

*Criminal Code*

Mr. Speaker, the 250 Serena monitors who held their convention in Sherbrooke on May 3, 1969—just three days ago—urged the Canadian government to withdraw clause 18 of Bill C-150 on abortion and to establish a Royal commission to study this important matter.

That is a responsible organization. It is not a Cr ditiste, a Conservative, an N.D.P. or a Liberal organization. It is an honest, non-partisan, separate organization which has considered this question seriously before making its recommendations to the government.

The Minister of Justice sits unconcerned when some of his colleagues are calling us demagogues because we do not want to modernize Christian morality in Canada, by allowing our women to be aborted.

Mr. Speaker, here is a letter from an Englishman, it comes from Ottawa, Ontario—Harding Road—and deals with abortion; those people oppose abortion vehemently.

Mr. Speaker, here is a letter from the Alliance for Life, 13, Boulay St., Hull—in the riding of my hon. friend from Hull (Mr. Isabelle), also on abortion and I quote:

In Poland too abortion was legalized first of all for vague "medical" reasons—

—exactly what is going on in this house.

In 1956, those reasons were extended to include social reasons; to-day Polish laws on abortion are amongst the most permissive in the world.

They made a fiasco of it; so, apparently, it would seem that we in Canada must walk in the footsteps of those who led their nation to the most total and complete fiasco.

Mr. Speaker, here is a letter from Oshawa—I do not even know in which federal riding Oshawa is located—

• (9:00 p.m.)

[English]

Dear Sir,

I have read your comments, along with others pro and con about this abominable omnibus bill now before Parliament, and admire your stand re the abortion section but add to it the other revolting sections.

Mr. & Mrs. D. F. Douglas,  
Oshawa, Ontario.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, we have dozens of ways.

I have another one here that comes from Vancouver and says:

[English]

Congratulations indeed on your fine fight in Commons against the disgraceful Trudeau government abortion bill.

[Mr. Caouette.]

It is at least a little consoling that we have at least one party in the House fearless enough to stand up for Christian principles which, despite all the cheap manoeuvring of "just society" politicians, never change.

Abortion, camouflage it as they will, is still just plain, cold child murder.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, to come back to the province of Quebec here is a letter from the Sacrc ur presbytery of McMasterville near Montreal:

A humble parish-priest wishes to express his profound admiration for the exceptional courage you showed with your 14 Cr ditistes members in your fight to the finish against the abortion bill.

You are not afraid to take a stand. Congratulations! It is all too rare nowadays.

Sincerely,

Pierre Paul Mongeau,  
parish-priest, McMasterville.

He is not a Cr ditiste, Mr. Speaker, but a man who would like Christian principles to be respected.

A Christian from another parish in Saint-L onard de Port-Maurice in Montreal—I do not even know in which federal county this parish is located—sent us the following letter, and I quote:

Though I do not share at all your opinions on monetary reform, let me congratulate you and your gallant colleagues on your magnificent fight to save the honour of Canada and the rights of God in the matter of abortion. Rest assured that many people back you and would like to join you in protest against this manipulation of public opinion and of the vote of the members in order to legalize crime. Stand fast and may the Lord protect you.

J. Parenteau, priest,  
Saint-L onard de Port-Maurice.

Mr. Speaker, similar messages have been pouring in from all parts of Canada. The minister also gets his share of representations and I want to repeat what I said a while ago: I am strongly convinced that the Minister of Justice, who is a Catholic as well as a Christian, knows that we are right, but all sort of schemes and intrigues political or otherwise, compel him to remain seated and to try and defend that infamous abortion bill.

Mr. Speaker, nobody has asked that such a legislation on abortion or section 18 of the bill be introduced in the house. Let the government assume its own responsibilities.

A while ago, my colleague from Shefford stated so rightly, that once that bill is passed and becomes law, once abortion is legalized, its sponsors would incur the odium of it for the rest of their lives. Even within a few years, they might be cursed by the following