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longer exists, or that at least is inoperative, but would also make an unconstitutional amendment.

Since abortion can become an explosive problem, it seems to me that the public has chosen to ignore it. It has not sought effective, direct solutions for these deep divergences. One of the attitudes taken has been, "Ignore it—it will go away eventually." Other people, with different points of view, have replied, "This is what goes on. This is what must be done."

Between these two positions, there is a range of deeply held opinions, not always easily expressed, found among people of every region, religion, political persuasion, language or other social category. These opinions range from an insistence on the preservation of the life and physical health of the mother to a concern for the woman's whole social environment and her family situation.

Each of these two attitudes is shared by many Canadians and is based on a different concept of the family and the changing role of women in Canadian society.

The abortion issue is a major challenge to normal principles and professional ethics and is therefore emotionally charged. Things will go on like this because, as in other life and death matters, there is no easy solution. Abortion disturbs many people who would have preferred to avoid it. It is one of those delicate choices which all women capable of bearing children may have to face.

The many women who have resorted to abortion have been ostracized and the subject of pressures which have left them permanently scarred. They worry about the long term effects of the surgical procedure on their health and still fear that their anonymity will not be respected.

I recognize, Mr. Speaker, the merits of the bill moved by my hon. colleague, but I am convinced that the matter is too important to be settled in the course of this debate.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I think that my time has expired, I see that you are sending me desperate signals . . . I only wanted to say that I am very proud to stand up for the pro-life option and I think that it is my moral duty to fight for this cause and our fellow Canadians, and I do it with fairness and equity.

● (1740)

[English]

Mr. Reimer: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In view of the Notice of Motion on the Order Paper and the Government's clear commitment to have a clear and thorough debate on this topic, I think this amendment is both mischievous and unnecessary—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McKinnon): Order. I do not consider that to be a point of order.

The time provided for consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired. Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1), the Order is dropped from the Order Paper.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

AIR CANADA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Mazankowski that Bill C-129, an Act to provide for the continuance of Air Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act and for the issuance and sale of shares thereof to the public, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee; and the motion of Mr. McDermid (p. 15859).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McKinnon): It being 5.45 p.m., pursuant to order made earlier this day, it is my duty to put the question on the motion for the previous question to the motion for second reading of Bill C-129, an Act to provide for the continuance of Air Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act and for the issuance and sale of shares thereof to the public.

Accordingly, the question is the following one: Mr. Mazankowski moved:

That Bill C-129, an Act to provide for the Continuance of Air Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act and for the issuance and sale of shares thereof to the public, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. McDermid moved:

That this question be now put.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McKinnon): All those in favour of the motion please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McKinnon): All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McKinnon): In my opinion, the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The House divided on the motion (Mr. McDermid), which was agreed to on the following division: