Capital Punishment

However, it cannot be proven conclusively that there is not a deterrent factor.

If capital punishment does not deter crime, why do criminals fear it more than any other penalty? Why does almost every criminal sentenced to death appeal for life imprisonment? Life is irrefutably the murderer's most valuable possession.

According to J. Edgar Hoover, a Director of the FBI, professional law enforcement officers are convinced from experience that hardened criminals have been and are deterred from killing based on the prospect of the death penalty.

If we reflect back to 1971 and the Kingston Prison riots, at that time capital punishment was in effect for the killing of prison guards. Although 12 lives were lost in that sad event, not one prison guard was killed. In fact, the prisoners murdered two inmates and dressed them up as prison guards, hoping to fool the media and those with whom they were negotiating to try to bring it to an end which was to their satisfaction.

I find it ironic that we live in a day and age when we see 66,000 unborn babies murdered each year. Yet, we see a Party like the NDP to my right, which is kind of ironic, standing for abortion on demand, to continue the wanton killing of innocent lives. At the same time, as a bloc, as a Party, it stands against capital punishment.

In conclusion, may I say that I am grateful for the opportunity to speak on this important issue. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the debate be now adjourned.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nav.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Jepson), which was agreed to on the following division:

• (1230)

(Division No. 218)

YEAS

Members

Attewell	Grisé
Belsher	Gurbin
Bernier	Hamilton
Blais	Harvey
Bouchard	Hawkes
Bourgault	Holtmann
Boyer	Horner
Bradley	Howie
Brightwell	Jelinek
Brisco	Jepson
Browes	Joneas
Cardiff	Jourdenais
Champagne	Kempling
(Champlain)	Kindy
Clifford	King
Clinch	Lanthier
Collins	Lawrence
Comeau	Lesick
Corbett	Lewis
Cossitt	MacDougall
Côté	(Timiskaming)
(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Malone
Dantzer	Mayer
Darling	Mazankowski
Domm	McCain
Fennell	McCrossan
Fontaine	McCuish
Forrestall	McKinnon
Fraleigh	McKnight
Friesen	Nickerson
Gagnon	Nowlan
Gottselig	Oostrom
Gray	Pennock
(Bonaventure—Îles-de-	Peterson
la-Madeleine)	Pietz
Greenaway	Plourde

Ravis Redway Reimer St-Julien Schellenberg (Nanaimo—Alberni) Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin) Scott (Victoria-Haliburton) Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth) Scowen Speyer Stewart Suluk Tardif (Charlesbourg) Thacker Towers Tremblay (Québec-Est) Van De Walle Vankoughnet Warner White Wilson (Swift Current -Maple Creek) Winegard-92

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Members

Allmand	Hopkins
Angus	Johnston
Benjamin	(Saint-Henri-
Berger	Westmount)
de Corneille	Kaplan
Ерр	Keeper
(Thunder Bay-	Lapierre
Nipigon)	Malépart
Foster	Manly
Gauthier	Marchi
Grondin	McCurdy
Неар	Murphy

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• (1300)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

[Translation]

Mr. Grondin: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Saint-Maurice (Mr. Grondin) on a point of order.

Mr. Grondin: Mr. Speaker, I simply wanted to say that I would have voted against the motion, like my Party colleagues.