

Criminal Code

Matane for a while and I hope that eventually, or may I say very quickly, he will get to the amendment itself.

Mr. De Bané: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

Mr. De Bané: I thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was saying that for 19 days now, the Ralliement créditiste has brought the work of this house to a standstill with innumerable amendments, including this one, in order to paralyze this democratic institution.

You will undoubtedly recall that this bill, which is brought again without too many changes before the house today, has already undergone the test of an election. The Ralliement créditiste then concentrated all its forces and the people backed up the government.

Mr. Beaudoin: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Beaudoin: Mr. Speaker, I should like to point out to the hon. member that those amendments have been accepted by the Speaker before they were discussed. Therefore they were in order.

Mr. De Bané: Mr. Speaker, the Ralliement créditiste is entitled to its opinion and I respect it, but what I do not accept is that a minority try to impose their opinion to a majority, and to a majority of people from the Province of Quebec.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. De Bané: In the same way, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Gauthier: What have you done since you have been in office?

Mr. De Bané:—Clam up and let me finish!

In the same way, Mr. Speaker, that I respect their opinion and that they are entitled to it as well as to their conscience and morals, I say, however, that a minority has no right to impose its way of thinking to the majority.

Mr. Speaker, all kinds of bugaboos are thrown at us, when it should be realized that the proposed amendment to delete the term "health" is a ridiculous argument, because the term is found in all laws on abortion, in all

Western countries, and mostly in Latin America where 99 per cent of the population is Catholic.

I would go even further, Mr. Speaker. The newspaper *Le Droit* which is owned by the Oblate Fathers, has said that it was shameful to see people—

An hon. Member: It was not an Oblate Father who said that.

Mr. De Bané:—use religion to serve political ends.

You no doubt recall that the Governor General in the Speech from the Throne at the beginning of the year said that Canadians no longer had any confidence in their parliament.

Mr. Speaker, it is through demonstrations of this kind that a group, in the name of democracy—which respects the views of all—tries to paralyze this democratic institution. Mr. Speaker, it is through such manoeuvres that we shall destroy our institution.

I wish to blame the government for not having forced upon us rule 16A as amended of the standing orders because of fossils and demagogues.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to say once again that the members of the Ralliement créditiste are entitled to their opinions which I respect, but they cannot impose their views on the majority.

An hon. Member: Cut it off, then.

Mr. De Bané: This is precisely what I am saying. I regret that the government did not impose it. But what the members of the Ralliement créditiste are trying to do is to paralyze the government and then they will tour the province of Quebec and arouse the passions by what I would term disgusting means in order to get re-elected. Those are the methods they resort to.

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I wonder if the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is rising for the same purpose as I am.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Very likely, Mr. Speaker. I am wondering what the remarks of the hon. member have to do with the amendment before the house.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is exactly the reason I was rising myself. I do remind the hon. member for Matane that during the past few days the Chair has tried as faithfully as