

a form of education. I think the Human Rights Code in Ontario has not only created a law; it has, by its very existence created an attitude, a new attitude. I cannot help but believe that the civil rights legislation in the United States has created a better attitude towards civil rights in that country.

I would like to make two final points that to me are the crucial reasons why I support this legislation. First, if you examine the membership of the Committee on Hate Propaganda, you will find that for the most part the members are advocates of civil liberty. Can you imagine that men like Corry, Dion, MacGuigan, Trudeau or MacKay would proscribe free speech unless they felt there was a compelling reason? And, honourable senators, the most compelling reason to me is that it is essential in Canada that we extend the law of defamation to groups.

When I came to the Senate I tried, like all new senators, to find out something about its history and its traditions. I found that the three things that we are here to protect are provincial rights, minority rights and in-

dividual rights. In this legislation we have a dichotomy between minority rights and individual rights, and the question is how are we going to solve that dichotomy? Well, honourable senators, this country is unique, because it is a cultural mosaic. We say that what really distinguishes this country is that we have strong groups who maintain their individuality but who have a common allegiance to Canada. We seek unity in diversity, and I suggest that we should enshrine this principle in legislation: that the group is an essential part of the Canadian makeup, that this is the thing that distinguishes us from the cultural melting pot theory of the United States, and that the group has the right of the individual in Canada.

I have no hesitation, honourable senators, in supporting the principle of this bill.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West), for Hon. Mr. Flynn, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.