

Criminal Code

organizations I have mentioned and I feel that under the circumstances the house should approve it to remove this hypocrisy from the Criminal Code. In doing so I believe we will offer no offence to any person or organization.

[*Translation*]

Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, I rise to protest against the passage of this bill. I have seen many happenings in the house but this time things have gone too far. When I hear men speak in favour of such legislation, I wonder where the people of Canada are going.

This is working toward the destruction of the human race.

Not satisfied with having authorized the opening of drinking places on practically every street corner to facilitate the degradation of modern society, not satisfied with having enticed our young girls and our women to taverns and grills to degrade womanhood, we are now seeking to make women sterile. In my opinion, that is a diabolical scheme.

Mr. Speaker, the whole of Canada must speak out against those who support this bill. We have no right to put such a dangerous, indeed, such a diabolical weapon into the hands of the people.

Most of us are Christians, and as such, it is our duty to put up as strong a fight as possible against this legislation.

A few minutes ago, I heard someone say that this is not a religious problem—

[*Text*]

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The hon. member has just implied that those who support this bill are not Christian. I dissociate myself from that implication, and I ask him to withdraw it because it is not true. I support the bill and I am also a Christian.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gauthier: It is well and good to disassociate oneself, Mr. Speaker, but I will prove to you what I am saying.

Someone said a little earlier that this is not a religious problem. Well, if he goes over his religious principles, he will read in the gospel: Thou shall not kill. It is one of the ten commandments.

I wonder if the killing of a barely conceived child is not as much a murder as that of a 40 or 60 year old individual.

I do not understand that the law of man can prevail over the law of God. That is why I say to the hon. member who rose a little earlier—

[Mr. Willoughby.]

[*Text*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten): Order. The hon. member for Carleton on a question of privilege.

Mr. Francis: Mr. Speaker, the reflections made by the hon. member on the consciences of other members of the house are not in order. I for one support the bill, and I am not endorsing murder or anything like that. The implication that I am is an unwarranted reflection upon the consciences of members of the house.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten): The Chair recognizes that the argument the hon. member for Roberval is now making is a very delicate one indeed. I am sure he would not wish to make any inferences that would in any way interfere with the thinking of other members of the house.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, it was not my intention to attack anyone. I only wanted to put forward Christian principles. If the cap fits someone, it is not my business, and even less my fault.

Mr. Speaker, I maintain that we cannot in any way support this bill which reads as follows:

Offers to sell, advertises, publishes an advertisement of, or has for sale or disposal any means, instructions, medicine, drug or article intended or represented as a method of causing abortion or miscarriage, or—

I say that this bill is unacceptable and I shall make every effort so that it is not carried for my province. If others want to accept it for their own province, they are free to do so, but I swear that in 15 years there will only be French Canadians left in Canada. That will be the result of this bill.

Today, we are afraid. It is said that in the year 2000, there will be too many people. Well, Mr. Speaker, let us not worry about that; man is stupid enough to destroy himself, you can be sure of that. God is stronger than all that. People should not worry about how many of them there will be in the year 2000. That is not the purpose of the bill. I think that it was determined by people other than members of parliament and that it comes from much higher.

Imagine the result if people could get such drugs at all the little corner stores. Imagine what would happen to our young people, in our homes. Think of what would happen to our people; in ten years from now, with this system, there would be no people left and the