

Criminal Code

• (8:40 p.m.)

As I mentioned before, this is a subject with a very limited scope, namely the amendment moved by the hon. member for Gati-neau, and I am sure the hon. member has very interesting remarks to make on that.

Mr. Dumont: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for following my remarks so closely. However, I read a while ago the speeches delivered by many members, especially from other parties, who had spoken at great length. I thank you for following my speech so closely, so as to call me back to order and I will try to sum up my thinking to the effect that we want the word *probablement* to be struck off, so as to make sure that this bill will be quite clear.

If they thought fit to add in the omnibus bill words such as *ou probablement*, the moment has come to make sure that the wording is such that people will interpret it exactly as it should be. That is why we want the word *probablement* to be struck off so that this abortion law, which will likely be passed, will be clear, even if we do not approve it.

We hope that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Minister of Justice, by pleading to the Prime Minister, will succeed in ensuring a free vote, so that we may know the real thinking of Parliament.

We must congratulate the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) for having allowed his members to vote freely, on sections of the bill dealing with homosexuality and we hope that the Prime Minister will let the government members vote also according to their conscience, as was established a long time ago within the Ralliement créditiste. Let us hope that the word *probablement* will be struck off once and for all from the omnibus bill.

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I shall be brief, but I would like to make a few remarks on the amendment proposed by the government member.

Frankly, this amendment is quite reasonable and I think that government members should at least consider the amendment moved by one of them, an amendment which reveals a certain social spirit and a certain generosity.

No amendment has been made to the bill, as if the minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) or all the members opposite considered themselves extremely strong, powerful, learned,

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even more so perhaps, than the Creator himself. In fact, it is a legislation which affects freedom. God wants that in a world men be born and be able to fulfill their destiny, like the Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau).

I wonder if the Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister would now be in their seats if their mother had made use of such an immoral and unjust legislation.

We need men, and I think the Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister are great men, of the type we need to ensure the progress of the nation. But today, we claim, perhaps like the bad angels, to be more learned than the Creator and to oppose his designs.

Mr. Speaker, as far as this bill is concerned, we are more and more frustrated, more and more annoyed by the fact that the government members and the Minister of Justice refuse to consider the point of view of the opposition. None of the amendments we proposed has been in any way adopted or even considered.

I really wonder if the minister is so convinced that the recommendations of the opposition are worthless and that his views should prevail and this bill should be adopted since what is at stake is life itself and the survival of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I think that a country as young and vast as Canada, with tremendous resources—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I presume that all we have heard until now from the hon. member is the preamble to his speech, but after hearing his remarks submitted to the house as introductory, I would ask him to come now to the amendment before the house.

Mr. Latulippe: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that you will realize that it is rather difficult to keep exactly to the proposed amendment, because it is from this amendment that all the consequences of this bill and of abortion result. That is why we are inclined to go a little beyond the amendment which is meant only to change one word. It is a word with a special meaning and to speak about it we have to use several words and make sentences.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that you will have the opportunity to help us in trying to convince the minister. I know that everything we say will be of no use because so far nothing