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Right of adoption granted to sodomite couples in Scotland



Roseanna Cunningham, MSP

Sodomite couples in Scotland will be able to adopt children for the first time under controversial new laws passed by the Scottish Parliament at the beginning of December past.

The Adoption Bill, which will also allow unmarried couples to adopt, sparked furious debate in the Scottish Parliament and protests from religious organisations.

Concerns were slightly assuaged by the addition of “a stable family unit” as one of the considerations included before applicants can adopt.

Block

However, attempts to block the legislation or at least ensure faith-based adoption agencies can opt out were voted down.

Roseanna Cunningham, MSP for Perth, is a Roman Catholic member of SNP. She tabled the amendment against sodomite couples adopting.

“We have a pattern of family life which we have had for generation upon generation,” she said.

“All the research shows it is the best way to raise children and I do not think we should depart from that lightly.

“The Scottish Parliament vote cannot stand on its head what has come before and we cannot bemoan the consequences of family breakdown and at the same time do things that undermine the traditional family.”

Tories

Murdo Fraser, deputy leader of the Tories, also raised concerns: “Many people believe that children need a strong male and female role model and are concerned that adoption by same-sex couples excludes that possibility and is not in the best interests of children,” he said.

not extremists

“People who express these [views] are not homophobes, or extremists or religious nutters, as some would suggest. They have genuine concerns and their concerns should not be dismissed.”