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Mr. Loiselle: They are not all ignorant people in the province of Quebec.

Mr. Gauthier: I have nine. They may be ignorant but they are moral. It is much better to be moral than to be too learned and immoral.

I had others, Mr. Speaker, namely the one from—

Mr. Loiselle: Do as your vicar tells you and you will go to Heaven.

Mr. Gauthier: —*L'Alliance pour la vie*. Besides, all the members got it and that is what I find surprising.

While we are trying to plead our cause, we hear them bleat over there. It hurts them. But let them go back to their own constituency to clear up things. They will hear some squawking. Let us stop all this cheating, misleading people; let us tell them what this rotten bill is all about. If we speak today it is so that people may understand every word in the bill.

I am sure that if a referendum were held on this bill in the province of Quebec, the bill would be defeated right away.

Mr. Loiselle: Come to Montreal for the next elections.

Mr. Gauthier: I went on the island of Montreal and although it is now called a bomb city I was surprised to see that there are still serious-minded and right thinking people there.

Mr. Loiselle: You were not elected either.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, the time allotted to me is running out and I would like to know what the hon. member is saying because we hear them...

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The honourable member for Roberval has the floor right now.

Mr. Gauthier: I thank you very much Mr. Speaker for taking care of the situation because he is gobbling up all my time.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gauthier: I have been a member of this house for seven years. I have always found it strange that, as soon as we wish to debate a problem there is always a small group of French Canadians who try to "block" us. I

find that discouraging. Some of them are good as I said, and I thank them. On the other hand, it is always the same ones who come and gather here, who often change seats in an attempt to make noise and prevent us from speaking. Well, no, Mr. Speaker, I am a bit like St. Paul: I cannot help speaking. *(Applause)*

I hope that my remarks will be useful to the committee and to all my Liberal friends, and that they will light again the little flicker of conscience that remains in them.

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I thought that the honourable member for Saint-Henri (Mr. Loiselle) wanted to speak—

Mr. Loiselle: Mr. Speaker, the member for St-Henri has already made up his mind. It did not take him a seven day debate to do so.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Loiselle: You will get a taste of your own medicine. You will fall into the canal and stay there—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Loiselle: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order. There is a very basic rule of this house which states that no member who has the floor must be interrupted.

The honourable member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise).

Mr. Laprise: Mr. Speaker, it is my turn to express my opinion on Bill No. C-150, which the Liberal government suggests we should adopt today.

The minister seems in a hurry to have this bill passed on second reading, which would acknowledge the principle of it and I would fail in my duty if I did not freely convey in this house the opinion of a large majority of my constituents who have taken the trouble to write to me, either individually, or collectively, asking me to oppose a number of clauses of this bill which are inconsistent with everything that is human and Christian.

In my opinion, the subject matter of this bill should have been divided among several different bills that the members could have considered more fully. This would have enabled them to better understand the implications of the proposed measures, and to do a better job.