

children, our loved ones, our parents, our schools, the workplace, and it is of very great importance.

However, having said that, I know that the hon. member would agree with me that given the diligence of which she and other hon. members are capable, there will be other opportunities, sometimes each day and certainly in the coming days, to pursue the matter further.

With great reluctance I have to say that on strictly procedural grounds, I do not feel it appropriate to order that all of the business of the House be set aside for an emergency debate.

I want to stress to the hon. member and also to the public who has heard her important plea that the matter is treated with a great deal of concern and must be addressed constantly.

The hon. member on a point of order.

**Ms. Black:** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if it is appropriate, but I would like to thank you for your diligence in thoroughly looking at my request. I certainly respect your response.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the hon. member for her courtesy.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*Translation*]

### CRIMINAL CODE

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to consider Bill C-43, an Act respecting abortion, which a legislative committee had reported without amendment.

#### SPEAKER'S RULING

**Mr. Speaker:** There are 30 amendment motions on the Notice Paper for the report stage of Bill C-43, an Act respecting abortion.

[*English*]

These motions are in the names of the hon. members for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell, Winnipeg North, New Westminster—Burnaby, York Centre, Cape Breton—

Highlands—Canso, Bruce—Grey, Halifax West, Wetaskiwin, Kitchener, Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville and Fraser Valley East, a total of 30 motions.

[*Translation*]

Motions Nos. 1, 21, 23 and 23A were dealt with in the legislative committee. Motions Nos. 1 and 23 were ruled out of order there.

[*English*]

In ruling Motion No. 1 out of order in committee, the chairman of the legislative committee stated the proposed amendment would go beyond the principle of the bill as it was agreed to by this House at second reading and also adds a new concept. I concur with the chairman's ruling.

Motion No. 23 was also ruled out of order in committee as it would impose a new penalty under the Criminal Code for a new infraction of the law not envisaged in the bill as read a second time. Again, I must concur with the chairman's decision in that case that this amendment would be beyond the scope of the bill. Thus the proposed motion cannot be selected here.

Motion No. 23A is similar to Motion No. 23. A variation in the wording does not, in my opinion, make this motion acceptable and thus, I cannot select it.

[*Translation*]

Motion No. 21 was moved, debated and negated in committee. Although it contains a slight variation in its wording, it does not affect the intent of the original motion moved in committee. For these reasons, pursuant to Standing Order 114(10), I will not select Motions Nos. 1, 21, 23 or 23A for debate.

Motion No. 2 has been withdrawn.

Motion No. 3 is in order and it will be debated and voted on separately.

[*English*]

Motions No. 3A and 3B are both irreceivable as they add a new concept to the bill. These amendments by specifying an implanted fertilized ovum would appear to limit the medical procedure to only the very early stages of a pregnancy. That would render this amendment conceptually the same as other amendments which attempted to add a gestational concept. This would violate the principle of the bill.