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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
The Senate,
O t t a w a, Ont.

Honourable and dear Sir,—

I am venturing to approach you in respect to the action of the Senate in dealing with Bill 71, Section 3, in the Senate at yesterday's session, the results of which have just come to our notice this afternoon.

Unfortunately both Mr. W. L. Scott, K. C., Honourary Counsel to this Council and I were out of the city yesterday morning. On prior occasions when amendments of this nature have been sought to the Criminal Code the Senate has almost invariably referred the matter to a committee and given the opportunity to those interested to appear and be heard on behalf of the amendments sought. I had assumed that this would likely be the procedure in this case and consequently we were quite unprepared for the action which was taken in the Senate yesterday afternoon.

I am venturing to urge upon you that if there be any possible way in which this action could be reconsidered, upon the reporting back of the Bill to the Senate from the Commons, assuming the Commons' non-concurrence in the changes, that you and your colleagues in the Senate should give the opportunity to be heard at least, to our Honourary Counsel, Mr. W. L. Scott, in respect to this vital amendment to the Code.

I am taking the liberty of attaching hereto a memorandum prepared on the subject which I would hope would have the effect of reassuring you and your colleagues both as to the wisdom and necessity of the amendments sought. In its absence practically all of our agencies

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