

*Criminal Code*

My subsequent proposal to hon. members was that amendments 21, 22, 23, 31, 39, 40 and 41 were in effect the same question and the proposal was that No. 21 be selected for discussion in accordance with section 10 of Standing Order 75, without suggesting in any way that the other amendments are not in order. They are all in order. For the purpose of an orderly discussion, this one would be selected and the disposition by the house of amendment No. 21 would apply to the other amendments to which I have just referred. Is this agreed?

**Mr. Woolliams:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I have listened to Your Honour's decision, which I know has been made very conscientiously, and I certainly accept it. I just wish to make this one point. I think it is necessary for me, according to my conscience, to withdraw amendment 13. In amendment 13 I am deleting words. In amendment 20 I am merely adding the word "unlawful".

I abide graciously by Your Honour's decision. If Your Honour rules amendment 20 out of order, according to my conscience I could not let amendment 13 remain before the house. If I did so, a doctor would not be able to bring about a miscarriage in order to preserve the life and health of a woman who was in the delivery room. Those two sections must be read together. If amendment 13 were to carry, it would place the doctor in a horrible position. At that stage a doctor cannot call on a committee. Inasmuch as Your Honour has ruled amendment 20 out of order I ask that I be permitted to withdraw amendment 13. If one falls they must both fall, or we would have the kind of law no one could accept.

**Mr. Speaker:** I wonder whether we might dispose of the point raised by the hon. member for Calgary North. His point is well taken. He knows what the intention is behind amendment 13 better than any other member. If it is his wish in the circumstances to withdraw his amendment, I am sure the house would agree to this. Is it agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Winch:** A point of order, Mr. Speaker, before you leave the chair for the adjournment. Many of us are being asked a question which we cannot answer, and I can only ask Your Honour about it on a point of order. Would Your Honour be kind enough to

explain what the situation will be this afternoon? Does the house adjourn automatically at five o'clock, or what happens?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. On the point raised by the hon. member, the house does not adjourn automatically at five o'clock. The debate continues automatically at five o'clock. I wonder whether the house would not be disposed to try to settle all these procedural questions because otherwise we would have to continue them at two o'clock. I wonder how long it would delay the debate which it has been agreed will commence at two o'clock.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think we have got over the most difficult hurdles, amendments 17, 18, 20 and 32 which were the subject of long debate. I think the others might be disposed of quickly.

**Mr. Baldwin:** In that regard, Mr. Speaker, has the request by the hon. member for Calgary North to secure unanimous approval been accepted?

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, that has been accepted. It has been so ordered.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I felt he need have no fear because of the attitude of the government. He need have no fear the amendment would ever be carried in any event. A question arises, Mr. Speaker, with regard to the amendments that Your Honour in my opinion properly combined. Can we then take it for the purpose of the discussion and the debate which will take place commencing Monday—I would hope in an orderly way—that with regard to the first group Your Honour combined commencing with No. 21 speakers should have every right to direct their attention to and participate in the debate on No. 21, and when the house has come to a decision on that amendment we would then be governed by Your Honour's decision, which I assume is made pursuant to Standing Order 75, and there would be no further debate on the subsequent combined clauses?

Unfortunately a number of members are unable to be here this morning to listen to these arguments. Their other duties may prohibit them from hearing the decision made today. So that there may be an orderly disposition, I ask Your Honour for direction on that point. Also, would it be possible to put in