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kids are taking marijuana today is that the pushers are adding heroin to it. This is being done in my riding. The pushers give the kids the cigarette and sometimes these kids do become hooked on marijuana because of the additives. This is the field to which we should be paying attention. I am not suggesting how we should handle this. But I suggest that we allow the sale of marijuana at cost. I remember a few years ago when the Indians on a reservation decided to grow about 16 acres of marijuana. It took the Mounties two weeks to get rid of that with a scythe. I am not sure why the Indians grew it. Maybe they did not know what it was. Perhaps we should encourage some farmers to grow marijuana, purify it and sell it.

I think we should examine this whole subject. It is not good enough to continue following a report of 40 or 50 years ago when by some kind of agreement marijuana was included with narcotics. There are many things which should be written into this bill. In closing. I should like to suggest that members of the house continue to bring forward private members' bills. The government is not brave; it is the individual members who must be brave. I can think back to a bill I had drafted along the lines of the Wolfenden report on the matter of homosexuality. I had to wait until there was an atmosphere of public opinion about this matter before I could introduce that bill; otherwise I would have been crucified. That time never came. There was not an opportunity to consider it. I had no intention of introducing it without some feeling. It would be necessary to have public support and interest before such a bill could be introduced.

It is necessary that there be some kind of public attention or some kind of vehicle by which members can bring forward bills in the social field. I hope that private members will continue to bring forward their ideas on such matters as wiretapping, safety factors in respect of automobiles and so on. Sometimes these things in themselves are not popular but the situation changes when the matter is discussed by the news media. I give great credit to the news media for the work they have done over the years. I remember articles which have been published over the years, particularly by papers such as the Vancouver Sun. I remember the studies the Vancouver Sun made into the matter of conjugal visits to related to lotteries. It is therefore quite diffipenitentiaries, and a great deal of money was cult to vote on a measure made up of such spent to obtain reports in this field. This unrelated matters.

newspaper did a great deal of work in informing the people in its area about this matter.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. I regret to advise the hon. member that his time has expired.

Some hon. Members: Continue.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Does the hon. member have the unanimous consent of the house to continue?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to take up too much time. I should like to say that this matter of developing ideas is very important. I am sure every member in this house has a thought or an idea about something which he considers is not right in our society. In a just society, we must not depend on one man. His environment is somewhat limited, as is everyone's environment. I would hope that hon. members would bring forward new ideas and, if they are not dogmatic in their discussion of these ideas, very shortly the public will begin to collectively bring forward new ideas. After the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) has had time to consider the position of the amendments he has made, and the argument put forward by hon. members on all sides of the house, I am sure he will bring forward regularly and periodically new amendments to the Criminal Code that will eventually make Canada one of the foremost countries in the world in respect of our treatment of our people and the creation of a just society.

[Translation]

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to speak on the bill under consideration.

Mr. Speaker, we have not seen a bill presented in such a bad way for a long time. As a matter of fact, it contains fifteen or so various clauses which should be studied separately. They were all thrown together in the same bag to make us pass as a package deal a most important piece of legislation, since it deals, inter alia, with abortion and lotteries.

Some hon, members object to abortion, while others agree to that part of the bill