

*Criminal Code*

Therefore, when it is said that the new rules are great and we have reached heaven in this regard, I point out that we have always had this heaven in respect of clause by clause study of bills. The hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) was the main spokesman of our party in respect of the transportation bill. That was before the new rules came into effect. So, when we study a bill clause by clause we are only doing what traditionally has been done by parliament for a very long time. In view of this, we should not hear any more nonsense about how these great, new rules are working out. The rule with regard to the clause by clause study of amendments may be good. I do not write it off. We must wait and see how it works out.

If the minister stands up after I have finished and says he will not accept my argument because of the beautiful argument put forward by his advisers, I am finished; but under the old rules I could have risen again and spoken. I would have done so, because I do not want to have this kind of debauchery in our nation. I think there is a place for a filibuster. If people tell me to get out on with the job, I will say to them, "Do you want me to legalize sexual intercourse with the animals of Canada?" I am prepared, if I can find any rule which will enable me to do so, to stay here and debate this question for days, because this provision is against my Christian faith and the Christian faith of this nation.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak on amendment No. 3, since I have myself presented an amendment bearing No. 4, which is exactly similar to the one the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) has just discussed.

I do not have a great deal to add to what he has just said and I am entirely in agreement with what he said regarding clause 7 of Bill C-150.

If I have myself proposed an amendment to delete clause 7, relating to clause 149A of the Criminal Code, it is in order to leave unchanged the Criminal Code.

Mr. Speaker, since the government proposed to amend the Criminal Code regarding acts of gross indecency, we have forgotten to clear up the question of the legislation on homosexuality. There has been much talk, perhaps too much, in the public in that respect. Authorized agencies perhaps have also talked too much.

[Mr. Woolliams.]

I have on hand an article dealing with the question. As a matter of fact it brings up this matter and states that too much importance is being given to the act committed between two consenting adults.

In this article, one will find information which is quite remarkable and exact. I wish to put it in the official report so that all those who take the trouble to read it will be aware of that viewpoint.

• (4:30 p.m.)

I am referring to an article published in the magazine *L'Equipe*, which reads as follows:

The bill designed to legalize homosexuality will long be talked about. It would be unfortunate if parliament were to pass this piece of legislation in its present form.

I feel that some members have realized its importance as we are now discussing amendments to Bill C-150 with regard to clause 7. The article goes on:

Because of the publicity given to this matter, a large number of uninformed people are under the impression that homosexuality is a normal thing, while in fact, it is a form of sexual perversion. The bill does not say this; yet, everyone should be aware of the fact. When a similar measure was adopted in England, they had the courage at least to tell the truth about this evil that is homosexuality.

Here, we heard men and women say on the air that they are in favour of the legislation because they themselves practise that kind of perversion to which they find nothing abnormal; they are sick but unaware of it.

At this point, Mr. Speaker, I would like to remark that our national broadcasting corporation, the C.B.C., has given much importance to that problem and has allowed sexual perverts to express themselves freely and sometimes in an arrogant manner on the air. Canadians pay taxes to hear too many such programs which they dislike. I go on reading:

It is universally acknowledged by doctors and psychiatrists that such a perversion is often curable; but if people are led to believe that it is a normal state of life, it is to be feared that far from improving, the situation will get worse. If experts concur in saying that it is a disease or an abnormal psychological state, it is unthinkable that under the pretext of "freedom", such a sexual perversion is allowed to spread, because freedom, when it is well understood, implies the respect of the liberty of others. Human nature being what it is, we see with dismay partisans of that practice leading others astray, because people engaged in such practices are usually indifferent towards those of the other sex, when they do not hate them. And that is what is going to be legalized? Will there be an end to that?

Mr. Speaker, a few years ago, one such sexual pervert assaulted boys who objected to