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in clause 7 of the bill paragraph (b) of subsection (1) in the proposed new section 149A.

Had the house decided tonight to delete clause 7 from Bill C-150, relating to "gross indecency" or more precisely "homosexuality", the amendment which I am proposing now would no longer be needed, as well as the two following ones. However, one does not know where we stand as to the amendment which we have been discussing these last few days.

That is why, I am somewhat embarrassed in presenting this amendment tonight. When I drafted the amendment, my purpose was to amend clause 7 in the event that my amendment would be refused. The government extends the legislation on homosexuality, and as we must accept this, we should make the best of it. That is why amendments are presented, so that the clause may do the least harm possible to our society. Of course, if the clause were deleted, there would be no problem.

In deleting clause 7(1)(b) of the new section 149A, I have attempted to limit the application of the latter to acts, that may be considered indecent or criminal by others, committed between consenting spouses, even in private.

So, Mr. Speaker, section 149A as it appears in clause 7 will no doubt, as has been mentioned in the last two days, have some possible unfortunate consequences. The hon. members who have spoken in favour of the amendment are not the only ones who entertain such fears. From all parts of the country, and not only from Quebec, various organizations have provided us with the conclusions of investigations they have carried out and have told us not only of their opposition to these changes to the Criminal Code but also of the valid grounds on which they base such opposition.

My purpose in presenting this amendment was to limit the unfortunate consequences of this new section 149A that the government intends to insert in the Criminal Code.

I do not intend to repeat what I have said about the previous amendment, nor to go into any detail, nor to repeat what others have said during the last two days, because I believe that the case has been made.

We should not lose sight of the possible consequences of the application of such a section to certain categories of persons.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it ten o'clock?

A motion to adjourn the house under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

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Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, I intend to speak briefly, but I think what I have to say is a matter of some considerable importance to all hon. members of the house, even those unlucky enough to be on the other side. It concerns public housing and urban renewal. Before I proceed, may I first pay tribute to a person who is leaving the ranks of parliament tomorrow, Mr. Walter Tedman, who has been a very faithful member of the staff of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) and who now goes on to business enterprise in Toronto.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. McCleave: I hope I can fit him into this debate without getting myself hopelessly out of order, because he has been very diligent in the field of housing. The purpose of the question, and of my appearance here tonight, is with regard to the one field in which I think the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hellyer), who reports to the house for C.M.H.C., has a particular failing. I refer to public housing, housing of some sort for the poor or lower income people of Canada.

As far back as March 25 in this session, I asked him about his intentions with regard to bringing in what he called new regulations regarding an amended and improved form of public housing. That question arose out of the fact that in his task force report he had said the criteria we had used in the past were not acceptable to him sociologically, economically or otherwise. On March 25, as recorded at page 7066 of *Hansard*, the minister said:

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I have indicated in discussion with some of the provinces and with some representatives of the municipalities that within a few days I would hope to be in a position to give them, in guideline form, the criteria which will be applied in making judgments in respect of these matters.

Then, I asked the minister:

May I ask the Minister whether this would be in written form, so that every province and municipality could share the wealth.