

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

**Mr. Mongrain:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Valade:**—Mr. Speaker, the hon. member said that we were taking refuge behind—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard):** Order. The hon. member for Trois-Rivières is rising on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Mongrain:** I would like to make a correction, Mr. Speaker. I quoted the opinion of theologians but I did not express mine. On the opposition side, they quoted opinions of improvised theologians.

**Mr. Valade:** Mr. Speaker, I was simply referring to what the hon. member for Trois-Rivières said about an article issued by Catholic theologians. He read it. He was taking refuge behind it. He was accepting the article or rejecting its contents.

As he used it to correct some allegations of the opposition, we can suppose that he sincerely believes that this religious article is well founded and wants to take refuge behind it.

I do not want to take such an uncompromising stand as that which he denounced, and become myself a cause of error, though I have before me theological opinions diametrically opposed to those just expressed by the hon. member for Trois-Rivières (Mr. Mongrain) in his brilliant and eloquent plea for the bill under consideration.

In my opinion, besides being untimely, Bill C-150 cannot be justified in the present circumstances, because it tends to allow adults to commit an act which, under the Criminal Code, is now considered illegal. The government asks us to pass such a bill with a view to legalizing an act committed in private between two persons of the same sex.

My colleague from Trois-Rivières shakes his head; however, if the hon. member has difficulty in understanding the case, he can refer to the answers that were given a while ago by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) in reply to our questions, although his remarks seemed a little foggy.

Mr. Speaker, such an amendment is certainly out of place in a parliament and in a society like ours.

In his remarks, the hon. member for Trois-Rivières has said that the State, when legislating, should take into consideration the customs and the ways of life prevailing among the members of the community.

I do not know, Mr. Speaker, that in our society the morals or manners of people are

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showing homosexual tendencies and warrant the proposed amendment.

The hon. member for Trois-Rivières spoke about intransigency, sectarianism and intolerance. I could retort to him, in front of a minister who is sitting now in the house, that the Liberal party itself has indeed displayed racial sectarianism and intolerance towards the leader of the Conservative party in a speech he made in the Quebec Coliseum, during the last election campaign. But I shall come back to this later.

For the time being, I shall rather confine myself to the amendment proposed by the Minister of Justice.

When we agreed on the motion for second reading of the omnibus bill and its referral to the committee on justice and legal affairs it was understood that the hon. members of the opposition and all the members of the committee would be entirely free to air their views, to bring in amendments, to call witnesses in order that every part of the bill and every amendment which would be proposed could be studied thoroughly.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, some arrangements made at the outset of the committee meeting prevented hon. members of the opposition from calling witnesses, together with specialists on the question. We were prevented to present amendments. And when asking hon. members for a free vote on those amendments—

[English]

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard):** Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the house that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment tonight are as follows: The hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave)—Housing—C.M.H.C.—Criteria applicable in projects; the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Rose)—Housing—extension of loan forgiveness provision on municipal projects; the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis)—Industry—Devco—compulsory retirement of miners.

The time being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motions (papers), public bills.