

I wish to express my strong disapproval of Bob Browns bill. Surely the negative evidence from countries who have already gone down the road of legalised euthanasia should speak for itself.

This bill seeks to marry two issues that should never be placed in the same bed i.e. the sanctity and value of human life with the issue of suffering and palliative care. These should always be seen as two completely separate issues. If we mix them and condone this what are we teaching the next generation - that if suffering is severe or you feel like it is all too much then simply kill yourself.

Suffering can be defined in many different ways and not solely in physical terms. We already see this subjective curse in abortion laws that allow a mother who feels like she would suffer psychologically due to the birth of a late term baby to abort it. This bill will further underscore that type of thinking and will lead to many people "bailing out of life" when it gets too hard or encouraging other to do so.

I believe we all have a purpose and destiny for which we were made. To pass this legislation would lower human existence to that of the lower animals. This sort of thinking would have repercussions in all spheres of society.

Yes pain is an issue that in itself can be treated and that is constantly seeing progress in better methods of treatment. Lets see this as something to encourage further research into without the thought hanging over the researchers head, "oh well the best form of painkiller is already available so what is the point?" Death is not treatment and any doctor who has taken a Hippocratic oath should agree. Lets rid our land of such Legislation once and for all with a clear and resounding "No!" to Bob Browns bill.

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