

However, when we are talking about the end of our lives as mature responsible adults in the face of medical technology, I want to be protected by and for and against that technology, technology that wants to overly prolong my suffering and which will not allow me to make the decision in an appropriate manner through law.

Why do we not then put that decision back into the hands of the doctors? Do we put it in the hands of the individual? Why not decriminalize it and let each doctor, each individual make his or her own choice? Am I not responsible or intelligent enough to make that choice? I think I am. And I resent that any government or other parliamentarians would deny me that right of choice.

Death for many is not death; it is a release to eternal life. Why would any Christian try to prevent that release to eternal life?

I have made a great many arguments but am out of time to make those again in Bill C-203. But they will be made, if not by this Parliament then by the next Parliament, because the people of Canada demand that we make the change.

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, I see by the clock that I only have a minute left in the debate. I would like to use that minute in putting on record a letter I received from two constituents, Helen and Mary Burnie. They say:

• (1200)

Dear Mr. Flis:

Thank you for helping to defeat Waddell's death bill. We have become so obsessed with death that we no longer see the beauty of life.

I am a terminally ill person and I want to live my full life allotted to me by God. May God bless you.

The hon. member says that the courts are seeking direction from Parliament. My constituents are giving the courts direction through this Parliament and through me as their representative.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The time provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired. Pursuant to Standing Order 96(1), the item is dropped from the Order Paper.

Government Orders

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

CANADA LABOUR CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of Labour) moved that Bill C-101, an act to amend the Canada Labour Code and the Public Service Staff Relations Act, be read the third time and passed.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Commons committee on its excellent work in examining Bill C-101, an act to amend the Canada Labour Code and the Public Service Staff Relations Act.

I would also thank all members of the House as well as representatives of labour, business and government organizations who have made a substantial number of presentations to the committee.

A great deal of discussion has taken place during the preparation of the bill presented to the House today which I believe is a balanced package of amendments to the Canada Labour Code. These amendments when implemented should help Canadian business compete in world markets by reducing red tape while offering workers improved protection in the area of labour standards and greater uniformity of treatment and benefits across the country.

[*Translation*]

These amendments are a balanced package from which employers, employees and the government will benefit and which will protect the public interest. I am convinced that passing this bill will give workers the security and confidence they need to work more productively, while striking a balance between their responsibilities at work and at home.

This bill will help employers by streamlining and simplifying the administrative procedures under the Canada Labour Code and will thus make them more competitive. It will enhance compatibility of federal and provincial legislation, so that employees across the land will receive similar treatment and benefits. Finally, this bill will protect the public interest by offering another mechanism to facilitate the settlement of collective bargaining conflicts in federal jurisdiction.