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listing in the telephone book of Ottawa under Family Planning and birth control. They receive calls from people and that is a form of advertising. I do not know just how much you would want to control advertising, but I feel in general that that part of the section of the Code which deals with contraception has no business in there with these other matters. It is really all about people making personal decisions as to how many children they want and when they want to have them. That should not be in the section of the Code which deals with other moral problems.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, there is a good deal of public opinion in this country favouring a change in the law. This is shown by the number of letters which the government has received from individuals and highly respected organizations. Also, there have been Gallup polls on the subject as well. I wish to quote to you a Gallup poll made on February 16, 1965:

The question:

Some people think that the practice of birth control is morally wrong. What are your views on this?

Favour															 				66	%	
Wrong															 				19	%	
Qualified															 				6	%	
Can't say															 				90	%	

They have it broken down to men and women and the figures are not very much different; 68 per cent for men and 66 per cent of the women are in favour of birth control.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, the committee has to make a decision on which bills they wish to recommend or whether they want to make a recommendation to the government to draw its own legislation. I say this; whether you accept my bill or somebody else's bill I am particularly interested in the results. I should like to see a change made so that this section is removed altogether rather than continue a restriction. That is all I have in the way of a formal presentation, Mr. Chairman. I would be glad to answer any questions.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Prittie. Do the hon. members wish to question Mr. Prittie, or do they prefer to hear Mr. Basford, and then question them together?

Mr. Rock: Mr. Chairman, I object, not very strongly, to the statement made by Mr. Prittie to the effect that when the bill was being discussed during the hour for private bills he understood or heard the government side of the House would not permit his bill to pass.

Mr. PRITTIE: No. I did not say that.

Mr. Rock: This is what I understood.

Mr. PRITTIE: Oh, I am sorry. May I correct that. I said that a great many members on the government side had worked very hard to make sure the bill would not be talked out, and I was grateful for that help. In fact government speakers did not talk it out. You misunderstood.

Mr. ROCK: Yes. We must realize and accept the fact that the method used in the past to pass private bills is very archaic. Any three individuals can talk out a bill and cause it to be placed at the end of the line and not be heard of again during that session. This has happened to your previous bill and other bills