

Criminal Code

Secretary to the Minister is completely off the track, since in the committee on Justice and Legal Affairs—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. I asked the hon. member for Shefford to stick to his own amendment.

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, I shall do so, but I wish to say that my reasons were quite in order. If they hurt the government members, this will not prevent me from stating them in this house.

I wish to say that Quebec federal Liberal M.P.s—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order please. I suggest that the hon. member's last words are out of order.

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

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The hon. member for Témiscamingue on a point of order.

Mr. Caouette: My colleague from Shefford (Mr. Rondeau) is bringing in evidence which, it seems to me, relates directly to the amendment he is defending tonight and the other hon. member who spoke a moment ago is out of order, because his comments had nothing to do with the amendment.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I suggest—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. May I remind the hon. member for Témiscamingue that it is incumbent upon the Chair to decide whether hon. members are out of order or not. I therefore ask the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau) to restrict himself to his amendment and I remind him that his last words about some party or other have no connection whatever with the amendment moved by him.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, I shall stick to the amendment which calls for the deletion of any mention of abortion in this bill. The attitude of some hon. members, in this house, is an insult to the highest moral authorities in this country. The time will come when they will be paid in kind. Why authorize abortion?

Mr. Speaker? It is to give more freedom to the depraved people in this country, and to please the easy-going women of our society

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who could not care less about their neighbours and our race. It is also to please credulous girls who fall easily into the gutter and also to please flighty ones who go out night after night to conquer new lovers, and also to please dissipated women—

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Rondeau: —who lack foresight—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order.

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

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Mr. Cantin).

Mr. Cantin: One only has to listen to the hon. member to realize he is out of order. He can keep his own morality to himself, but he should have regard for the morality of others. We are here only as legislators, and not as moralists. We are here to legislate.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

● (8:40 p.m.)

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) rising on the same point of order?

Mr. Woolliams: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I do not see how anyone can object to anything the members of the Creditiste Party are saying. Although I do not endorse the delay in proceeding with this bill, I do not see how members on the government side of the house can object. After all, if the Creditiste amendment to delete clause 18 is accepted, it will be just about the only change to our abortion law.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Woolliams: I wonder whether the consciences of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) and his parliamentary secretary are uneasy tonight? After all, on an earlier occasion we had the solemn promise that this bill would be divided. Perhaps the conscience of the Minister of Justice is sensitive. We ought to let members of the Creditiste Party continue their speeches.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. I agree with part of the hon. member's remarks. The latter part of his remarks were out of order.