

With respect, I do not think the proposed amendment accomplishes what the proposer seems to have in mind. On the other hand, I would not think that an amendment of this kind would be appropriate in light of the statistics on drinking and driving, the injuries and damages resulting therefrom and in light of the recent amendments to the Code with respect to the breathalyzer. I have the most recent statistics with respect to the number of drinking and driving convictions registered in each province under sections 222, 223 and 224 of the Criminal Code.

In Ontario the number of convictions for driving while impaired, under section 223, and driving while intoxicated, under section 222, during the period January 1 to September 30, 1969, was 12,738. The number of convictions has increased substantially since that time. For the period January 1, 1970, to September 30, 1970, under section 222, driving while intoxicated; section 223, failure to provide a breath sample, and section 224, driving with a blood alcohol content of more than 8 milligrams, the number of convictions increased to 15,669. From the statistics I have quoted for my province of Ontario it would appear that there has been an increase in convictions having to do with driving and alcohol consumption of 19 per cent.

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I would also point out the statistics with regard to the number of motor vehicles registered in Ontario. In Ontario, during the period January 1 to September 30, 1969, 2,855,361 motor vehicles were registered, and from January 1, 1970, to September 30, 1970, the number of motor vehicles registered in Ontario was 2,956,043. This is an increase of 3½ per cent. From the statistics I have quoted, Mr. Speaker, you will notice there has been an increase in convictions for driving offences associated with alcohol, of 19 per cent whereas the number of motor vehicles registered has increased by only 3½ per cent. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if it might be of interest to hon. members to have these tables printed in *Hansard*, in view of the fact that they refer to all provinces of Canada and would be of great interest to members generally.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): Has the hon. member leave of the House to include these statistics at this point in his speech?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's Note: The tables referred to above are as follows*]: