

*Abortion*

Now thanks to planning, families can have the number of children they want when they want them, etc., to the point where they can even determine the sex.

If that were the case there would be no mistreated children today. But unfortunately the contrary is true. There are more and more of them. So it is not because the child was planned, wanted, hoped for. There is no guarantee that the child will be well treated. None at all. Just like the opposite is also true. Nor is it because at the outset a woman did not want to become pregnant and did not want to bear a child. It does not necessarily mean either that the child will be mistreated. He will probably be the most loved. I know some cases which attest to this. And it does not prove either that the child will

not grow up to be an outstanding citizen, perhaps even the kind of good Parliamentarian we really need.

So, Mr. Speaker, for me this is an opportunity to reflect upon the issue and I urge all my colleagues to give serious consideration to this matter, and either of the two extreme positions which might be proposed or adopted seem totally unreasonable to me. I think that free abortion on request at any time for any woman is a cop out which I cannot accept. But there is the other extreme view that abortion should never be considered under any circumstances, and again I must express disagreement. It seems to me there should be a way to reach a compromise somewhere, and I leave it to the experts to shed more light on the issue, but there must be a middle course which all Canadian men and women would find acceptable.