

Criminal Code

depraved at the time of the Romans that they should be the same today. In that case, Mr. Speaker, we should perhaps go back to the time of the Romans and to their oared boats, which could incite us to set up a Canadian merchant marine. If we were just as logical in all fields!

Mr. Speaker, I would have so many things to say in that connection. In view of such factors as urbanization, industrialization, renewal of our society, problems in large cities, and since there is more and more solidarity among young people, since they want more and more to take their place in this society and seek to reach ideals to carry out their projects, in short, in view of the great willingness shown in Canada, why should we pass legislation which, on the grounds of humanism, is against the human being?

Let us then take the same position we took with regards to alcoholism to promote the self-fulfilment of the human being.

The prime minister himself stated in his speech:

Except if it is necessary to safeguard public order or the security of the human being.

Mr. Speaker, I think that the prime minister was then opening the door to amendments and inviting us to give our views. Let us be logical and get to the basic issues. Many young members have been elected in this house. I had the pleasure to appreciate the work done by the hon. member for Madawaska-Victoria (Mr. Corbin) to whom I want to pay tribute. He said earlier, in reply to the hon. member for Sainte-Marie (Mr. Valade) that he was free. He is free because he is young in spirit and keeps away from beaten paths.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to stand together and to follow his example.

Mr. Francis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. The hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis) rises on a point of order.

Mr. Francis: I think that the time allotted to the hon. member has expired, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. The house has given unanimous consent earlier to the hon. member.

Mr. Fortin: I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I think that we would benefit from a serious, human and positive consideration of that [Mr. Fortin.]

matter, and I hope that the minister will take it into consideration.

Just as we worked for the alcoholics' rehabilitation, we must try to rehabilitate the homosexuals since they have a disease, a sexual deviation. We must do something useful.

That is why, in my opinion, the proposal of the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin) is most worthwhile and should be supported by the greatest possible number of parliamentarians. Let us strike out that provision from the Criminal Code and set up some clinics to look after those sick people.

Mr. Francis: Mr. Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, the hon. member for Ottawa West on a point of order.

[*English*]

Mr. Francis: Mr. Speaker, I believe the time of the hon. member has expired.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Perhaps the hon. member for Ottawa West was not here when the house gave its unanimous consent to the hon. member to carry on his remarks.

[*English*]

Mr. Francis: I do not consent, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The hon. member's objection was not noted originally. The hon. member had unanimous consent. The hon. member for Lotbinière.

● (9:40 p.m.)

[*Translation*]

Mr. Fortin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I promise the honourable member for Ottawa West that I will not misuse the time allotted to him or impose upon his kindness. I thank him for his courtesy.

Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to speak at length.

I wanted to make the views of youth known. I would like the minister to consider what I said about the conviction of young people, on charges of immoral sexual acts or similar kinds of vices, while a legislation is supposed to be passed, in order to legalize such acts committed by older persons.

Mr. Speaker, since the population is getting younger, it is extremely important to consider the matter and think it over seriously.

Before concluding my remarks, I wish to thank the members who had the patience to