In order to facilitate that study, Mr. Speaker, we must ask ourselves the following question: Why establish a lottery system? What reason prompts us to set up and operate such a system? What is the purpose of those clauses? When considering the matter a little more thoroughly, Mr. Speaker, we realize that the provinces in general are all in favour of setting up a lottery.

Apparently, the federal government is completely in favour of a lottery system. We note that more and more municipalities also wish to establish their own lottery system.

Why do the various levels of government wish to establish a lottery system, as if it were bones for dogs?

I think, Mr. Speaker, that the answer is simple enough. In the first place, the various governments, when establishing a lottery system, want to solve their financial problems. Some representatives of the federal, municipal or federal governments openly state that they want to support their administration and obtain an additional source of income.

Other representatives who are not so honest, at the municipal as well as at the provincial or federal levels, do not say that it is partly to solve their financial problems, but basically, that is the reason which motivates them.

As for the second reason, I think it is because an original solution was found to the financing, planning and construction of hospitals, homes for the aged, jails, etc.

In my opinion the third motive is the following: The provincial, municipal and federal governments wish to seek a source of revenue other than taxes because the population is overtaxed at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.

And the finest example is that of the city of Montreal where Mayor Drapeau had no other choice than to establish a "voluntary tax", according to his own words in order to enable the city of Montreal to honour its obligations. This also was intended to secure another source of revenue, to channel other income from the general public while not leveying a new tax which would have been badly received by the people.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, if we follow up this logical reasoning, each of these levels of government must levy a tax in disguise, a tax which we want to sugarcoat to make it more palatable, a tax which we would like to be voluntary, because less and less people are paying up spontaneously.

Mr. Speaker, this brings me to a basic principle which might enlighten us. I think that first of all we must clearly establish that this is a lottery scheme and what we just said shows it is an admission that the monetary system is unable to fulfil its purpose, and to meet community as well as individual requirements.

The wish to establish a lottery or a national, provincial or municipal lottery scheme, is an admission of incapacity, Mr. Speaker, in view of the increasing obligations, the more and more serious financial problems and the greater financial frictions that result from the bigger loans we must make abroad to honour our obligations.

The wish to establish a lottery scheme is, in my humble opinion, an admission of the incapacity of our present monetary system to achieve its purpose, which is to meet the needs of the people.

That is why, at the present time, the governments have no choice—at least, that is what they say—but to establish what many have called a national barbotte, in which any one will flounder, take a chance or bet, knowing that there will be only one big winner, the government, the State, and that always at the expense of the individual. Mr. Speaker, I feel that this is fundamental.

The wish to set up a lottery scheme is an admission of imcompetency considering the increased financial requirements of our provincial, municipal and federal administrations.

Secondly, the amendment to the Criminal Code concerning lotteries is a way of evading the basic problem, that of money.

Mr. Speaker, the governments are confronted more and more with financial problems they are unable to cope with, for they are blind and obtuse, and absolutely refuse to examine seriously our proposals. They well know that the Canadian people are unable to pay more taxes, as they are already overtaxed.

At the present time, the federal government is raising illegal taxes which are not authorized by the Parliament of Canada. He needs money, but he does not want to say so to the people. That is why he is in favour of a lottery system.

While he is putting up a gigantic advertising campaign to incite people to buy a ticket for this or that lottery, in short, to take part in this national barbotte, the state, that is the provincial, the federal or the municipal government, collects this money and reduces the buying power of the Canadian people by that