

In concluding his remarks the minister expressed the belief that it would be necessary to have further discussions and further representations before finally proceeding to draft and enact legislation dealing with this matter. I certainly hope that the discussion which has taken place in this house tonight and on previous occasions when the matter has been mentioned, will have the result that many representations will be received by the minister, because I am quite certain that when they are received and when the facts which I know will be brought forward by those interested in this matter come to his attention, he will be convinced that it is high time that we did take legislative action to deal with this question.

Section agreed to.

On section 44—Criminal sexual psychopath.

Mr. ILSLEY: I suggest two changes in this section and invite members of the committee who are interested in the section to follow this change. I suggest that subsection 4 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

The evidence as to whether the offender is a criminal sexual psychopath shall not be submitted unless at least seven days' notice has been given by the proper officer of the court to the offender that such evidence will be submitted.

That, I think, completely meets the objections which were raised.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Yes.

Mr. ILSLEY: That does away with any consent of the attorney general. It makes it clear that the only evidence the notice must cover is evidence that the accused is a criminal sexual psychopath. It does not leave open any question as to the particularity of the notice; it does not leave it that the notice may cover every statement that has to be made in the evidence or anything like that.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Before the minister goes on, will he read the amendment?

Mr. ILSLEY:

... unless at least seven days' notice has been given by the proper officer of the court to the offender that such evidence will be submitted.

If that is satisfactory I shall have somebody move the amendment.

Mr. KNOWLES: Just to be quite clear, the evidence referred to in subsection 4 that the minister is now proposing can be given only by at least two psychiatrists, as set out in subsection 2?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes.

Mr. KNOWLES: That is the sole purpose?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes, at least two psychiatrists. The other change in the section is in

subsection 8. I suggest that the words "the object of his uncontrollable desires" in lines 15 and 16 be struck out, and the words "any person" substituted therefor.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: How would the section then read?

Mr. ILSLEY: It would read as follows:

(8) In this section "criminal sexual psychopath" means a person who by a course of misconduct in sexual matters has evidenced a lack of power to control his sexual impulses and who as a result is likely to attack or otherwise inflict injury, loss, pain or other evil on any person.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): That makes it male and female, anyway. I think it is a good addition.

Mr. ILSLEY: I ask my colleague, the Minister of Public Works, to move the two proposed amendments.

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): I move accordingly.

Amendments agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

## SUPPLY

### FRASER RIVER, B.C. FLOODS—HOUSING ACCOMMODATION FOR MEMBERS DURING SESSION

Hon. ALPHONSE FOURNIER (Minister of Public Works) moved that the house go into committee of supply.

Mr. JAMES SINCLAIR (Vancouver North): Mr. Speaker, I think this is the proper time for me to make a few remarks on a matter which is of great importance not only to the province of British Columbia but to this country of Canada, namely, the Fraser river floods. There seems to be a fair amount of misunderstanding in this house and across the country about the nature of the floods, to begin with. High water on all British Columbia streams is an annual occurrence, caused by our heavy snowfall and the ordinary runoff in the spring. As a consequence of that, we have flooding in all our major streams every spring.

That very occurrence of flooding, which causes a rich alluvial deposit, has made the bottom lands and the delta lands extremely valuable farm lands. Therefore we find that the farmers, despite that flooding, have chosen these great lowland areas, and to protect themselves against these floods, have constructed dikes. These dikes are mainly of