relation to abortion, medical decision-making, and birth choices,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Committee to consider as part of their work the impact on pregnant women of the advice that they develop and provide to government regarding foetal sentience.

BARONESS BARKER
BARONESS DEECH
BARONESS THORNTON

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, at end insert –

“(5) The Committee may not provide advice which seeks to alter or relies upon altering abortion law, regulation, or practice.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would limit the scope of the Committee to prevent them producing advice for government which would require changes to abortion provisions which are decided by parliament in other pre-existing legislation.

BARONESS THORNTON
BARONESS BARKER
BARONESS DEECH

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, at end insert –

“(5) The Committee may not provide advice which seeks to limit or relies upon limiting women's existing legal rights to decision-making regarding their own healthcare and choices during pregnancy and birth.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would limit the scope of the Committee to prevent them producing advice to government which would fundamentally alter the current legal settlement regarding women's right to bodily autonomy during pregnancy and birth.

Clause 3

BARONESS BARKER
BARONESS DEECH
BARONESS THORNTON

Clause 3, page 2, line 15, at end insert “save that no response shall be provided regarding advice in topic areas on which the government declines to take a policy position”

Member's explanatory statement

This would prevent the government from being required to issue a response to proposals regarding issues upon which the government does not take a formal policy position.

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