

Forced Birth Control Plan Draws Objection

The Catholic League strongly condemned the amendment to the House budget sponsored by State Rep. Mark Roosevelt that would require Massachusetts welfare recipients to undergo birth control counseling. The League called the measure “an outrageous and probably unconstitutional assault on religious freedom rights.”

Catholic League Operations Director C. J. Doyle stated: “If this measure is enacted, mothers on welfare will be forced to choose between their religious beliefs and their welfare benefits. That is unconscionable, coercive, and punitive....Rep. Roosevelt, who is running for Governor, comes from a family with a long history of supporting population control.”